

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM
MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

**“Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;”
- Lamentations of Jeremiah 3.32:**

Objective : You will help FUPC to glorify God through, faithful service, and nurturing fellowship by facilitating group sessions that provide Christ-centered support and care to those experiencing anxiety, stress, or emotional pain due to the loss of a loved one and who are overwhelmed by the grieving process.

Result #1: A designated chairperson is responsible to schedule meetings, assign tasks, develop and publish a schedule for group session facilitators, and keep records as deemed necessary by the team as a whole.

Result #2: Procedures are in place to coordinate with Stephen Ministers, Deacons, and the Pastor to determine if some persons would be better served through one-on-one care rather than group care.

Result #3: Processes are in place to acquire and maintain facilitator training material and participant workbooks; coordinate group session times and locations; and attend to any other functions necessary to ensure the utmost quality and consistency of care to those in need of this ministry.

Result #4: After prayerfully and deliberately seeking God's guidance, each Facilitator will complete the required training, and commit to a minimum of one years of service.

Result #5: A sufficient number of volunteers are trained and equipped to oversee the Grief Support Library; mail bereavement letters and attachments; and perform any other essential functions as determined by the team chairperson.

Team Composition: One chair and five additional full time facilitators. At least one Stephen Minister and one Deacon will be a full-time member of the Grief Support Team.

Time Commitment: Periodic team meetings (1 hour) as required. Members also serving as a facilitator may require up to one hour per week in addition to the team meetings.

Special Talents and Skills Preferred: Good listener; patience, reliable, dependable, Christ-centered, spiritual discipline. Ability to maintain the utmost confidentiality is a must.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Knowledge, Wisdom, Exhortation (Encouragement), Faith, Service (Helper), and Mercy.

Support and Accountability: Chairperson, Pastor, each other.

Resources and Training Provided: FaithShare training material and resources; Stephen Minister training materials and bookstore,

Thank you for considering this important ministry.

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