DIMENSIONS OF FAITH AND
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AND THEIR FAMILIES

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**BRAIN INJURY: WHEN THE CALL COMES. A CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE.** Booklet developed in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. 2001. Cost: $5.00
Also available in PDF format on The Boggs Center Web Site.

**AUTISM AND FAITH: A JOURNEY INTO COMMUNITY.** 52 pp. booklet. Produced in collaboration with Autism, New Jersey (formerly COSAC) and The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation. 2008. Cost: $5.00
Also available in PDF format on The Boggs Center Web Site.
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2. Prices and Shipping and Handling Fees (S/H) are listed if they were available to the editor but they may not be current. You are advised to check with the publisher or resource office before sending a check or invoice for a particular resource to confirm price and ensure current availability. Contact the Publisher or Resource Office for ordering. The Boggs Center is not a distributor of these resources, unless they are ones we have published.

3. Also, if you discover that any resources are no longer available, or if addresses and phone numbers are not correct, please send that information to bill.gaventa@umdnj.edu.

4. If you know of other resources that should be included, also send that information to the Editor. Information about new resources is also published in the Quarterly Newsletter of the Religion and Spirituality Division of the AAIDD. Organizations publishing new resources are also invited to include them in the annual Cooperative Resource Exhibit at the AAIDD National Conference. For more information on the Religion and Spirituality Division of the AAIDD, or to subscribe to the newsletter, see the Information and Order Form in the Appendices or go to: www.aaiddreligion.org.

5. The list attempts to be as ecumenical and interfaith as possible, but most of the resources are from the Christian and Jewish traditions. If you know of other resources which are not listed, please send us that information!!

6. The central focus of this resource listing is ministries with persons with developmental disabilities, but resources related to many other disabilities are included, especially mobility impairments. It is not meant to have comprehensive information related to hearing and visual impairments or psychiatric disability. For that information, contact many of the national faith group resource offices or programs listed in Section XV.

7. Finally, thanks to many colleagues who have provided information for this resource directory and for your newsletters from which much of the information comes. But thanks especially to everyone who has helped produce these resources, the work you put into them, and the stories and experiences from which they come, and the ways they will aid and empower all of us in strengthening inclusive ministries.

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To Update
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I. WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS


- **Bibles in Special Media**. This website gives links for finding bibles and other sacred texts in special media- including Braille, audio, and large print. Website address: [http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/circulars/bibles.html](http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/circulars/bibles.html)

- **Dear Friend in Heaven: Prayers for Children and Adults**. This prayer book contains prayers in various forms in 17 topical areas that can be used by both children and adults, including those with cognitive disabilities. Published by Northwestern Publishing House. To order, please visit [http://online.nph.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?10418&productID=386918](http://online.nph.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?10418&productID=386918).

- **Worship and Devotional Resources in Braille**, from Faith Alive Christian Resources. A number of different resources are available, including the Heidelberg Catechism, the Psalter Hymnal, and a number of devotional resources. For more information or to order, please visit [www.faithaliveresources.org/disability](http://www.faithaliveresources.org/disability).

- **Expressing Faith in Jesus: Church Membership for People with Cognitive Impairments**, by Ronald C. Vredeveld. A newly revised book and new resource kit designed to help church leaders and friends with cognitive impairments as they journey through the process of church membership. Published by Friendship Ministries. For more information, please visit [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org) or call 1-888-866-8966.


- **Noteworthy article on “Participation in Religious Services for People with Developmental Disabilities”** by Carol Minton and Richard Dodder, in December 2003 issue of Mental Retardation, one of the journals published by the AAIDD. Vol. 41, No. 6, pp. 430-439.

- **Impact Newsletter**. Feature Issue on Faith Communities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Winter, 2001/02. 36 pp. newsletter with a variety of articles from Christian, Jewish, and other perspectives. Resources, ideas, ministry models, and more. Several articles about worship and helping people participate in worship. First copy free, others @$4. Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota. 612-624-4512. Also on their web site: [http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html](http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html).
The Liturgy Documents, Vol. II. Ed. By David A. Lisk. This collection of official church documents governing the celebration of Roman Catholic Liturgy includes the U.S. Bishop’s document “Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities,” which is preceded by an overview written by Mary Therese Harrington, a staff member of Special Religious Development (SPRED) of the Archdiocese of Chicago. $15, Liturgy Training Publications.


How to Start a Rejoicing Spirits Ministry – An inclusive, meaningful and ecumenical worship service and fellowship environment delivers God’s message of love to individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, caregivers and other supportive community members. The guide book provides practical information to equip and empower churches, of all faiths, to reach out to individuals with developmental disabilities and encourage them to become part of a faith community. For more information or to order a guide book and DVD showing highlights of a service ($35 suggested donation), contact Rejoicing Spirits at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 104 S. Village Avenue, Exton, Pennsylvania 19341, 610-363-6462, info@rejoicingspirits.org, www.rejoicingspirits.org.


A Place for Me in God’s Family. A new devotional book for “high functioning adults with mental retardation.” Told from the point of view of Travis, a 26-year-old man who is mentally impaired. Devotional begins with comments about his life, then a scripture passage, and reflections. 21 devotionals. $1.99 each. International Bible Society. P.O. Box 35700, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. (800) 524-2588. Website: http://www.ibsdirect.com.

