Religion and People with Disabilities

This factsheet covers topics such as accessibility of religious facilities to people with physical disabilities. It also covers welcoming and including those with disabilities as part of the community and thus in the place of worship.

Websites

AAPD: Interfaith Disability Advocacy Collaborative
http://www.aapd.com/idac/

Beineinu: Connecting Jewish Parent of Children with Special Needs
http://www.beineinu.org/home

Christian Reformed Church: Disability Concerns
https://www.crcna.org/disability

eHow: ADA Regulations and Churches
http://www.ehow.com/about_6385337_ada-regulations-churches.html

Faith for ALL
http://www.faithforall.org/
P.O. Box 344
Wheaton, IL 60187
Phone: 630-752-5937
Email: Thomas@faithforall.org
Faith for ALL is a not-for-profit, non-denominational organization that starts with the basic premise that all human beings are created in the image of God and designed to be in relationship with Him. Because relationship with God is a matter of faith, people with disabilities should have equal access to both express and explore their faith of choice within the context of a community of their choice. Faith for ALL therefore accelerates congregational accessibility so people with disabilities and their families can have deeper access into the community life of a congregation.
Joni and Friends
www.joniandfriends.org
PO Box 3333
Agoura Hills, CA 91376-3333
Phone: 818-707-5664
Joni and Friends is a Christian ministry formed by quadriplegic Joni Eareckson Tada to evangelize people affected by disability.

Lift Disability Network
www.liftdisability.net/
611 Business Park Blvd., Suite 105
P.O. Box 770607
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Phone: (407) 228-8343
Lift Disability Network promotes the spiritual well-being of people with disabilities.

National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD)
http://ncpd.org/
415 Michigan Avenue, NE, Suite 95
Washington, DC 20017-4501
Phone: (202) 529-2933
TTY: 202-529-2934
NCPD was established so Catholics with disabilities can fully participate in the celebrations and obligations of their faith.

Orthodox Union: Directory of Synagogues in the US and Canada with Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities
http://www.ou.org/resources/disdirectory.htm

Presbyterians for Disability Concerns
https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/pdc/

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations: Disability & Accessibility
http://www.uua.org/accessibility/index.shtml
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210-1409
Phone: 617-742-2100
Email: info@uua.org

Craig Hospital: Spirituality
https://craighospital.org/resources/spirituality

Yachad/ National Jewish Council for Disabilities
www.njcd.org
11 Broadway, 13th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Phone: 212-613-8229
NJCD enhances life opportunities and insures participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life.

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