













**HELPING OTHERS** 

FEEL VALUED, CARED-FOR, AND UNDERSTOOD



Humber Valley is a
Stephen Ministry
congregation.
This means our
members, adherents,
elders, pastoral care
team and ministerial
staff actively support the
invaluable work of our
Stephen Ministers.





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There are many people in our congregation and community who are going through a life crisis and would

## Benefit from a Stephen Minister.

The purpose of this brochure is to encourage you or someone you know to explore whether a Stephen Minister might be appropriate.



Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



## Stephen Ministers. Who are we?

We are congregational members of Humber Valley United Church who have received special training to provide one-to-one, Christian, compassionate, confidential care to those experiencing a difficult time. This may include:

- ► The loss of a parent, spouse, sibling, child or other loved one
- A medical crisis, operation, injury or disability
- ► Marital or parental stress
- ► Loss of a job, job stress or financial challenges
- Transition to a senior's residence or assisted living facility

Whatever the reason, and whether it is you or someone you know experiencing a difficult time, we are here to help — to meet, listen and offer confidential, one-on-one Christian care.











I am hurting, or someone I know is hurting, but I'm not sure a Stephen Minister is appropriate.

## **Your First Step**

Most people who are experiencing life difficulties won't ask for help and don't know anything about Stephen Ministry. We get it. That is why we have a confidential process that will help in deciding whether a Stephen Minister is right for you or someone you know.

A Stephen Leader or a member of our HVUC Ministry will meet promptly with you to answer your questions and assess what kind of care you or someone you know needs, either a Stephen Minister or another type of care.

Speak with a Stephen Leader or a member of our Ministry team or submit the detachable panel.

## Yes, I would like to explore further whether I, or someone I know, may benefit from a Stephen Minister.

I understand the referral process is confidential.
I have indicated below who I would like to contact me for a referral meeting.

[	]	<b>David Lang,</b> HVUC Stephen Leader 416-605-2637
[	]	<b>Lynn Manning,</b> HVUC Stephen Leader 647-893-8130
[	]	Kate Brown, HVUC Director of Inclusion and Engagement 416-231-2263 ext. 41
[ ] Any of the above		
My name		
My phone		
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Detach this panel and deliver it personally to David Lang, Lynn Manning or Kate Brown.