

The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Bellingham, Washington
APPLICATION FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

NAME: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address : _____

Thank you for considering serving our congregation in this way. Please answer the following questions:

1. Why would you like to be a Stephen Minister?
2. What gifts and experiences would you bring to this ministry?
3. In what ways do you think you would personally benefit 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 for you?
5. Please briefly describe how your faith influences your life.
6. Have you ever received treatment for any emotional or psychiatric problems?
 Yes No

If yes, 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.

*[Note: A great many caregivers have been made stronger in their caregiving ministry through the care they themselves have received, including care from mental health professionals. Your Stephen Leader team affirms the work of mental health professionals who have helped many individuals to experience growth and healing. Members of the Stephen Leader Team request this information because they want to be as fully informed as possible about their Stephen Ministers. **This information is confidential.**]*

7. If you are returning to service after an extended lapse or you were not trained by FCCB ... would you be willing to participate in a modified refresher training?

- Yes No

8. I would like to participate in Stephen Ministry Training

- with the goal of being a Stephen Minister
 without committing to being a Stephen Minister at this time

9. Are you willing to commit to 50 hours of basic training ?

- Yes No

10. For those wanting to be a Stephen Minister: Are you willing to make a two-year commitment? This includes the training as well as about 20 months of service as a Stephen Minister involving weekly visits to a care receiver (as assigned); and twice a month group supervision sessions. The average time involved will be 7-9 hours per month.

- Yes No

Signed _____

Please return this completed application to Kathleen McGuinness. One of the Stephen Leaders will then contact you to arrange an interview to discuss the program with you more fully.