Light For All: Worship Resources for Including people with Mental Illness and Disabilities. A collection of worship materials in booklet form (40 pages) that can help congregations become more welcoming of people with disabilities. Includes: Calls to Worship, Litanies, Reader’s Theatre, Drama, Sermons, etc. $9.00 in the US Mennonite Mutual Aid. In Canada, Mennonite Central Committee.

• How to be a Perfect Stranger, 2nd Ed. A Guide to Etiquette in Other People’s Religious Ceremonies—in Two Volumes. A straightforward guide to the rituals and celebrations of the major religions and denominations in North America from the perspective of an interested guest of any other faith. $19.95 each, SkyLight Paths Publishing. Sunset Farm Offices, Route 4, P.O. Box 237, Woodstock, Vermont 05091.

• From Barriers to Bridges: A Community Action Guide to Assist Congregations in Welcoming People with Disabilities. Companion booklet to That All May Worship. Most of focus is on organizing conferences and other action events, but it also has a collection of prayers, litanies, and other resources useful for worship services. $10. National Organization on Disability.

• “Toward Inclusive Worshipping Communities.” Pamphlet from the Disability Awareness Commission, Archdiocese of Portland. $1.25.

• Liturgies related to accessibility and inclusive ministries are available from many faith group resource offices (See Section XV). SEMAR produces annual resources for Access Sabbath/Sunday. The Arc (National Office) also produces an annual bulletin cover and other materials for Mental Retardation Sabbath/Sunday. The National Council of Churches Committee on Disabilities has a collection of worship and liturgy resources from Protestant and Catholic sources. The Committee on Disability Concerns, Christian Reformed Church, and many other faith resource offices have packets of worship materials. The Bureau of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles has a “Special Needs Awareness Day” booklet.

• “Sharing our Gifts.” Sermon ideas pamphlet for worship services oriented to disability awareness. Mennonite Mutual Aid. "Celebrating Differences" is a similar pamphlet with worship awareness resources. We Are the Church Together is a similar packet which they publish ($1.25).


• In Heaven There Are No Thunderstorms: Celebrating the Liturgy with Developmentally Disabled People. Gijs Okuijsen and Cees van Opzeeland. 88 pp. The Liturgical Press.


• "Church Membership For Persons Who Are Mentally Retarded" Pamphlet guide. Cokesbury.

• The Children's Defense Fund has a book Welcome the Child: A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches which includes some excellent sections on worship and liturgical awareness, and a separate resource, a "Children's Sabbath Flier." With the 1999 Edition of the Children’s Sabbath Manual, you can also order a video which shows some of the ideas in use.
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- **Gulbransen Portable Digital Hymnal.** Digital Hymnal provides musical accompaniment for thousands of songs. For sample CD demo, email temoulin@digitalhymnal.net or call (814) 227-8090. For more information, go to www.digitalhymnal.net.


**FOCUSED ON SACRAMENTS:**

- **My Confirmation Book, Volumes 1 and 2.** Published by Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, this resource is designed to be used in helping persons with disabilities prepare for confirmation in the Lutheran church. Volume 1 covers the Ten Commandments, the Bible, God, and the Apostles’ Creed, while Volume 2 covers Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord’s Prayer, and Confirmation day. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog, or call 1.800.369.4636.


- **What Christians Believe: Confirmation Studies for Persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities,** by George C. Anderson. This is a nondenominational lesson series in which the author explains how to teach the basic tenets of the Christian faith in a clear, meaningful way. The lessons use a variety of hands-on activities for students to learn about faith in preparation for confirmation. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/resources/resources-pdc.htm or call (800) 524-2612.

- **Sacramental Preparation Booklets on Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation, and Reconciliation.** Teaching Strategies and Individualizing Lesson Plans for Catholic Religious Education. Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities. 4 booklets. $5 each plus $1 S/H. 1996.

- **Awakening Spiritual Dimensions.** A First Eucharist Preparation Program. 20 planned lessons with prayer, symbol, ritual, and community building. $18 includes S/H. Fr. Bill Gillum, St. Cecilia Parish, 303 Jackson St., Rochester, PA 15074.


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• "Communion of the Mentally Impaired," in "Tips for Congregations Working with Disabled Persons." from AAIDD Religion Division and ELCA.


• Pastoral Ministry with Disabled Persons. Walter Kern. A number of chapters deal with sacramental issues. Alba House.


• A Place for All: Mental Retardation, Catechesis, and Liturgy. Mary Therese Harrington, 48 pp., The Liturgical Press.

• "The Lord's Prayer” in motions. A physically expressive way of saying and moving through the Lord's Prayer. AAIDD Religion Division.

• Sign, See, and Pray. Beginning basic prayer through use of sign language, picture, word, and symbol. Martin Luther Home Society.


MULTISENSORY WORSHIP:

• Living Liturgy: Clip Images for Sundays and Solemnities. Barbara Knutson, Illustrator. Liturgical Press. www.litpress.org. This is a CD Rom with a variety of designs that can be used for programs, announcements, and religious education/worship programs where visuals are important.


• “Multisensory Worship Ideas for Working With People with Disabling Conditions.” A collection of new and old ideas for appealing to all the senses in worship. Developed by Margot Hausman. Available from The Boggs Center, NJ.

