



Some resources to help you welcome people with disabilities

The UUA is creating a library of UU publications in alternative formats for people who cannot read regular print. Contact us at access@uaa.org.

Large print and/or Electronic (for computer screen-readers): *Singing the Living Tradition; Singing the Journey; The UU Pocket Guide; Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue; Welcoming Children with Special Needs; Weaving the Fabric of Diversity*; all of our UU pamphlets.

4-track tape: *The UU Pocket Guide; A Chosen Faith; Day of Promise* (meditations read by Kay Montgomery); *Privilege, Power, and Difference; Welcoming Children with Special Needs*; UU World magazine.

Braille: *Singing the Living Tradition; Singing the Journey; The UU Pocket Guide; We are Unitarian Universalists* pamphlet

The UUA can lend you an ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM

The UUA Office of Accessibility Concerns has created an “Assistive Listening System Demo Kit”. This self-contained, shippable assortment of assistive-listening equipment can be borrowed by a congregation to try out. Contact us at: access@uaa.org.

Online resources about disability and accessibility

The UUA Office of Accessibility Concerns has a website with information about: physical, sensory, intellectual, and emotional disabilities; environmental information about buildings and grounds; worship resources; links to community resources. Visit us at: <http://uaa.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/accessibility/index.shtml>

Money and Ideas: Creative Approaches to Congregational Access (the Alban Institute and the National Organization on Disability)

Congregations seeking greater accessibility for people with disabilities often find that a key challenge is the availability of resources. This 38 page booklet offers success stories and an annotated resource section. You can buy it from the Alban Institute or you can download it for free (in large print format) at:

www.congregationalresources.org/MoneyAndIdeas.pdf.



Accessible Faith: A Technical Guide for Accessibility in Houses of Worship (the Retirement Research Foundation)

This excellent publication is a comprehensive guide for congregations that are working on improving accessibility for people with disabilities, including the growing number of older adults. The 54 page book is designed to provide technical guidance in all aspects of accessibility. You can download it for free at: www.rrf.org/noteworthy/AccessibleFaith-final.pdf.

Removing Barriers: Planning Meetings that are Accessible to all Participants (North Carolina Office on Disability and Health in Collaboration with The Center for Universal Design)

This 52 page down-loadable booklet includes information about small meetings and large conferences – everything to help you plan, including how to start planning, how to be flexible, details that you may have missed – from the time you start your planning to the end of your meeting, addresses presenters’ as well as participants’ needs, and includes etiquette information. You can download this resource for free at: www.fpg.unc.edu/~ncodh/pdfs/rbmeetingguide.pdf

Disaster Preparedness Resources for People with Disabilities

Before the Katrina tragedy, publications like these would not be included in a list of useful resources. We hope that you will never need information of this sort, nevertheless, Katrina taught us that it is important information to have – ahead of time. Anyone who has a disability or anyone who works with, lives with, or assists a person with a disability will find these booklets valuable. You might want to consider disaster preparedness as part of your congregation’s accessibility work. You can download these booklets at: <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.pdf> and <http://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/201/default.html>.

The above resources are all on-line – but there are accessibility experts in your area

If you need accessibility information about your specific building and community; if you want to find people to speak about disability issues; if your congregation wants to become involved in disability-rights actions; if you need an expert to come to your building to perform an accessibility audit, contact your local Independent Living Center (ILC). ILCs are (contrary to what their names imply at first glance) non-residential, private, non-profit, consumer-controlled, community-based organizations providing services and advocacy by and for persons with all types of disabilities. There are nearly 500 ILCs in the USA. Many are state supported. There is an online database of ILC locations at <http://www.ilusa.com/links/ilcenters.htm>.