

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 _____

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: Mark Stephenson, CRCNA Director of Disability Concerns, 1700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508 (mstephenson@crcna.org; 888-463-0272). For more information: www.crcna.org/disability.

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