# WE ARE ON A MISSION

“Through advocacy, education and empowerment, the DisAbility Ministries Committee of the United Methodist Church will lead the denomination in creating a culture where people with disabilities are fully included in all aspects of worship, leadership and ministry.”

“LOVE what you all are doing! GREAT stuff!" Amy Fenton Lee

**WHO WE ARE**

* two members per jurisdiction
* liaison members from related organizations
* resource people

Most of us have disabilities and others have children with disabilities. All of us are passionate about making churches accessible, welcoming, and hospitable!



**WE OFFER**

* A website filled with resources
* A quarterly e-mail newsletter
* News sent out through Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest
* Disability Awareness Sunday materials
* Accessibility audit tools; accessibility visits to camps, churches, and agencies
* New models of ministry

“I regularly cite your committee and its work as one of the best examples of denominational work in this area in the United States. Your newsletter is probably the best one around…. You all have helped develop materials that others use.” Bill Gaventa, M.Div.

* Workshops/training
* Networking and advocacy
* Connections within your jurisdiction
* Resource people available to serve you

“It was amazing to me…how relatively simple it is to make spaces more accessible for people.” Rev. Douglas Clement

* Prayer for your ministry

**SUPPORT THIS WORK!**

**#3021054 Disability Ministry**

https://www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3021054

Your gifts provide funding for the committee’s work, with a focus on grants, resources, and other help for congregations working to become more accessible and welcoming to people with disabilities.

**PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries: **www.umcdhm.org**

United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities: [**www.umdisabledministers.org**](http://www.umdisabledministers.org)

Your Conference Disability Committee: **www.umdisabilityministries.org/ links/acgroup.html**

Mental Health Ministries:

**www.mentalhealthministries.net**

# MAKING PATHS STRAIGHT— REMOVING BARRIERS

## Isaiah 40: 3-4

“A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.’”

Is your church facing challenges that you need help with? Maybe you have members who have autism, wounded veterans returning home, or people with Alzheimer’s or low vision in your congregation. Maybe you would like to start a disability/accessibility team.

**We are here to help you remove the barriers!**

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**CONNECT WITH US**

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**DisAbility Ministries Committee of The** **United Methodist** **Church**

On Twitter and on Pinterest: **UMDisability**

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**CONTACT US**

* To let us celebrate and publicize your ministry, workshop, or program
* To share your gifts and strengths to assist with the work of the Committee
* To ask questions and find the tools you need to move forward with your ministry
* To help you grow an effective disability committee per ¶653 of *The* *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016*

**Making Paths Straight**

**Removing Barriers**



