

Stephen Ministers are Caregivers: God is the Cure Giver.



Caregivers in training.

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Before they are commissioned, candidates receive 50 hours of training. Lectures, videos, and outside reading address topics such as setting boundaries, listening and dealing with feelings and emotions. Various educational techniques -- role playing, prayer, and small group work-- help the candidates acquire skills necessary to provide one-to-one confidential care.

Tom Ryan is presently walking with two individuals. When asked what the program has meant for him personally, he responded: "The program, of course, is not about me. It is about God and a person in crisis. You can trust, however, that while serving as a Stephen Minister, it is not difficult to learn a good bit about humility, compassion and gratitude."



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Stephen Ministers are called to be compassionate, full of faith, trustworthy and skilled as the Compassion Compass pictured above regularly reminds all. It is Christ caring for people through people. In the book of Acts 6, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need.