



Parish Health Ministry

Journeying through Grief: Points to consider

- Prior to ordering or implementing the program, consult the bereavement or grief ministry team at your church. Work with them to decide if this program will be helpful for your congregation.
- ERH Parish Health Ministry will initially provide partners with five sets of books at no charge. After these books have been distributed, it is the responsibility of the church to order additional sets. Try to be mindful of the investment required to successfully implement this program at your church, and plan ahead accordingly. Contact your ERH PHM Coordinator to inquire about getting additional sets of booklets, while supplies last.
- Depending on the size of the order, the cost of additional books varies, but they are generally \$8 - \$10 per set. If your church is interested in ordering the books, they are available online at www.stephenministries.org.
- Determine guidelines for who will receive the booklets. Consider consulting with your bereavement ministry team, as they may be able to help determine who will truly benefit from the Journeying through Grief Program.
- Encourage those who receive the books to share them with whomever (friends, other family) they think would also be interested.
- If resources are limited at your church, consider asking people (who have completed the program) to donate the books back to the church if/when they feel able to do so. This is certainly not necessary, but may be helpful at some churches.