

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

—Isaiah 58:9-10





# Disability Awareness

Did you know that simply providing options makes your church more welcoming to people with disabilities? Here are a few ideas:

- Incorporate flags, ribbons, instruments, or sign language during singing.
- Share visual examples along with spoken ones.
- Provide a variety of seating options including tall chairs, chairs with arms, and swivel chairs.
- Provide options of different places where someone who uses a wheelchair or walker can sit, keeping in mind what they can (and cannot) see when people stand.
- Share bulletins and other announcements online and in print. Don't forget to print all or some of them in Large Print (at least 14pt) and use a Sans Serif font proven to be more accessible for people with dyslexia.
- Offer hybrid worship services, adult education, and congregational meetings.
- Activate closed captioning when showing videos and using online conferencing apps.

Discover other accessibility ideas by watching the recording of “Nurturing Belonging: Exploring Hospitality, Disability, and Theology” hosted by Thrive of the Christian Reformed Church in North America and Disability Concerns of the Reformed Church in America. Visit [tinyurl.com/HDTvideoList2023](https://tinyurl.com/HDTvideoList2023).

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