

MAKING PATHS STRAIGHT— REMOVING BARRIERS

Is your church facing challenges that make it hard to keep doing things the old way? Maybe you have Sunday school members who have autism, wounded veterans returning home or people with Alzheimer's in your congregation.

We are here to help you navigate the joyful path of providing inclusive and accessible ministry as you grow your church by reaching out to people with disabilities and their families.

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." (Isaiah 40:3-4)



CONTACT US

- To locate your jurisdictional representatives
- To let us celebrate and publicize your ministry, workshop or program
- To request resources, ideas, or consultation
- To share your gifts and strengths to assist with the work of the Committee
- To find the tools you need to move forward with your ministry
- To help you grow an effective conference disability committee per ¶1653 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2012.

How to give to the Disability Ministry—Projects Advance:

- **By check:** Make payable to your local church or "Advance GCFA." Be sure to write Advance #3021054 and "Disability Ministry—Projects" on the check. For local church and annual conference credit, give your gift to your local church treasurer.
- **By credit card:** Call 1-888-252-6174, or go to www.umcmmission.org/give and search for Advance #3021054.

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WE OFFER

- A website
- A quarterly email newsletter
- News sent out through Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest
- Disability Awareness Sunday materials
- Accessibility audit tools; accessibility visits to camps, churches and agencies
- New models of ministry
- Workshop collaboration
- Networking and advocacy
- Connections within your jurisdiction
- Resource people available to meet with you
- Inspiration and encouragement
- Prayer for your ministry
- Simple, practical ideas that you can put to use immediately.



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The **DisAbility Ministries Committee of The United Methodist Church** consists of two persons per jurisdiction and liaison members from related organizations.

Also check out:

- United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries at www.umcdhm.org
- United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities at www.umdiseabledministers.org
- Your Conference Disability Concerns Committee at www.umdiseabilityministries.org/links/acgroup.html

OUR MISSION

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

Support our work through **The Advance #3021054, Disability Ministry-Projects**. Your gift provides startup grants for churches expanding their ministry with people with disabilities.

We also offer grants for congregational accessibility improvements.



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“I’m encouraged by the creation of this committee and pray for its ability to make a difference for persons with disabilities.”
 —Berta Dickerson