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Does the community know what accessibility features you offer? How many of these symbols could your congregation display?

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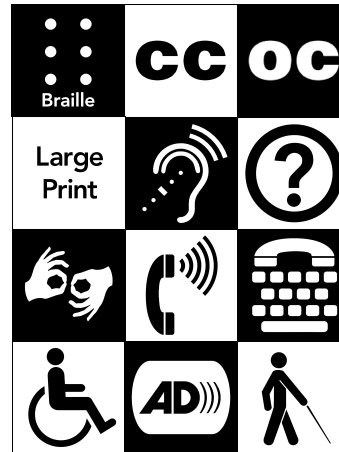
Please stop by our page on the Synod website.

<http://demdsynod.org/mission-teams/mission-through-partnerships/daart/>

We would be happy to chat with you about our goals and hear what your needs are.

We have a sampling of resources for preview.

- Curriculum options for developmental disabilities
- Accommodation ideas for learning disabilities
- Videos
- Mental Health Resources
- Autism Materials
- Accessibility Surveys
- Getting Started
- Disability Awareness Materials
 - Adult Studies
 - Youth Studies
 - Worship suggestions



For explanations of these universal access symbols and downloadable images for your congregations visit

www.graphicartistsguild.org/resources/disability-access-symbols

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Definitely Abled Advocacy Resource Team

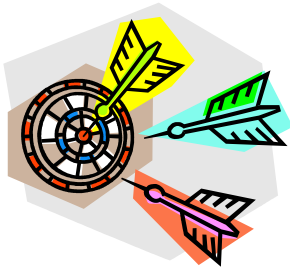




DAART— What are we aiming for?

Definitely Abled

Definitely Abled reflects that *everyone has abilities* as St. Paul explains, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**”¹ Corinthians 12:4-7



Advocacy

Despite growing awareness about disability issues not all congregations have become fully inclusive for persons with disabilities. While architectural barriers are easily understood, often the barriers most difficult to identify and address are attitude or awareness. We have the opportunity to improve accessibility and encourage full participation by persons with disabilities in our faith communities by working to reduce the stigma associated with disability through prayer, education, and advocacy.



Resource

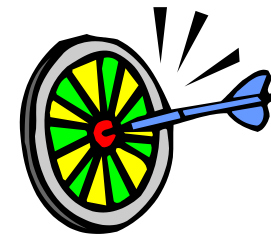
Resources are needed to address these needs so we intend to become a clearinghouse of resources, providing suggestions for publications, programs, funding sources, speakers for workshops, and consultants. We will work towards networking both within our synod and with ecumenical partners in our communities. We look forward to recognizing congregations who are making positive steps towards inclusion and sharing their experience with others.

Team

We are a collection of individuals with a variety of abilities and experience, united in a passion to see persons with physical, developmental and mental disabilities who wish to increase their access and participation in congregations of the Delaware-Maryland Synod welcomed as members of the one body of Christ; “so we, who are many, **are one body in Christ**, and individually we are members one of another.” (Romans 12:5)

Our mission is to encourage and equip all congregations to become places where all people – especially those with physical, developmental, and mental disabilities – will feel welcome and find meaningful opportunities to participate fully in the community of God.

We believe that we are all created and loved by God and as His people we are to love one another just as we are.



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