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME:


- "Welcoming People with Disabilities: Do's and Don'ts for Parish Ministers" from National Pastoral Life Center. 16 panel brochure with illustrations. $1 each. Bulk prices from $.80 to $.50 depending on quantity.


- "How About Hello?" Worship bulletin insert about what to say when you meet a person with handicapping conditions. Mennonite Mutual Aid.


VIDEOS:

- Believing, Belonging, Becoming. Stories of Faith Inclusion. A new 12 minute video by the DD Council of Wisconsin, focusing on four stories of congregational inclusion, with a short resource booklet and guide to accompany the video. An excellent resource for congregations. Available on DVD and video for $10 from the Boggs Center. To order, please contact the Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300, or at http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggcenter. This would be a great video for an agency to own to lend to area congregations.


- Bridges to Faith. Ten minute video about the Bridges to Faith service which recruits faith companions to assist adults with developmental disabilities to attend community congregations. Bridges to Faith/DMR, 750 County Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740, Phone: (508) 999-5007; Email: colleen.perkins@dmr.state.ma.us.
• **Surprising Grace.** 10 min. video about congregational life and people with disabilities, with a number in leadership roles. PHEWA. Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association. $10.

• **Same Spirit...Different Gifts.** 10 minute video done by AIM Ministries on including people with developmental disabilities in Christian worship services and congregational services. Three different congregations. $10 from AIM.

• **Toward a Spirituality of Inclusion.** Presentation by Don Saliers at 1996 Conference on "Human Disability and the Service of God" at Candler Theological Seminary. $10 check to "Emory University" must accompany order to CST Media, Bishop's Hall 310, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

• **Community Church Integration.** Videotape about program that involves residents of an institution in Pennsylvania in surrounding community congregations. A related tape focuses specifically on involvement in the black church community. Send blank video cassette to Chaplaincy Service, Selinsgrove Center, Box 500, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

• **Blessed Be.** 8 minute film depicting the Beatitudes as lived out in the lives of some young people with developmental disabilities. For call to worship, Bible reading, etc. in worship service. Paulist Productions. Purchase: $125. Rental: $18.00. Can be previewed from AAIDD Religion Division.

• **A Guide to the Shabbat Morning Service.** With Open Captioning and Audio Descriptions. Way to familiarize people with all aspects of the Torah Service. Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. $27.95 plus $3.00 S/H.

• **Disability Etiquette--How to Relate to People with Disabilities.** 30 minute video of presentation describing appropriate interactions with people who are blind, mobility impaired, deaf, speech impaired, or have mental retardation. Simple, straightforward "how-to." $30 plus $4 shipping. Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities.

• **Step by Step.** Video on ways that congregations can fully include people with developmental disabilities. Includes Leader Study Guide and Participant Sheets. Martin Luther Home Society Resource Center.

**FOR PLANNING RETREATS WITH PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

• **A Day of Friendship and Prayer.** Ann VonderMeulen. $3 from Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio. 45202.

• **Retreat and Renewal Experiences.** Sr. Julie Marsh, $8. Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.

• **Themes for Week-end Retreats for Mentally Impaired Adults.** Practical guide for seven different retreats. 91 pp. $7.50 Check to Archdiocese Office for Persons with Disabilities, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48226.
• **Together Successfully: Creating Recreational and Educational Programs That Integrate People With and Without Disabilities**, John Rynders Ph.D. and Stuart Schleien, Ph.D. Produced in cooperation with 4-H. Published by Arc of the United States, 1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 650, Silver Spring, MD 20910. 112 page manual.

**DEVOTIONAL AIDS:**

• **A Guide to Family Devotions, Volume 1 and Volume 2**. This devotional guide from the Christian Reformed Church of North America includes devotionals for Disability Emphasis Week written by special education teacher Barbara Newman. For more information or to download devotionals, please visit [http://www.crcna.org/pages/disability_worship.cfm](http://www.crcna.org/pages/disability_worship.cfm).

• **Mosaic Moments: Devotionals for the Chronically Ill**, by Lisa Copen. Created for persons living with chronic illness, this book is a collection of devotionals written by people who also live with chronic pain or illness. For more information or to order, please visit the website for Rest Ministries at [http://www.restministries.org/comfortzone/item1.htm](http://www.restministries.org/comfortzone/item1.htm).

• **HopeKeepers Magazine**. This magazine is designed to provide spiritual support to persons with chronic pain or illness. HopeKeepers® is a bi-monthly publication of Rest Ministries, Inc. P.O. Box 502928, San Diego, CA 92150. To subscribe, please visit [http://www.restministries.org/hk_mag/01_02_2004/about.htm](http://www.restministries.org/hk_mag/01_02_2004/about.htm).

• **Time With God**. A resource from Friendship Ministries, this 60-minute audiocassette includes meditations and music created especially for people with mental impairments. For more information or to order, please visit [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org).

• **Handbook for Worship: Christian Worship Experiences for Persons With Dementia**. This is a resource designed to help in the planning and developing of Christian worship experiences for residents with dementia living in long-term care facilities. $15. For more information or to order, please visit [www.faithaliveresources.org/disability](http://www.faithaliveresources.org/disability).

