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ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT BADGE PROGRAM



New, easy-to-do hospitality and accessibility program for trustees, lay servants, youth groups, or other leaders that can be completed in bite-size pieces (alone or partner with another church)



Loving All Our Neighbors

Over 1 billion people globally are disabled.

(1 in 7)

Some impairments are visible and some hidden.
That is a lot of people with spiritual gifts!

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PROGRAM OPTIONS



Earn a badge (or pre-badge) for your church to share with the world that all are welcome!



Start with manageable improvements!

Such as:

Gluten-free food options?
Large print bulletin access?
Signs for visitors to restrooms and nursery?
Pictures/videos during the worship service including people with disabilities?

Annual Disabilities Sunday service?
*See the accessibility audit for more ideas!

Once achieved, your badge can be shared publicly:

- ✓ Electronically (in presentations, newspapers, on social media, church websites, email ...)
- ✓ In Print (in your bulletin, on all church activity flyers, on your charge conference reports (¶2533.6), nametags, letterhead, on building signs ...)
- ✓ Verbally - tell everyone! It is a great conversation starter; especially if you are wearing badge merchandise in public!



START TODAY

Are you a person with a disability?

Do you have a disabled friend or family member?

Do you desire to see a greater inclusion of people with impairments?

Do you want to volunteer to be a Disability Coordinator?

The DMC of the UMC can help you reach the entire body of Christ!

As a youth group member, this is a great community service outreach opportunity!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO BE YOUR CHURCH'S DISABILITY COORDINATOR OR JUST WANT TO ASSIST? PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ELECTRONIC FORM: bit.ly/umcbadge