Disability Ministries Committee

Our clergy and lay volunteer members help churches remove barriers and be welcoming to people with disabilities.

UMCDMC.org Resources

- Accessibility audits, lifts and ramps and technology tips
- Disability Awareness Sunday ideas: Scripture, hymns, service ideas
- Grants to increase access
- News, newsletters and articles
- How to be in ministry with people with physical, mental and intellectual disabilities

DMC may help you with

Visits to camps and churches; accessibility walk throughs, advocacy and workshops.

DMC is under the Council of Bishops. Your gifts are our only source of funds. Contact us at <u>information@umcdmc.org</u>, or donate at Umcor.org



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Disability Ministries Connections

About Us

These United Methodist groups believe all people, including those with disabilities, are created in God's image and have sacred worth.

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 include people with disabilities and their loved ones in worship, missions, leadership and ministry.

We invite you, as individuals and local congregations, to join us.

"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

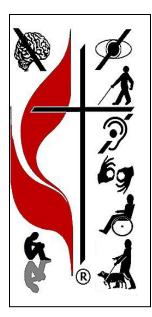


United Methodists

Embracing inclusive and accessible church communities



Association of Ministers with Disabilities



We encourage and support people who sense the call to ministry, exhibit gifts and graces, and live with a disability. We raise awareness about clergy and lay persons with disabilities, and how their ministry may be enhanced by their daily, life challenges.

UMDisabledMinisters.org Resources

- Leadership Trainings (online and at 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, become a member (\$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 and supports the empowerment of Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and Deafblind in the church. They enrich and diversify their communities and the wider church.

Grants and Scholarships

We offer scholarship applications for ministries, missions and accessibility.

UMDeaf.org Resources

- Brochures
- Bulletin inserts and guides
- Ideas for networking and learning different ministry models
- American Sign Language (ASL)

Our work depends on your donations: 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 <u>www.umcd.org</u>



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
- Awareness and advocacy bulletins
- DVDs & web links for 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, helps erase the stigma of mental illness in our faith communities. You can sign up for the newsletter and donate at the website.

