



Alabama - West Florida
Conference of the
United Methodist Church

AFFIRMING AND WELCOMING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

"We recognize that God made all creation and saw that it was good. As a diverse people of God who bring special gifts and evidences of God's grace to the unity of the Church and to society, we are called to be faithful to the example of Jesus' ministry to [and with] all persons." (§140, The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012). We recognize that the church is not complete until everyone is present and included.

- Do you want to be welcoming to persons with disabilities, but need some ideas? Watch this free webinar and discover the barriers that may hinder persons' participation in your church.
Becoming a Barrier-Free Congregation: <http://www.prcli.org/on-demand-webinars/>
- Does your church have ministries / programs for persons with disabilities or are you interested in starting one? Would you like to be a part of a task force on disabilities to share insights, ideas and resources with others?
If so, please contact Berta Hurston at bertahurston@gmail.com
- Are you aware of these resources?
Disability Ministries Committee of the UMC: <http://www.umdisabilityministries.org/index.html>
FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedMethodistCommitteeOnDisabilityMinistries>

United Methodist Women: The Church and People with Disabilities:
<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/disabilities>

American Association for Persons with Disabilities- Interfaith Guide:
<http://www.aapd.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/That-All-May-Worship.pdf>

“ In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5 (NIV)

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.