



## DisAbility Ministries Committee Resource Person Roles



**Purpose:** To assist in fulfilling the mission of the DisAbility Ministries Committee *to lead the United Methodist Church, through advocacy, education and empowerment, in creating a culture where people with disabilities are fully included in all aspects of worship, leadership and ministry.*

### Qualifications:

- Has recognized experience in ministry with people with disabilities. The experience may be personal, professional, or as a volunteer.
- Agrees with the Committee mission and has a passion for inclusive faith communities.
- Preferably is actively involved with a local United Methodist congregation.
- Is able to provide a reference regarding one's skills and commitment.
- Subscribes to and reads the Committee newsletter in order to stay current.

### Roles:

Based on your time availability, interest, experience, and skills, you may be asked to:

- Respond to specialized queries received by the Committee. Responses will generally be combined with those of other Committee members and Resource Persons.
- Serve as a resource on a local, Conference, or jurisdictional basis with new ministry starts, workshops, or regional disability awareness worship services and events.
- Mentor persons or churches that are new to disability ministry.
- Teach, preach, or provide advocacy.
- Complete an accessibility audit of church and agency buildings and sites.
- Write an article or adapt curriculum.
- Review articles, policies, or procedures related to disability ministry.
- Assist with fund raising and grants.
- Assist with website article development, link-checking, and other tasks.
- Serve on the denominational DisAbility Ministries Committee when openings arise.

### Expectations:

- Only accept assignments when you have time to complete them.
- Communicate regularly and promptly when working on an assigned project.
- Update your contact information and interests every two years or when things change.
- To receive support, information, and grateful acknowledgement from the Committee.