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A Stephen Minister seeks to bring the love and compassion of Christ by walking alongside those who are experiencing life challenges. In February 2016, we will begin our thirteenth training class and are currently seeking men and women to join us in this important ministry.

The process begins with the submission of an application followed by an interview with two members of the Stephen Ministry leadership team. The fifty hours of training will be held at CPC on Monday evenings from February 5 through May 21. Training includes a variety of topics such as listening, Christian assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, and grief. The training is distinctively Christian and focuses on God as the one who cures as we care.

Upon completion of the training, candidates are asked to

- Commit to serve as a Stephen Minister for a minimum of two and a half years.
- Once assigned a care receiver, commit to meeting with that individual one hour per week.
- Attend regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 7:00–9:00 p.m.

The regular Stephen Ministry meetings serve two purposes: to offer continuing education while providing support and community during the process of caregiving. This may be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever embrace. In addition, the skills learned will not only equip individuals for this caring ministry, but also enhance everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. We are excited to see how God is at work in the lives of those who undertake this ministry!

All completed applications must be submitted by December 20, 2015. Please submit your completed application to Stephen Ministry, Community Presbyterian Church, 222 West El Pintado Road, Danville, CA 94526. You will be contacted to schedule an interview. If you have questions, please contact Wing Wong at (925) 381-1868, kwwong@pacbell.net, or Pattiann Schepman at (925) 837-3264, pschepman@sbcglobal.net.

Serving together in the name of Jesus,

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