• **Walking with Jesus**. Daily Devotions for People with Special Learning Needs. and **Group Home Devotions**, Bethesda Lutheran Home and Services, Inc.

• The **Bible Alliance of Aurora Ministries** produces tape recordings of the Old and New Testaments on audiotape for people with visual impairments and other physical disabilities which prevent reading of regular printed material. All tapes are free. Contact them at P.O. Box 621, Bradenton, Florida. 34206. (941) 748-3031. FAX: (941) 748-2625.

• **Christian Record Services of the Seventh Day Adventists** has a similar ministry, with tapes, large print books and magazines, and more for people who are legally blind or whose physical impairments prevent them from holding a book. Contact them for a catalogue of their resources at 4444 South 52nd St., P.O. Box 6097, Lincoln, NE 68506-0097. (402) 488-0981. FAX: (402) 488-7582. Email: CRSnet@compuseerve.com.

• **Living God's Way**. Follow-up to Friendship Series, Years 1-3. Course offers practical guidance on living the Christian life for higher-functioning adults who have mental retardation. Topics include
spiritual growth, relationships, serving others, coping with death, caring for God's world, and others. Includes Teacher's Guide and Student Magazine. Same numbers as above.

- **A Place for Me in God’s Family.** Devotional book for “high functioning adults with mental retardation, from point of view of Todd, a 26 year old commenting on his life, a scripture passage, and its application. 21 devotionals. International Bible Society.

- **Reflections: On Line Devotional Series.** A resource with which to support the spiritual lives of people with disabilities living in the community. To view the devotions for the month or to sign up for a weekly newsletter with links to the following week’s devotions, please visit [http://blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/devotionsdaily](http://blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/devotionsdaily)

II. THE ARTS: MUSIC, DANCE, POETRY, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

- **VSA Artists Registry Online.** This is a computerized directory of 1,800 artists with disabilities working in the visual, performing, and literary arts. Includes contact information for a number of artists. To learn more and to connect with these artists, visit the website: [http://www.vsarts.org/prebuilt/artists/registry/artistlisting.cfm](http://www.vsarts.org/prebuilt/artists/registry/artistlisting.cfm).

- **Outsider: The Life of Judith Scott,** by Betsy Bayha. This 26-minute film takes us on an intimate journey into the life of an eccentric but talented and compelling individual who has Down syndrome, is deaf, and does not speak. She has flourished in the face of daunting odds and has created a name for herself as a gifted artist. Available on VHS ($199) or DVD ($229), this film can be ordered online at [www.fanlight.com](http://www.fanlight.com), by fax at (845) 774-2945, or by mail at Fanlight Productions Media Library, P.O. Box 1084, Harriman, NY 10926.

- **Autism: The Musical.** This documentary features The Miracle Project, a theatre and film arts program for children with special needs and their typically developing siblings and peers. To purchase the documentary, please visit the Docurama Films website at [http://www.docurama.com/productdetail.html?productid=NV-NNVG109471](http://www.docurama.com/productdetail.html?productid=NV-NNVG109471). A portion of the proceeds from the sale will benefit The Miracle Project. For more information on The Miracle Project, please visit their website at [www.themiracleproject.org](http://www.themiracleproject.org).

- **Palette and Pen.** Elizabeth Mosley and Tarja Ahokas. A book composed by a poet with MS and an artist with cancer, the poems and art illustrating one another. Approx. $15 U.S. Boolarong Press, 35 Hamilton Road, Moorooka, Brisbane, Queensland, 4105 Australia or order directly from Elizabeth Mosley at P.O. Box 10474, Adelaide St., Brisbane 4000, Queensland, Australia. Elizabeth Mosely’s email: ekmosely@one.net.au.

- **Body Talk: The New Video From Cheryl Marie Wade.** Award-Winning Video. $20-45. Sliding Scale. CM Wade, 1613 5th St., Berkeley, CA 94710.

- **Images From Within: Portraits of People Confronting Mental Illness.** Marc Hauser, text: Alisa Hauser. Renowned photographer Marc Hauser reveals the dignity and humanity of people working to overcome mental illness. This beautiful photo book is not just for the coffee table. Images From Within presents stories that inform as well as inspire. It includes Alisa Hauser’s thoughtful and revealing interviews with the people of Trinity Services, a community-based program in Lockport, Illinois. The reader is introduced to people who share the same feelings, hopes and dreams as all of us. $23.95, High Tide Press & Cherry Hill Bookstore, 2505 E. Washington St., Joliet, IL 60433. (708) 206-2054. [www.hightidepress.com](http://www.hightidepress.com).

- Many statewide agencies who serve people with disabilities are developing programs that highlight artistic creations by people with disabilities. Contact your state's Developmental Disabilities Council, Arc, or others. Think of doing a display in your congregation, or inviting artists to speak about their work.
Also contact Very Special Arts. A national organization which promotes art education and creative expression involving children and adults with disabilities through an extensive state and international network. Each year, more than 2 million people participate in Very Special Arts programs in all 50 states and more than 85 countries. 1300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. (202) 628-2800. (800) 933-8721. TDD: (202) 737-0645.

