

ORGANIZE A DISABILITY MINISTRY

For any faith community to make long-lasting, appropriate changes, a planning structure will be needed. Enlist a group of committed people, including those with disabilities, create an on-going committee focusing on disability issues and connected to the governing council of the faith community.

People to invite to serve on a committee:

- A person with a disability
- A family member of a person with a disability
- A decision maker in your faith community
- A person with skills in contracting or architecture
- A person experiences in grant writing and fund raising

The committee could coordinate:

- A walk through of buildings with decision makers to list access barriers
- An audit of organizations and ministers within the faith community to see if they address the needs of persons with disabilities.
- Development of short term and long range plans to increase accessibility and inclusion
- Implementation of short term and long range accessibility plans
- Celebrating successes