

Resources for Churches Concerning Employment of Persons with Disabilities



Global Perspectives:

International Day of Persons with Disabilities website; includes a poster to download: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>

Fact Sheets from United Nations Enable offer an international perspective on

- Employment of persons with disabilities;
- Employing persons with disabilities: Fears and realities;
- Why Hire Persons with Disabilities?

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/toolaction/employmentfs.pdf>

Global Disability Rights Now! website with articles about inclusion in employment and labor: <http://www.globaldisabilityrightsnow.org/impact/41>

Faith-based Resources:

Collaborative on Faith & Disabilities - Putting Faith to Work

- Webpage explains the model of supporting persons with disabilities to identify their gifts, then use congregational networking to identify and contact potential employers. and has a link for ordering the Putting Faith to Work manual which includes forms and step by step guidelines churches can adapt: <http://faithanddisability.org/projects/putting-faith-to-work/>
- Archived hour-long Putting Faith to Work webinar from 11/15/17: <http://faithanddisability.org/webinar/webinar-putting-faith-to-work/>

University UMC (San Antonio, TX) webpage with contact information and brochure about Helping Hands day habilitation program in: <https://www.theu.org/church-life/ministries/special-needs/>

Church of the Resurrection (Leawood, KS) Adult Learner program, with sample handbook to download: http://cor.org/leawood/connect/community-life?q=special+needs&campus=cor_l#2944

American Association of Persons with Disabilities (AAPD) Interfaith Initiative offers

- Print resources: <http://www.aapd.com/our-focus/interfaith>
- Statement of Solidarity by the Religious Community Around Employment of People with Disabilities: <http://www.ncpd.org/node/1174>

Disability Concerns (Christian Reformed Church in North America and Reformed Church in America):

- Winter 2018 *Breaking Barriers* newsletter issue focuses on employment of persons with disabilities:
<https://network.crcna.org/sites/default/files/documents/BreakingBarriersWinter2018.pdf>
- Article: Hiring People with Disabilities Makes Cents and Sense:
<https://network.crcna.org/church-admin-finance/hiring-people-disabilities-makes-cents-and-sense>

Other US-based Resources:

American Association of Persons with Disabilities (AAPD) mentoring program, with resources and a toolkit that could be used by faith communities:

<http://www.aapd.com/disability-mentoring-day>

Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) offers training webinars on employment of persons with disabilities: <http://apse.org/conferences-training/archivewebinars/>

Job Accommodation Network (JAN) answers questions about workplace accommodations for persons with disabilities: <https://askjan.org/>

US Department of Labor:

- Apprenticeship Toolkit and many other resources are found at <https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/youth/Apprenticeship.htm>
- Inclusive Internship Programs: A How-to Guide for Employers
<https://www.dol.gov/odep/pdf/InclusiveInternshipPrograms.pdf>