



Top 10 Ways Churches Can Include People With Disabilities

1. Provide rides for people who can't get there on their own.
2. Add a T-coil loop system for those who do not hear well.
3. Provide 22-point font large print bulletins.
4. Provide wheelchair cutouts with GOOD views of the chancel.
5. Do not judge noisy or squirmy adults or children. Leave them be!
6. Have accessible bathrooms people can get to without having to go OUTSIDE to get there.
7. Invite people with disabilities to sing in the choir, ring bells, and read scripture in worship.
8. Invite people with disabilities to take leadership roles.
9. Learn how to include people with intellectual disabilities.
10. Be WISE. Welcoming. Inclusive. Supportive. Engaging.

At General Synod 30 in Cleveland, Ohio, June 26th - June 30th 2015, United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries (UCCDM) participated in the Friday night worship service. Participants included our Chair Rev. Lynda Bigler and Vice Chair Rev. Jeanne Tyler presenting the Top 10 Ways Churches Can Include People With Disabilities. Received with overwhelming response by attendees we republished them for wider circulation.