The National Arts and Disability Center. (NADC) UCLA UAP, 300 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 3330, Los Angeles, CA 90095-6967. (310) 794-1141. FAX: (310) 794-1143. Internet Address: http://www.dcp.ucla.edu/nadc/. Information, training, and resource center on arts programs, arts and disability related organizations, and resource library. Resource packets on a variety of arts related strategies and programs are available.


The books by Brett Webb Mitchell focus on use of arts in inclusive worship and religious education, including:

The Eyes of Raymond Hu. Brush paintings of animals by Raymond Hu, artist with Downs Syndrome. $25. Mariah Management. Program Development Associates also has a video about him.


**MUSIC:**

Anthony Tusler has put together a comprehensive list of songs about disability or by disability activists or both. Check out www.aboutdisability.com/songs/index.html.

Peter Leidy has recently released a third “Human Serviceland” CD entitled The Great Escape. It can be purchased at Leidy’s website: http://peterleidy.com/cd-mp3.html.

I LIKE ME! Growing Songs for Healthy Children. This is a CD of prevention music for all children and includes songs about self-esteem, feelings, touches, telling, secrets, diversity, respect, and more. Includes 10 songs, 10 karaoke tracks, and activities. Produced by the Blue Tower Training Center, this CD can be purchased at the center’s online store. For more information or to order, please visit http://bluetowertraining.com/online-store.

Two CDs available from Mouth Magazine, by Peter Leidy. Greetings from Human Serviceland, and More Songs for People Like You and Me. Wonderful, funny, poignant songs, often with new words to
familiar tunes, coming out of Peter’s work at Options for Community Living, an organization working with people with developmental disabilities in Madison, Wisconsin. Great for use at training events with support staff. Each CD is $12. Order from Mouth Magazine, P.O. Box 558, Topeka, KS 66601-0558 and while you are at it, subscribe to Mouth if you do not. You may not always agree with them, but their voice is one to be heard. Website: www.mouthmag.com.

- Our Record. Children's record with a number of songs related to expanding awareness of children with disabilities. Tom Hunter is the singer. Titles include "You're Not So Different Than Me," and "Seeing with My Ears." From The Song Growing Company, 1225 E. Sunset Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. (206) 738-0340. Other new tapes include one for teachers, Bits and Pieces, and for children who have come from troubled or abused backgrounds, When You Need A Song. Another new tape, Connections (1994) was produced in cooperation with the BEACH Center, and focuses on families with children with disabilities. Some of Tom’s songs are now on I Tunes. www.songgrowingcompany.com.


- Chris Curry, of C & C Productions, 103 S. Polk, Moscow, Idaho 83843 has produced several tapes and CD’s from her work with children with special needs and their families. Titles include “Look at Me”, “Challenged”, “Family and Friends”. Write for price listing.

- Respect: Songs of the Self Advocacy Movement. Karl Williams with SABE. One song: “Jesus is a Member of My Circle of Support”. $15 CD, $10/cassette. From SABE, c/o Jean Bowen, P.O. Box 105 CI, New Fairfield, CT 06812.

- Other self advocacy movement songs by Chester Finn and Steve Holmes from New York are at http://www.sanys.org/songs/songlist.htm.

- Tear Down the Walls. CD. Johnny Crescendo. Disability rights songs. $15. ADAPT of Texas. 1339 Lamar Square Drive, #101, Austin, Texas 78704 or try 3rpeople.org@tinyonline.co.uk or alanholdsworth@blueyonder.co.uk.

- It Took A Miracle. CD of the Miracles, choir of people with developmental disabilities. Mariah Management. $20.


- Face to Faces. Special needs songbook. David Morstad. Bethesda Lutheran Home and Services, Inc.

- Song Times for Special Ones. Cardinal Stritch College. $11.
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- **Make a Joyful Noise.** 40 sacred songs. *All God's People Love to Sing.* 26 sacred songs. Both available from the composer, Joe Pinson, Box 491, Denton, Texas 76202. Joe is music therapist with extensive experience in working with people with developmental disabilities.

- **Lollipops and Love Songs.** Traditional and original sing-a-long songs. Chris, Joe, and John. Tape and color-activity book. Featuring Chris Burke, star of "Life Goes On". $12 plus $2.95 S/H from CJJ Enterprises, P.O. Box 9854, Coral Springs, Florida 33075.

- Many of the children's and adult's songs by folk singer John McCutcheon are excellent for use with inclusive celebrations and settings with people with disabilities, including "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir" on the CD "Howjadoo" and "Step By Step" on CD "Water From Another Time." For a list of his recordings, and concert dates, write Appalseed Productions, 1025 Locust Ave., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR BELL CHOIRS:

- All three from AGEHR (American Guild of English Handbell Ringers), 1055 E. Centerville Station Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459. 1-800-878-5459.
  - **We Can All Ring.** (Using Kodaly Hand signals with special handbell choirs) Aaron Champagne.
  - **Adaptive Notation for Handbells.** Letha McGrew.
  - **Focus on Participation (Alternate Methods for Handbell Choirs).** by Joe Pinson.

DRAMA:

- **From Choir to Rap.** Two dramatic interpretations of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities. One is a play, the other a rap. Both are adaptable to other Christian denominations, useable for worship, awareness programs, etc. From National Catholic Office on Persons with Disabilities. Also see Catalogue from Resource Publications for good drama resources.


