



Reformed Church in America
Christian Reformed Church

Disability Concerns



“You don’t need arms or legs or a mind that works typically in order to have a vibrant relationship with God and spiritual gifts to share, because I don’t think God created able-bodied people and disabled people. I think he created us all with different gifts and different abilities to share.” — Chantal Huinink

About one in every four households has a member with a disability. Disability Concerns ministry was created in 1982 by Christian Reformed churches to serve churches as they minister with people with various disabling conditions including shut-ins, people with vision and hearing loss, intellectual disabilities, autism, depression, and paraplegia. Our goal is for every church to reach the biblical ideal where everybody belongs and everybody serves.

How we serve churches:

- A network of disability advocates who work in Christian Reformed churches and classes, and coordinate this work with Reformed Church in America's Disability Concerns Ministry. If your church does not have a disability advocate or you're not sure who yours is, please contact us (disabilityconcerns@crcna.org); we'll help identify and equip someone in your congregation to serve your congregation.
- Resources tailored for churches on worship, caring, accessibility, awareness, church education, and more. You can find these resources on our website (www.crcna.org/disability).

People with disabilities in your church frequently are an untapped resource, because they are not asked to serve in ministry roles. In your neighborhood they represent a significant outreach opportunity, because the percentage of people with disabilities who attend church is significantly lower than the percentage of the general population who go to worship, even though their level of spiritual interest is the same.

Disability Concerns wants to help your church engage with people who have disabilities in your worship, pastoral care, discipleship, and outreach. For more information and to find resources in Korean and in Spanish, find us on the web at www.crcna.org/disability or contact us at disabilityconcerns@crcna.org or **888-463-0272**.



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