

Inclusive Ministry Internet Resources

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The following list provides resources to assistance to **Pastors, Youth Ministers, Religious Education Leaders and Teachers** as well as members of your congregation wishing to provide the most appropriate ministry to people living with a variety of disabling conditions.

- ❖ **Congregational Accessibility Network** - <http://www.accessibilitynetwork.net/Home>
- ❖ **Community Connections Spiritual Community** – Inclusion resources. <http://www.congregationalresources.org/ShowCat.asp?CN=35&SCN=185>
- ❖ **Congregational Resource Guide** – helps congregational leaders connect with resources to gain insight & encourage transformation in their faith community – www.congregationalresources.org - click on “Specialized Ministries”, then click on “Disabilities”
- ❖ **Disabilities Concerns, General Board of Global Ministries-United Methodist Church** – information and an e-mail list for people living with physical or mental disabilities, their friends, families, caretakers, lay associates, & clergy; resources related to disability concerns with the added dimension of spiritual care-search DISC – Disabilities Concerns <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/work/health/disc/>
- ❖ **Disability Awareness Ministries, Inc.** – promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities into faith communities & society/provides consulting services for churches to develop ministries that integrate persons with disabilities into the full life of the church – www.disability-awareness.org
- ❖ **Disability is Natural** - www.disabilityisnatural.com
- ❖ **Disability Resources-Religion & Disability** – provides information designed to encourage & support the accessibility of religious organizations & facilities- www.disabilityresources.org/RELIGION.html
- ❖ **Disabled Christianity** - Discussion of issues related to Christianity/theology and persons with disability, and disability ministry hosted by Jeff McNair, a Special Education professor at California Baptist University, and "minister" to individuals with intellectual disabilities <http://disabledchristianity.blogspot.com/>
- ❖ **Episcopal Disability Network** – resources on disability & accessibility: print & media materials free on loan - www.disability99.org

- ❖ **Everyone Welcome** – provides tools for people in congregational ministry to address the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families - www.everyonewelcome.com
- ❖ **Faithability** – www.faithability.org
- ❖ **Faith Net** - Network of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) to facilitate the development of a non-threatening, supportive environment for those with serious mental illness and their families & educate clergy and congregations concerning characteristics of mental illness, & encourage advocacy by the Faith Community for all who affected by mental illness –www.nami.org/namifaithnet.
- ❖ **JRG Ministries** – addresses the spiritual needs of people with developmental disabilities through friendship, inclusion, advocacy & ministry development; offers tools & resources to develop & build up disability ministry in congregations - www.jrgministries.org
- ❖ **Jesus Cares Ministries** - a national outreach program to assist Congregations in sharing the Gospel with people who have a developmental disability, their families and communities - <http://www.wels.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?jcm-index>
- ❖ **Lift Disability Network** – Lift Disability Network is the place where the disability community comes together... an intersection where faith and society converge... where families gather... organizations team up... leaders are developed... and *Life* is elevated. http://www.liftdisabilitynetwork.org/disability_ministry_network.asp
- ❖ **Lutheran Disability Ministries** – assists congregations in ministering with persons with developmental disabilities - www.ldminc.org
- ❖ **Metropolitan Council on Developmental Disabilities** – building bridges - <http://www.mcdregion4.org/bridges/clergy.asp#friendly>
- ❖ **Pathways Awareness** – Creating access and inclusion in worship <http://www.inclusioninworship.org/index.php> or www.pathwaysawareness.org
- ❖ **Presbyterian Church** website – comprehensive list of resources: <http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/index.htm>
- ❖ **Religion & Spirituality Division of American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**– interdisciplinary, interfaith association of people who journey with persons with developmental disabilities and their families; resources which foster opportunities for spiritual growth for persons with developmental disabilities while respecting their religious identity – <http://www.aaidreligion.org/>
- ❖ **Through the Roof** – a Christian disability ministry working in partnership with churches and other organizations to promote access and inclusion of people with disabilities in every area of church life. <http://www.throughtheroof.org/idp/>