- A set of guides on drama in the church, suitable to many learning styles, each $5.50 or the set for $21.95 by the Trembley's, authors of *Emmaus Eyes* (see Section I): Readers Theatre; Bible Study Role Play; Holidays in the Church; A Religious Arts Festival, and Theatre Came.

MOVEMENT AND DANCE:


- **Joy Dancing.** By Doris Clark. Series of lessons to learn upper-torso liturgical dance, with focus on three curriculums: The Lord’s Prayer, The 23rd Psalm, and The Apostles Creed. $30 from
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Frog Pond Enterprises, 1653 Frog Pond Road, Sherman, Texas 75092. Email Doris at fpent@wildblue.net.

- **Dance Ministry to Special Persons.** Worship Alive Series. Liturgical Interpretation for Worship, WO91L. Booklet. $1.00. Rosalie Bent Branigan describes ways to lead persons with mental and physical handicaps in dance ministries. Discipleship Resources.

- **Revel in the Light.** 12 minute video and DVD about Rebecca Beayni and her spirit that “bursts in and through the seams of a physical disability,” and her skills in creative dancing. $25 US through The Ubuntu Initiative, 23 Beverly Glen Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1W 1V7

- **Meditation in Motion.** Cassette tape by Roberta Grim, from collection By Love Are We All Bound. K+R Music, Trumansburg, N.Y. 14486. Collection of songs with movement suggestions.

- **The Lord's Prayer In Motions.** A physically expressive way of saying and moving through the Lord's prayer. AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Division.

- **The Lord’s Prayer in Sign.** Martin Luther Home Society.

- **Dancing Christmas Carols, Banners Without Words, Banners and Such,** are a number of useful liturgical arts books from Resource Publications. Write for a catalogue. They publish Modern Liturgy Magazine.

- **The Amici Dance** is a video about an integrated dance theater which includes people with mental and physical disabilities working as equals with professional partners. Franciscan Communications. Rental from AAIDD Religion Division, $10.

POETRY:


- **Portraits.** Lize Stilma. Book of poem-pictures about people with developmental disabilities. Excellent resource for sermons, meditations, study groups. Mosaic Press. (Also available from The Boggs Center, limited copies, @$10)

- **In A Struggling Voice: The Selected Poems of Robert Williams.** Poignant poems by current Executive Director of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. UCPA Materials Mailing Center. $5.

- **A Singular Dancer.** Murielle Minard. Award winning book for poetry by author dealing with post-polio syndrome. $5 from author, 57 Freemont Lane, Coram, New York 11727.
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- Our Journeys Through Life and Words to Inspire You. Two volumes of poetry by Stephen Mickey, poet with post polio. Also has cards, bookmarks, large print cards. For a catalogue: Poetic Expressions, P.O. Box 172, 224 West Main St., Nazianz, WI 54232.

PHOTOGRAPHS:


- To Live with Grace and Dignity. Lydia Gans. Captures relationships between people with severe disabilities and those who help them to live independently. From LRP Publications. $34.50 + $3.50 S/H.


POSTERS, PRINTS, AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONAL AWARENESS PROJECTS:

The following resources are excellent for displays, congregational bulletin boards, etc.

- “The Band-Aid.” This is an oil painting by Sister Mary Grace Thule, O.P., who created this beautiful painting after reading Kathleen Boldoc’s His Name is Joel: Searching for God in a Son’s Disability. Prints of this painting can be obtained from the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministries. For more information or to order, please visit www.nafim.org/BandAid.pdf.

- The Nth Degree produces a number of T-Shirts, sweatshirts and other items with a variety of funny, sarcastic, caustic, and poignant sayings related to attitudes towards disabilities. The Nth Degree, 21325 Bradner Road, Luckey, Ohio 43445. (419) 837-5982. See their website. www.nthdegree.com

- A number of good posters related to disabilities are available from Human Policy Press, e.g., "Label jars, not people," "Don't think that we don't think," etc. Good for congregational bulletin boards.

- "Beatitudes for Special People." Individual sentences from these beatitudes using eight Martha Perske drawings to illustrate the “Beatitudes for Special People." The posters are excellent for a congregational bulletin board, or other awareness education activities. The phrasing of each beatitude teaches preferred ways of relating to people with special needs. $2 a set, plus .75 postage. From Archdiocese of Portland Office of Persons with Disabilities. Also available in Spanish.
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- National Easter Seal Society has posters, postcards, audio and video cassettes that are excellent for awareness activities. Write or call for a catalogue: 230 West Monroe St., Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois 60606-4802. (312) 726-6200.

- Creating a New Vision of the World: Winning Resources to Promote Positive Attitudes Toward People with Disabilities. Ohio Public Images, P.O. Box 90126, Dayton, Ohio 45490. Kits for Disability Awareness programs, posters, T-shirts, mugs, key rings, etc.

- Prints by Martha Perske, 16" x 20", on 80 lb. paper, suitable for framing, using for displays, gifts, and for public relations materials. Set of ten prints is $275.00 plus $15 handling. Available from Perske Prints.

- Mouth Magazine publishes "The Whole CRIP Catalogue" with a number of excellent and provocative posters, videos, and other visual aids, including the poster: “The Differences Are Obvious.” P.O. Box 558, Topeka, KS 66601.

