



In challenging times, disability ministries can open doors and hearts to a Church where everyone finds a welcoming place to belong, serve, and worship. The DisAbility Ministries Committee of the UMC (DMC) now depends on grant funding and your gifts through the Advance in order to continue the work of leading the denomination - through advocacy, education and empowerment - in creating a culture where people with disabilities are fully included in all aspects of worship, leadership, ministry, and mission.

Your gifts and offerings support grants to churches seeking seed money for making accessibility improvements and starting new ministries that reach out to persons with disabilities, and help the committee carry out its mission.



Committee members at the 2017 meeting in Atlanta

Recent DMC grants include:

Good Shepherd UMC of Madison, Alabama, needed funds to be more accessible for church and community members with disabilities. With the new elevator, people who had stopped attending Sunday school due to difficulties with steps now attend both classes and church services.



St. Andrews UMC of Upper Hill, Maryland, is a 108 year-old church whose 20 year-old lift had become irreparable and was condemned. People who used wheelchairs could not enter the church sanctuary, go to the lower level for fellowship meals, or use the bathroom unless others carried them. The DMC grant helped pay for part of the loan.



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