

STEPHEN MINISTER APPLICATION

CONFIDENTIAL

Name _____

Male Female (Circle One)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

1. How did you learn about Stephen Ministry? Describe your interest in becoming a Stephen Minister.

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

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

4. Based on your current understanding of what it means to be a Stephen Minister, what do you think would be difficult or challenging aspects of this role for you?

12. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training that will sharpen your caregiving ability. Yet, natural giftedness in helping others is important. The areas listed below have proven to be useful indicators of successful performance as a Stephen Minister.

Skilled: goal setting ability, recognizes problems and strategizes

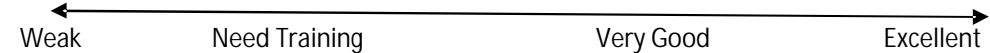
Trustworthy: keeps confidentiality, dependable, schedules and keeps appointments, prompt, consistent attendance at meetings, emotionally stable

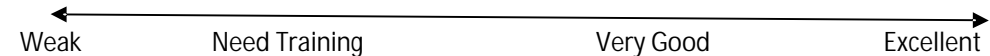
Communication: good listener, able to discuss problems and able to articulate feelings, thoughtful, strong social skills, forthright

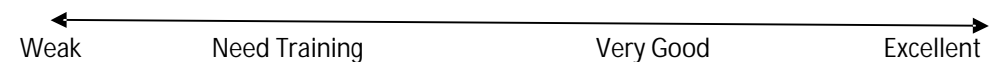
Compassionate: helping spirit, non-judgmental, loving, patient, focus on others

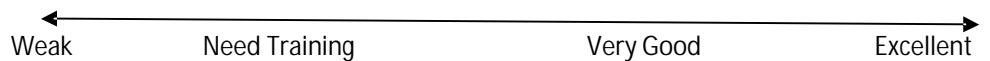
Christ Follower: mature in faith, desire to see others grow spiritually

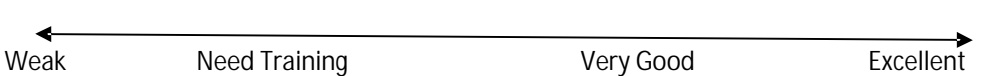
Indicate how well your natural caregiving abilities and gifts fit Stephen Ministry in these five areas. Briefly give an explanation and examples.

Skilled: 

Trustworthy: 

Communication: 

Compassionate: 

Christ Follower: 

13. Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact on your commitment and involvement in Stephen Ministry? (relationships, other commitments, etc.)

14. How long have you attended Riverview Church?

15. Please provide three references.

a. Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Phone # _____

b. Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Phone # _____

c. Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Phone # _____

16. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

- Yes
- No

17. Are there any felony charges pending against you?

- Yes
- No

If yes, explain in detail, using additional paper as needed. Someone from the Stephen Leader Team will speak with you about this so that the team may better understand its significance in your life and ministry.

Request for Criminal Records Check and Authorization

I hereby request the Michigan State Police Department to release any information which pertains to any record of convictions contained in its files or in any criminal file maintained on me whether local, state or national. I hereby release said Police Department from any and all liability resulting from such disclosure.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Print Maiden name if applicable _____

Print all aliases _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____

Optional: Race (circle one): White Black Asian or Pacific Islander
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Unknown/Other

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Today's Date _____

Record sent to: _____

Name _____

Address _____

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 Riverview
- with the Statement of Beliefs of Riverview Church and while serving as a Stephen Minister will keep my opinions about spiritual issues with-in it's content

I give permission for the Stephen Leadership Team to call my references, secure a police background check on me, and consult with the treating physician(s) or other mental health professionals regarding the nature of any treatment I have received for emotional or psychiatric problems.

I agree to pay a \$50 fee for training and materials I will receive as part of my Stephen Ministry preparation. If the \$50 fee is a prohibitive financial burden, please let us know. There are scholarships available.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for completing this application.

Mail completed application to:

Riverview Church
Stephen Ministry
3585 Willoughby Road
Holt, MI. 48842

Or you may email it to StephenMinistry@RivChurch.com, fax it to 517-694-3331, or turn in at the church office.