

TASK FORCE ON MINISTRY AMONG PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
 THE EAST OHIO CONFERENCE
 ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT FORM
 JUNE, 2006

District: _____ Charge _____

Church: _____ County: _____

Part I: Estimates of Persons with Disabilities Served by Congregation

Following, is a list of various disabilities. To the best of your knowledge, estimate the number of persons with disabilities in the disability categories listed below according to the three age groups listed. Please try to be as accurate and as thorough as possible. Knowing that no one person can know all the information requested, ask other members of the congregation to assist in compiling these data.

Disability	Under 18	18 thru 64	65 & older
Persons with Hearing Impairments (But who are <u>not</u> Deaf)	_____	_____	_____
Persons who are Deaf	_____	_____	_____
Persons with Visual Impairment (Impairment which is <u>not</u> correctable to 20/20 vision.)	_____	_____	_____
Persons who are <u>totally</u> blind	_____	_____	_____
Persons who are Mobility Impaired (use crutches, canes, tripods, walkers and/or wheelchairs)	_____	_____	_____
Persons who are impaired due to chronic illness (e.g. Diabetes, Arthritis, hip/joint difficulties)	_____	_____	_____
Persons who have mental retardation	_____	_____	_____
Persons with Learning Disabilities	_____	_____	_____
Persons with Attention Deficit Disorders	_____	_____	_____
Persons who are considered as having a serious emotional disability and/or mental illness	_____	_____	_____

Part II. Accessibility of Church Building and Location.

N/A = Church does not have this facility.

A. Parking. (Total Number of Spaces in Lot(s)) _____

1. Are there handicapped accessible parking spaces?
(Spaces which are at least 8 feet wide with sign.) _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A

If yes, give number of spaces _____

2. Are there van-accessible spaces?
(Spaces which are at least 12 feet wide with sign) _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A

If yes, give number of spaces _____

B. Entrances:

1. Is there at least one entrance to the church which is accessible to a person using a wheelchair? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Is there a ramp and/or elevator used for accessibility? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Is there an automatic door which is used for accessibility? _____ Yes _____ No

C. Sanctuary:

1. Can a person using a wheelchair enter the sanctuary without having to get out of the wheelchair? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Are there pew cutouts/spaces so that a person wishing to remain in a wheelchair without blocking aisle(s)? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Can a person using a wheelchair use the Chancel area for Communion and/or worship leadership? _____ Yes _____ No
4. Is the area used for choir practice accessible to a person using a wheelchair? _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A

D. Restrooms:

1. Do the church facilities have at least one restroom which can be used by a person in a wheelchair? _____ Yes _____ No
2. If yes, are there sign and/or notices indicating a wheelchair accessible restroom is available? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Is this restroom a standard men's or women's restroom or a unisex restroom? _____ Standard _____ Unisex

E. Classroom/Fellowship/Meeting Space:

1. Are classrooms accessible to persons using a wheelchair? Yes Some No N/A
2. Is the Fellowship Hall or space used for church-wide meals and other social activities accessible to persons using a wheelchair? Yes No N/A
3. Is the space used for meetings accessible to persons using a wheelchair? Yes No N/A
4. Is the Church Office accessible to a person using a wheelchair? Yes No N/A
5. Is the Pastor's Study accessible to a person using a wheelchair? Yes No N/A

F. Other Areas of Common Use.

1. Are doorways to worship/educational/fellowship/meeting spaces/restrooms at least 36 inches wide? Yes No
2. Are there signs outside and inside the church building indicating its accessibility features? Yes No
3. Is the parsonage accessible to a person using a wheel chair? Yes No N/A
4. Does the congregation provide large-print bulletins or other materials? Yes No
5. Does the congregation provide any materials in Braille? Yes No
6. Does the congregation provide assistive hearing devices for the hearing impaired? Yes No

Has the congregation considered an effort to build and/or remodel its facilities in order to include handicap accessible features? Yes No

Briefly explain your answer:

Following is a list of possible ministries that a congregation might engage in with persons of various disabilities. Please indicate whether your congregation has considered any of this in past, is currently engaged in such a ministry, or would consider such a ministry in the future. NOTE: It is possible to respond by checking all three categories.

Ministry	Considered in the past	Currently engaged in this ministry	Would Consider in the future
Sign Language Interpretation for the Deaf	_____	_____	_____
Special Education/Fellowship for Persons with Deafness	_____	_____	_____
Special Sunday School Class for Persons with Disabilities	_____	_____	_____
Support Groups for Persons with Chronic Health Conditions	_____	_____	_____
Support Group(s) for Parents with Children with Disabilities	_____	_____	_____
Adult Education/Study Groups on Disability Issues	_____	_____	_____
Training of Ushers and Other Volunteers on How to Relate to Persons with Disabilities	_____	_____	_____
Contact/Involvement with Group Homes for Persons with Disabilities	_____	_____	_____
Involvement in Legislative Issues of Relevance to Persons with Disabilities	_____	_____	_____
Other Ministries (Please Specify)	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

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