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| Disability Ministries Committee  Disability Ministries Committee members are clergy and lay volunteers who help churches remove barriers and be more welcoming to people with disabilities. Representatives and resource people are in all U.S. Jurisdictions.  UMCDMC.org Resources   * Accessibility tools, audits, lift and ramp articles, and technology tips * Disability Awareness Sunday materials: inserts, scripture, hymns, service ideas * Presentations and curriculum to be in ministry with people who have physical, intellectual and mental disabilities * Grants for programs, equipment and space modification - to increase access * News, newsletters and articles   Volunteers may help you with  Visits to camps, churches and agencies; accessibility audits, advocacy & workshops  DMC is under the Council of Bishops. Your gifts are our only source of funds. Contact us at [information@umcdmc.org](mailto:information@umcdmc.org), or donate at Umcor.org  **Alt text = Cross and Flame and "Advance" a logo #3021054**  **Cross and flame near" DisAbilities Minitries" before stick person who stands and one in wheelchair by a stick cross** |  |  | |  | | --- | | Disability Ministries Connections About Us We believe all people, including those with disabilities, are created in the image of God and have sacred worth.  We believe it is vital to the body of Christ to celebrate the spiritual gifts of people with disabilities and incorporate them into the life of the church.  Through advocacy, empowerment and education, we strive to include people with disabilities and their loved ones in worship, missions, leadership and ministry – throughout the United Methodist Church.  **We invite you, as individuals and local congregations, to join one or more of our groups.**  **“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness,’ . . . “So God created humankind in His image”.  (Genesis 1:26a, 27a)**  DisAbility Ministries Committee of The United Methodist Church  Mental Health Ministries (ecumenical)  United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries  United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities  United Methodist Congress of the Deaf | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Disability Ministries  Alt Text = woman wearing blue next to woman in wheelchair, both are smiling | | United Methodists Embracing inclusive and accessible church communities |   Alt text = cross and flame near "open hearts, open minds, open doors" above "The people of The United Methodist Church |
| United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities  Logo of United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. The logo includes symbols for disabilities related to vision, learning, hearing, speaking, and mobility.United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities encourages and supports people who sense the call to ministry, exhibit gifts and graces for ministry, and live with a disability. UMAMD raises awareness about clergy and lay persons with disabilities, and how their ministries may be enhanced by their everyday life challenges.  UMDisabledMinisters.org Resources   * Leadership Trainings (bi-annual meeting) * Legislation Development for the United Methodist Church * Links to articles and publications   UMAMD was founded in 1990, as a caucus to support, advocate and educate. To learn more, join ($15-25 per year) or donate, please visit the website. |  |  | Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries  This Global Ministries committee offers resources, advocates for, and supports the empowerment of Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and Deafblind in the church. They enrich and diversify their faith communities and the wider church.  Grants and Scholarships  Applications are available for ministries, missions, accessibility needs and scholarships.  UMDeaf.org Resources   * Brochures * Bulletin inserts and guides * Ideas for networking and learning different ministry models * American Sign Language (ASL) resources   Our work depends on your donations to **Advance #982562**  ****UM Congress of the Deaf****  **An approved caucus, UMCD promotes the inclusion, empowerment, and leadership of Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and Deafblind persons in The United Methodist Church. For more information, visit** [www.umcd.org](http://www.umcd.org)  **United Methodist Congress of the Deaf, logo with name and a rainbow above** |  |  | Mental Health Ministries  One in four persons in our pews has a family member struggling with mental health. People with mental health issues often go to spiritual leaders for help. MHM online resources can help create caring congregations for people living with a mental illness and for those who love and care for them.  MentalHealthMinistries.net   * Brochures, from “Caring Congregations” to “Comforting Scriptures,” “Suicide Awareness,” “Pastoral Care” and more * Bulletin inserts on mental health awareness and advocacy * DVDs & video clips to start conversations * Resource guides for individuals, families and church groups * “Spotlight” bimonthly, topical newsletter * Training links to other denominations * Worship resources, including liturgies, prayers, songs and scripture   Mental Health Ministries, a nonprofit, interfaith, web-based ministry, provides resources to help erase the stigma of mental illness in our faith communities. You can sign up for the newsletter and donate at their website.  alt text = Mental Health Ministries and yellow band To erase the stigma of Mental illness |