

Activities for Disability Ministry



Respite Events for Children and Their Families



Programs for Adults



Nursing Home Ministry

Disability Awareness Sunday



A Disability Awareness Sunday each year is a great way to start and to continue disability awareness in your church. As a DMCP, you can provide resources for a sermon, an adult Bible study, and encourage children in their awareness with lesson materials or children's messages. Invite a person with disabilities to share their story of living with their disability and tell how God has worked in their lives.

Contact Information

DMC Website
<http://cnh-lcms.org/disabilityministries>

Email the DMC
disability-min@cnh-lcms.org

Facebook Group
DMC CNH District

Disability Ministry Contact Person Program

The CNH Disability Ministry Committee invites every congregation to recruit its own Disability Ministry Contact Person to serve as a disability ministry communicator to their church and community.

Disability ministry is as much about making people with disabilities feel comfortable and welcomed as it is about removing physical barriers; however, church congregations often don't know how to meet the needs of people with disabilities.



CNH District Disability Ministry

Disability Ministry Contact Person (DMCP) Program

Qualifications:

1. A gift of mercy and a desire to develop awareness in your congregation.
2. The ability to receive and distribute CNH District Disability Ministry information to your congregation.



Desired Outcome

Over time, we hope the Disability Ministry Contact Person will:

1. Become familiar with the variety of resources that congregations can use to help build welcoming and inclusive faith communities.
2. Advocate for people/families affected by disabilities within the congregation.
3. Organize events that address the needs of families affected by disability.
4. Work with existing church committees to include people with disabilities.
5. Identify the needs of those with disabilities.
6. Identify and find ways to eliminate physical barriers on church campus.
7. Attend workshops to learn how to serve in this area.
8. Encourage community participation in events for the persons with disabilities including respite events, social gatherings, and informational meetings.



Why is this so important?

- 85% of families affected with disabilities are unchurched.
- Welcoming families with adults or children with disabilities demonstrates acceptance in love for all of God's children.

A Plan for Disability Ministry

This ministry needs the support of the church leadership. Every church will have a different approach and plan to serve the disability community, but some ideas to make it happen include:

- Reaching out to the church leadership, providing Scriptural references to support your proposals (e.g.: Luke 14:15-23).
- Including ways to provide physical access, for example, wheelchair spaces in the sanctuary so families may sit together.
- Challenging your congregation to reach out to people with developmental disabilities, mental illness as well as physical disabilities.

