



Stephen Ministry
 directly connects to
 and embodies
 Daylesford Abbey's Vision
 to be a healing and
 reconciling community of people,
 an hospitable family,
 where any of God's children
 may find a sanctuary of
 healing and strength
 for Christ's mission.



The mission of the **Stephen Ministry** organization is summed up in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12–13)

These words describe why our organization exists, what we do for people and congregations, and the difference we hope to make in the world.

“BELOVED, SINCE GOD LOVED US SO MUCH, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD LIVES IN US, AND HIS LOVE IS PERFECTED IN US.”
 1 John 4:11–12



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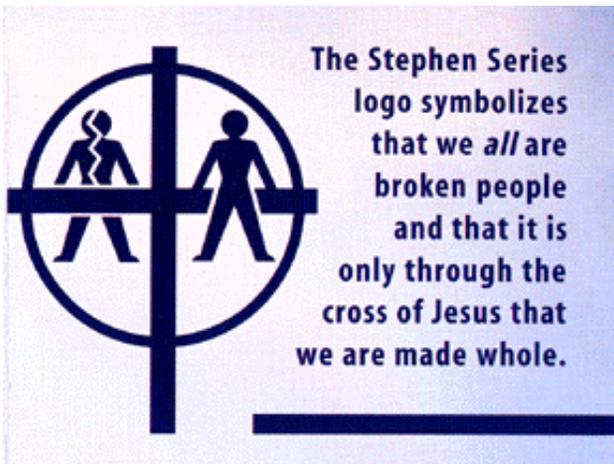
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DAYLESFORD ABBEY
A healing and reconciling community



Stephen Ministry helps meet the needs of those who are:

- Ill, Hospitalized or home bound
- In spiritual Crisis
- Aging and elderly
- Separated or divorced
- Grieving and experiencing loss
- In a job transition
- Victims of accidents and natural disasters
- Family members of the above and more

Stephen Ministry is

- Confidential
- Free
- Available to all who seek comfort and support through Christian caring

Stephen Ministry is not ..

- A substitute for therapy

“COME TO ME
ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE
HEAVY BURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. ”

Matthew 11: 30

Who are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are Christians who care in the name of Christ. They are trained to care by listening, supporting, encouraging, praying, being dependable and trustworthy and maintaining confidentiality in their care giving.

No one is untouched . . .

At some point in life, everyone faces periods of crisis, transition, or difficulty. During these times people can receive great benefit from a caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, empathize, pray with and for them, and encourage them with Christ's love and care.

Stephen Ministers bring the care, God brings the cure.

The **HEART** of a Stephen Minister

H = Humble
E = Eager to Care
A = Always Listening
R = Relationship with Jesus
T = Transformed

What is Stephen Ministry?

All Christians are ministers.

Stephen Ministry is a system for utilizing the gifts God has given his people, for those who are in need of compassion, love and care.

People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they really need is a hand to hold, an ear to listen, and a heart to understand them.

