

ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

Based on the United Methodist Church's accessibility manual

With many thanks to the United Methodist Church, who permitted us to freely use material from their comprehensive accessibility manual:

Accessibility Audit for Churches, 2nd edition

edited by the Rev. Kathy N. Reeves.

Remember, everyone whether they live with a disability or not, is unique. Therefore, it is impossible to make universal decisions about what accommodations will be completely welcoming to everyone. As with all reciprocal relationships, it is always important and appropriate to ask the people being welcomed what will work for them.

MINISTRY/PASTORAL CARE

yes no

- 1. Are the ministers' offices accessible for people with mobility difficulties?
- 2. Is there an accessible meeting area that can be used for counseling sessions?
- 3. Are ministers' offices and other counseling rooms free of mold and other potentially harmful environmental chemicals that might be a problem for people with chemical sensitivities?
- 4. When making hospital or home visits, does the minister or pastoral care provider know how to adapt listening and communication skills to people with visual or hearing impairments?
- 5. Is the space that is used for counseling equipped with personal or small room assistive listening systems for people who are hard of hearing?
- 6. Are less toxic cleaning products used in enclosed spaces such as ministers' offices and pastoral counseling rooms?
- 7. Is a qualified sign language interpreter available as needed for pastoral care services?
- 8. Is a personal assistive listening device, such as a Williams

Pocketalker available for the minister or pastoral care visitor to take with them on hospital and home visits for use with people who are hard of hearing?

- 9. Are the ministers and pastoral care providers trained in disability “etiquette” so that they are comfortable in their relationships with members who have disabilities?
- 10. Are the ministers and pastoral care providers trained in the use of their local operator relay telephone service?