



Regional Advocate for Disability Concerns Description & Covenant

- Position:** Regional Advocate volunteer for Disability Concerns
- Duration:** Two years (renewable)
- Commitment:** 3–6 hours per month (2–4 hours in recruiting and supporting Church Advocates; 1–2 hours in resourcing classis churches, follow-up, research, promotion, etc.)
- Goal:** To champion the full inclusion of people with disabilities in RCA or CRC churches in a specific region, usually a classis

Activities and Responsibilities:

- Enlist a Church Advocate in each congregation to champion the full inclusion of people with disabilities in church life and to be an indispensable link in the Disability Concerns network.
- Contact all Church Advocates annually to provide encouragement, accountability, resources, and/or training opportunities, and to ensure that *Breaking Barriers* and other resources are available to congregations.
- Establish and implement annual goals to improve the region’s welcome and engagement of people with disabilities.
- Participate in recommended training when possible.
- Promote the ministry through speaking, writing, and/or personal contacts. (Explore making annual reports to the classis, either in writing or in person.)
- Network with other regional advocates in regional groups when possible.

Required Skills and Abilities:

- Love for God and God’s people
- Good communication skills
- Willingness to work with others and follow through on commitments
- Ability to establish positive relationships with church leaders and volunteers

I have read and understand the activities and responsibilities of a Regional Advocate. For the next two years, I am willing to commit 3–6 hours per month of my time, energy, and creativity to helping RCA or CRC churches in my region engage and be engaged by people with disabilities.

Your church and classis _____

Your name/email/phone _____

Your home mailing address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to:

For RCA churches: Terry DeYoung, RCA Coordinator for Disability Concerns, 4500 60th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512 (tdeyoung@rca.org; 616-541-0855). For more information: www.rca.org/disability.

For CRCNA churches: Lindsay Wieland Capel, CRCNA Director of Disability Concerns, 1700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508 (lcapel@crcna.org; 888-279-9994 ext.2311). For more information: www.crcna.org/disability.