



**Guide to Spiritual Community Supports
for Individuals with Disabilities
and their Families**

The Community Connections Guide to Spiritual Community Supports for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families

Funding Guides and Sources of Financial Resource

Directory of Grants for Organizations Serving People with Disabilities

Research Grant Guides, Inc.
Department 4A, P.O. Box 1214
Loxahatchee, FL. 33470
Fax: 561-795-7794

The Directory of Grants for Organizations Serving People with Disabilities is a reference directory that identifies grant organizations available to nonprofits. It is available by mail order only. Contact the organization by sending a letter to the address above.

Partners for Sacred Places

1700 Sansom Street, 10th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Phone: 215-567-3234
E-mail: partners@sacredplaces.org
www.sacredplaces.org

Partners for Sacred Places are a non-sectarian organization devoted to helping people care for older and historic religious properties. Partners provide resources and information regarding fund raising for capital projects.

The Foundation Center

79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street
New York, NY 10003-3076
Phone: (212) 620-4230
(800) 424-9836
<http://fdncenter.org>

The Foundation Center is a national center that provides nonprofit grant seekers public access to information on grants throughout the United States. They provide education and training on the grant seeking process and ensure public access to information and services through their website print and electronic publications, five library/learning centers, and a national network of Cooperating Collections

Organizations

ADNet

PO Box 959

Goshen, IN 46527-0959

Phone: 574- 535-7053 or 877-214-9838

E-mail: adnet@adnetonline.org

www.adnetonline.org

ADNet is the Anabaptist Disabilities Network website that provides resources to congregations, families and people with disabilities.

Council for Jews with Special Needs, Inc.

12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 205

Scottsdale, Arizona 85254-5453

Phone: 480-629-5343

TTY: 480-629-5343

info@cjsn.org

www.cjsn.org

The Council for Jews with Special Needs, Inc. offers both inclusive and specialized programming, family resources and support, information and referral, and community education and networking with other Jewish agencies for Jewish children and young adults who have disabilities.

DISC (DISabilities Concerns)

Health and Welfare Ministries

General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church

Room 330, 475 Riverside Drive

New York, NY 10115

Phone: 212-870-3871

TDD: 212-870-3709

E-mail: hwmin@gbgm-umc.org

gbgm-umc.org/DISC

DISC provides material on developmental disabilities, mental illness and resources in the area of disability ministry for both individuals and faith communities.

Joni and Friends: The Disability Ministry of Joni Eareckson Tada

P.O. Box 3333

Agoura Hills, CA 91376

www.joniandfriends.org

Joni and Friends support Christian ministry in the disability community by providing practical suggestions and resources on ways to serve people with disabilities.

Mental Health Ministries

Susan Gregg-Schroeder
6707 Monte Verde Drive
San Diego, CA 92119

sgschroed@cox.net

www.mentalhealthministries.net

Mental Health Ministries provides resources to faith communities to develop a mental health program appropriate to individual congregations of all faiths.

National Catholic Partners on Disability

415 Michigan Avenue, NE, Suite 240,
Washington, DC 20017-4501

Phone: 202-529-2933

TTY: 202-529-2934

www.ncpd.org

National Catholic Partners on Disability provides relevant publications and resources to those working with individuals with disabilities and to individuals with disabilities in the Catholic Church.

National Organization on Disability

910 16th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 2006

Phone: 202-293-5960

202-293-5968 (TDD)

www.nod.org

The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability works with local congregations, national faith groups and seminaries to remove barriers of architecture, communications and attitudes that prevent people with disabilities from full and active religious participation. They provide resources and publications to promote spiritual inclusion of those with disabilities.

Pathways to Promise

5400 Arsenal Street

St. Louis, MO 63139

E-mail: pathways@mimh.edu

www.pathways2promise.org

Pathways to Promise is an interfaith resource center that provides educational materials, models of ministry, resources for families and networking information for ministry for people with mental illness and their families.

The American Association for Mental Retardation Religion and Spirituality Division

Rev. Bill Gaventa

Executive Secretary

Phone: 732-235-9304

gaventwi@umdnj.edu

www.aamr.org/Groups/div/RG/resources

The Religion and Spirituality Division of the AAMR is an interfaith network of members who share resources and collaborate with other organizations involved in religious services with people with disabilities and their families.

The Center for Religion and Disability

1780 Indian Hill Road

Pelham, AL 35124-1204

Email: abilities@religionanddisability.org

www.religionanddisability.org

The Center for Religion and Disability, Inc. provides resources and educational development about ministry and disability as well education and research regarding graduate theological education.

The Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities

7120 W. Cove Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53223

Phone 414-357-6672

www.ccpd.org

The Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities provides spiritual leaders with information regarding supporting individuals with disabilities in your faith community. Individual and church memberships are available.

The Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped

P.O. Box 9869

Knoxville, Tennessee 37940

Phone: 865-546-5921

www.ccfh.org

The Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped provides many types of publications including religious education lessons, ministry supports, awareness information and a newsletter regarding including individuals with disabilities in the spiritual community.

Publications and Other Media

Books

Congregational Inclusion

- Thornburgh, G. (1997) *That all may worship: An interfaith welcome to people with disabilities*. National Organization on Disabilities, Washington, DC.
- Interfaith Guides at www.nod.org

Preaching

- Black, Kathy (1996). *A healing homiletic: Preaching and Disability*, Abingdon Press, Nashville.

Religious Theology and Disability

- Astor, C. (1985) *Who makes the disabled different? Jewish perspectives on the disabled*. United Synagogues of America, New York, NY.
- Bishop, M. (1995). *Religion and disability: Essays in scripture, theology, and ethics*. Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD.
- Eiesland, N.L. (1994). *The disabled god: Toward the liberatory theology of disability*, Abingdon Press, Nashville.
- Eiesland, N. & Saliers, D. (Eds.) (1998). *Human disability and the service of God*. Abingdon Press, Nashville.

Educational Supports

Bible Study (4-Part Lesson) from HISability website, 2004 (a Minnesota, Christian-based organization, <http://www.mns.lcms.org/hisability/>):
www.mns.lcms.org/hisability/files/HISability/Disability%20Bible%20Study%201.DOC

Sermons

“Who’s Blind Now?”, Rev. Alex Stevenson, Grace United Methodist Church
www.geocities.com/Athens/Ithaca/1506/lent4a.htm

The following two sermons were taken from HISability website, 2004 (a Minnesota, Christian-based organization, <http://www.mns.lcms.org/hisability/>)

2 Corinthians 12:7-19

<http://www.mns.lcms.org/hisability/files/HISability/Hisability%20Serm%20Helps%20A.DOC>

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

http://www.mns.lcms.org/hisability/files/HISability%20Sunday/aHISability%20Serm%2012_6_98%20XR%20Shk.DOC

Videos

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors, Pathways Awareness Foundation

123 N. Wacker Drive

Chicago, Illinois, 60606

1-800-701-2445

www.pathwaysawareness.org: Importance of including those with disabilities of all types in Liturgy and church life.