

Disability Resources & Links

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I have put together some resources on Widening the Welcome. Please know that I am here for you to assist in whatever way I can. Please email or call me and we'll see what we can do together.

Blessings, Pastor Cyndi Jones

That All May Worship is the oldest and most useful. It was published right after the ADA, and has been updated.

<https://www.aapd.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/That-All-May-Worship.pdf>

ELCA has two Social Messages that address issues around disability:

People Living with Disabilities

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/People-Living-with-Disabilities>

Mental Illness

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Mental-Illness>

ELCA also has Resources grouped by type of disability

https://www.elca.org/Resources/Disability-Ministry?_ga=2.190100969.39153847.1597175277-1379192073.1596303407

Next would be the information produced by the DisAbility Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Lynn Swedberg is a Deacon and an occupational therapist. She has been working in this area for over 10 years.

A power point presentation by Lynn Swedberg:

<https://umcdmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Faithwalk-Presentation-Set-Up-a-Disability-friendly-Church-LSDN.pdf>

Audit Forms:

Audit forms are a bit daunting.

They are intended to be comprehensive.

Most churches need to start somewhere, wherever they can.

Churches may say, "We don't have money for...bathroom, ramp...whatever." And then they have money for carpeting or landscaping. It is a matter of priority. What is important?

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Accessibility_Guide.pdf

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/How_can_we_make_our_worship_space_accessible.pdf