- Poster "None of us is the same on the outside, all of us are the same on the inside" from the National Down Syndrome Society. Call 1-800-221-4602.

- The Arc, US, produces Mental Retardation Sabbath/Sunday slicks for reprinting as worship bulletin covers. Single copies free. Send stamped, self-addressed 9x12 envelope. $19 per 100.

HUMOR AND COMEDY:

- The Church of 80% Sincerity, by David Roche. In this book, the author tells his story of life with facial disfigurement and his journey from shame to self-acceptance. Published by the Penguin Group (USA) Inc. For more information or to order, please visit http://us.pengu ingroup.com/nf/Book/BookDisplay/0,,9781429577779,00.html

- See the Nth Degree Catalogue listed just above and their website.www.nthdegree.com

- Two excellent videos for use in congregations use humor to help build understanding and relationships. They are The Ten Commandments for Communicating with Persons with Disabilities and Look Who’s Laughing. Program Development Associates. See Audio Visual section for details.

- Able to Laugh. Six professional comics interpret the world of disability, the awkward ways that people with and without disability relate to each other, and ways that humor can remove barriers of fear and misunderstanding. Fanlight Productions. 27 min. video.

- The Dis-‘ability’ Joke Books, I, II, and III. Frank Warner. Cartoons and reflections by a humorist, husband, and grandfather who has muscular dystrophy. $7.95 each. 5910 77th St., East, Palmetto, Florida 34221. Email: ability1@gte.net.

- The Church of 80% Sincerity, by David Roche. In this book, the author tells his story of life with facial disfigurement and his journey from shame to self-acceptance. Both funny and profound.
“Disability Humor: Moving Beyond ‘That’s Not Funny.’” Article by Mara Sapon-Shevin and Robin Smith in March, 1999 TASH Newsletter. They are collecting jokes and cartoons involving disability, and can be reached at 150 Huntington Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-2340. Or email: msaponsh@mailbox.syr.edu.
III. ARCHITECTURAL AND ATTITUDINAL ACCESSIBILITY


- Presbyterians for Disability Concerns, a mission network within the Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA), has developed an excellent packet for Access Sundays. This resource can be downloaded from their website: [www.pcusa.org/phewa/pdc](http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/pdc).

- **Getting it Right: Etiquette Tips.** This training program is designed to teach staff in any organization how to interact and relate to people with disabilities. Produced by Program Development Associates. For more information or to order, please call (800) 543-2119 or visit [www.disabilitytraining.com/gird.html](http://www.disabilitytraining.com/gird.html).

- [Enhanced DVD versions of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors](http://www.inclusioninworship.org/). Released by Pathways Awareness Foundation, this DVD set is appropriate for all denominations and is available in English, Spanish, Polish, captioned, and descriptive versions. This program features Joseph Cardinal Bernardin teaching about practical ways to include worshippers of all abilities, plus the full video of The Vulnerable Journey with Father Henri Nouwen sharing his personal journey of faith and experience of persons with disability. For more information or to order, please visit the Pathways Awareness Foundation’s website at [http://www.inclusioninworship.org/](http://www.inclusioninworship.org/), or call 1-800-955-2445.

- **Work in Progress: Architectural Handbook.** This handbook outlines the basic principles, guidelines, and procedures for a congregation to follow as it contemplates a building project. Included in this handbook is information about handicapped access and architectural barriers. For more information or to order, please visit [www.faithaliveresources.org/disability](http://www.faithaliveresources.org/disability).

- **Opening Doors to All God’s People.** A 50-page disability resource guide and companion brochure containing a disabilities checklist and litany. This resource provides guidelines for helping people with disabilities and is designed to assist local church leaders. For more information or to order this free resource, please visit [www.crdisabilityconcerns.org](http://www.crdisabilityconcerns.org).

- **Opening Doors to Welcome and Justice to Parishioners with Disabilities: A Parish Resource Guide.** This resource from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability is designed to help congregations evaluate and improve its hospitality toward persons with disabilities. Cost: $7.95. For more information or to order, please visit [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org).

- **Welcoming Parishioners with Disabilities.** This brochure is designed to help parishioners make their parish more welcoming and inclusive for people with disabilities. The brochure is sold in multiples of 50. Cost for 50 brochures: $10. For more information or to order, please visit [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org).

- The Reformed Church in America (RCA) has developed two brochures entitled, “Accessibility Self Assessment: How Accessible is Our Church,” and “Including Children with Disabilities in Your Spiritual Community.” These brochures are designed for use in congregations. They are available from Jeff Japinga, RCA minister for education and faith development, at jjapinga@rca.org. Phone: 800-968-3943.
Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. has developed a new 80-page resource manual to assist congregations in planning the development of disability ministries. It includes chapters on developing a vision, recruiting leadership and volunteers, community evangelism/marketing, teacher training, and a “toolbox” of assessments, evaluations, and other helpful items. Please see [http://blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog](http://blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog) for more information or to order.

The [Community Connections Communicator](http://blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog), the newsletter of the University of Maryland’s Community Connections project, offers helpful tip sheets, articles, and other resources to foster the participation of children with special needs in community settings—including congregations. Titles of past articles have included “Ten Ramps (Steps) to Accessibility for Spiritual Communities” and “General Tips for Spiritual Leaders.” For more information on the newsletter and the Community Connections project, please visit [www.communityconnections.umd.edu](http://www.communityconnections.umd.edu).

