

2018 Resources from the DisAbility Ministries Committee of The United Methodist Church

What's new from the DMC?

- The revised Accessibility Audit for Churches is available to download at www.umdisabilityministries.org/access/audit.html. The form will soon be scorable with potential for your church to earn an “Accessible and Disability-friendly” badge for your Find-A-Church and web sites. Look for our brand-new guidelines (coming soon!) to help you complete the audit.
- New “Frequently Asked Questions Section” on our website covers topics such as service animals, ADA parking, and retrofitting churches on a budget. See www.umdisabilityministries.org/faq/.
- Updated article on “Ramp building ministries” includes plans and describes outreach ministries: www.umdisabilityministries.org/widen/ramp.html.
- New liturgy for Disability Awareness Sunday at www.umdisabilityministries.org/dasunday/.
- New DMC brochure and flyer at www.umdisabilityministries.org/about.html.

What's new from our related committees?

- The Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries published a series of brief best-practices guidelines, brochures, and bulletin inserts on a variety of topics related to ministry with people who are Deaf and hard of hearing: www.umdeaf.org/resource/cong.html.
- The United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities – 2018 meeting and conference on “Taking our Place at the Table in the UMC” will take place August 1-3, 2018 at Gallaudet University in Washington DC. For more information: www.umdisabledministers.org/meeting/2018.html.
- The Mental Health Ministries newsletter issue on “Anxiety” was well-received. See www.mentalhealthministries.net/spotlights/html_spotlights/2018/january2018.html.

We need your help! Tell us about churches offering ministries with people with intellectual disabilities (AKA special needs ministries) so we can estimate numbers and work with UM Publishing to provide new resources, and help create a network of churches to share ideas. We are always looking for stories about new forms of disability ministry.

To contact us: Email us at umdisability@gmail.com and check our website at umdisabilityministries.org.

