



# Stephen Ministry Snapshots

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry used by more than 12,000 congregations in a variety of settings. Here are snapshots of four Stephen Ministry congregations.

## Transformation City Church Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Worship Attendance: 150

Ministry Setting: Urban

### *Ministering to People during Transitions in Life*

Since 2007, **Transformation City Church's** young, multi-ethnic faith community has been committed to their mission of living out the way of Jesus to bring hope, healing, salvation, and restoration to all people. Stephen Ministry fits right in with that mission.



Transformation City commissions its first 12 Stephen Ministers at weekend worship.

*"Our congregation attracts a lot of singles, college students, and young families. Stephen Ministry gives us a tangible, intentional way we can care for them during life transitions."*

DesAnne Hippe | Stephen Leader



The Stephen Ministry leadership team at Love of Christ Lutheran Church.

## Love of Christ Lutheran Church Mesa, Arizona

Worship Attendance: 765

Ministry Setting: Suburban

### *Transforming the Congregation*

*"Stephen Ministry has surpassed our expectations. It's broadened the care our church can provide and taken a lot of the load off our pastors. Our entire church has been enriched by Stephen Ministry."*

Jim Shepherd | Stephen Leader

**Love of Christ** trained 24 Stephen Ministers in its first class. The ministry has been so well received that the congregation is adding to its leadership team and training new Stephen Ministers to meet even more needs for care.

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## Mount Jezreel Baptist Church Silver Spring, Maryland

Worship Attendance: 725  
Ministry Setting: Suburban

### *A Ministry of Hope and Presence*

Founded in 1873, **Mount Jezreel** began Stephen Ministry as a way to increase the care and support provided to congregation members, as well as a way to reach out with Christ's love to people in the surrounding community.



Rev. Eldridge Spearman prays over Mount Jezreel's newly commissioned Stephen Ministers.

*"Through their caring presence, our Stephen Ministers are being God's ears, God's eyes, God's heart, providing hope to people at a time when they need it most."*

Minister Porter Davis | Stephen Leader



New Bedford's Stephen Ministers meet for continuing education and supervision.

*"In addition to learning to care for others, our Stephen Ministers were surprised at how much they grew themselves and how they can use their skills in all their everyday interactions."*

Judy Riethmiller | Stephen Leader

## New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church Pulaski, Pennsylvania

Worship Attendance: 160  
Ministry Setting: Rural

### *Reaching Out to a Struggling Community*

**New Bedford** is located in an area struggling with job loss, unemployment, and grief. Stephen Ministry is helping the congregation reach out in a powerful way to community members who have been facing difficult times.

Through Stephen Ministry, congregations equip and empower a team of Stephen Ministers—laypeople who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties.

Visit [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org) to learn more about Stephen Ministry and watch video stories about the difference Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.