

The Presbyterian Church of Danville

Application for Stephen Minister

This application information will be kept confidential and will be used only by the church's Stephen Leaders in making their selections and in the care referral process.

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home phone _____ Work phone _____
E-mail address _____ Cell phone _____
Best time/way to contact _____

Please write legibly; you can include additional sheets of paper as necessary.

1/Why are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?

2/What spiritual gifts or strengths do you believe God has given you that would help you as a Stephen Minister? _____

3/In what ways do you think you would personally benefit from your training and service as a Stephen Minister?

4/From your current understanding of what it means to be a Stephen Minister, what do you think would be the most difficult or challenging aspects of this role for you?

5/ How would people who know you describe the way you relate to others?

6/ Are you willing to commit to serve faithfully for a period of no less than two years?
This includes:

- The initial 50 hours of training;
- Regular visits to your care receiver (weekly or mutually agreed-upon frequency);
- Twice-monthly Small Group Peer Supervision

Yes

No

Can you think of any changes you might need to make in your life in order to fulfill this commitment?

7/Please describe briefly your relationship with Jesus Christ.

8/Please provide three references who are *not* members of this congregation:

Name _____
Address _____
Relationship _____
Phone number _____

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Please note: *Many people have been made stronger in their care-giving ministry because of the care they themselves have received, including that from mental health professionals. Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team affirms the work of mental health professionals who have helped so many individuals to experience growth and healing, and simply wants to be as fully informed as possible about their Stephen Ministers. **Your responses to the following questions will be held in the strictest confidence.***

9/Have you ever received treatment for any emotional or psychiatric problems:

Yes

No

If yes, the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team will speak with you during the interview about this to better understand its significance in your life and in your role as a Stephen Minister. We will be asking your permission to contact your therapist to discuss your treatment only as it pertains to your ability to be a Stephen Minister.

10/ Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

Yes

No

If yes, explain in detail, using additional paper as needed.

Please read and sign below:

The information I have provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to participate in Stephen Ministry training, in Small Group Peer/Supervision, and to function within the boundaries of Stephen Ministry as adopted by the Presbyterian Church of Danville, KY. I give permission for the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team to call my references, secure a police background check on me, and consult with the treating physician(s) and/or other mental health professionals regarding the nature of any treatment I may have received for emotional or psychiatric problems as it pertains to my ability to function as a Stephen Minister.

Signature _____

Date _____

*Fill out the application and return it to the church office **by November 1, 2018** in a sealed envelope marked Stephen Ministry Application. You will be contacted after November 1 about an interview with the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team.*

We would appreciate knowing when you will be available after November 1 for an interview. Please list your available dates and preferred time of day:

**Thank you for completing this application,
*The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team***

**Alice Davis
Evie Smith
Jackie Stigall
Peggy Tudor
Cindy Turcea**