Accessible Congregations Campaign. Resources, ideas, and certificate for your congregation to be one of the 2000+ congregations committed to fully accessible and inclusive congregations. Contact National Organization on Disability for packet of information or go to their web site: www.nod.org. This program has moved to the American Association of Persons with Disabilities. 1629 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20006. 202-457-0046 (V/TTY) 800-840-8844 (Toll Free V/TTY) 202-457-0473 (Fax) Email Ginny Thornburgh at GThornburgh@aapd.org.

That All May Worship: An Interfaith Handbook to Assist Congregations in Welcoming People With Disabilities. 56-page handbook produced by the Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability. An excellent way to get started in a congregation. $10 from NOD. A companion book is Loving Justice: The ADA and the Religious Community. Explores implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act for congregations and religious institutions and organizations. From NOD. Versions of this booklet have been customized for Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Episcopalians. Contact their Resource Offices, Section XV.

Money and Ideas. Creative Approaches to Congregational Access. A new booklet from the National Organization on Disability. 36 pp. Drawn from stories from congregations participating in the Accessible Congregations Campaign, this booklet describes creative initiatives and fundraising strategies used by 50 congregations to become more accessible to people with all types of disabilities. These congregations, though limited in funds, serve as models of inclusion and hospitality. $3.50 each. Also available from Alban Institute on their web site: [www.congregationalresources.org/MoneyAndIdeas.pdf](http://www.congregationalresources.org/MoneyAndIdeas.pdf)

Accessible Faith: a Technical Guide for Accessibility in Houses of Worship and Accessible Faith in Illinois. Retirement Research Foundation. The first is a 50-page national guide to help religious congregations navigate building-related code requirements for accessibility, identify design solutions for common physical, auditory, and visual barriers, and provide technical guidance on planning, financing, contracting and incorporating access into their houses of worship. The second provides an overview of the State of Illinois requirements and how they pertain to Illinois houses of worship. You may download both guides from The Retirement Research Foundation's website, [www.rrf.org](http://www.rrf.org), or purchase hard copies for a nominal fee from Partners for Sacred Places, [www.sacredplaces.org](http://www.sacredplaces.org).

Space for Physically Impaired Persons. Peter L. Norgren. This pamphlet provides congregations with actual codes, standards, and specifications to be considered when it is in the process of becoming structurally accessible to wheelchairs. Also provide accessibility hints for other types of disabilities and for deafness. Available on request from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Ministries for Persons with Disabilities, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631. (773)380-2692.

How Accessible is Our Worship Space? Pamphlet outlines the key issues a congregation should consider when planning to become structurally accessible. The pamphlet includes a church access checklist which can be easily used by any congregation. Available upon request from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Ministries for Persons with Disabilities, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631. (773)380-2692. e-mail: llundsga@elca.org; Website: [http://www.elca.org/dcs](http://www.elca.org/dcs).


A Barrier-Free Ministry: “Open Hearts and Open Doors.” A practical guide for making your church accessible including an accessibility checklist. Handi*Vangelism, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

Becoming an Accessible Congregation: A program to help your congregation become inclusive of people who have physical, emotional, or mental disabilities. This tool helps educate congregations about access, provides a means for congregational self-evaluation and ultimately assists congregations to remove barriers to participation in the faith community. The guidebook includes a sample congregational needs survey and checklists for evaluation of Attitude, Building, and Communication. Available April 2002 from Mennonite Mutual Aid ($22.50 approximately).


See Packets Listed in the Section IV and resources from Easter Seal in Section II.
PLANNING ACCESSIBLE MEETINGS


- **ELCA Accessibility Guide: Planning an Accessible Meeting.** 2001. 8 pp. ELCA. This may also be downloaded from their web site.


- **Creation of the Barrier Free Interior.** Renovating or building? For individual with disability or facility design. Ramps, doorways, traffic patterns, stairways, home areas, offices, and more. $15 plus $2 s/h. Design Publishing. They also publish a variety of other resource listings on barrier free design and products that make homes and other buildings more accessible. Write or email for a catalogue.

VIDEOS:

- **The Spirit of Inclusion.** Video from Diocese of Milwaukee and Green Bay focusing on both attitudinal and architectural accessibility.

- **The Ramp of Hope.** See A/V Section. A short video on **how-not-to** approach an accessibility project in a community setting.

- **Surprising Grace: People, Disabilities, Churches.** 15-min. video showing people with variety of disabilities actively serving their churches, interviews on how people feel welcomed. Study Guide. $5.00 (Priced to move!), and while from a Presbyterian source, it is useful for many Christian congregations. PDC Video, PHEWA, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

VISION AIDS:

- **The Lighthouse Catalogue.** Lighthouse International. 111 East 59th St., 12th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10022. (800) 829-0500.
WEB SITES:

- UCC Disabilities Ministries has a new resource for congregational study, education and hopefully a decision for the church to declare itself an Accessible To All (A2A) church. It can be found at www.uccdm.org.

- Church Access to Persons with Disabilities: Catholic Theological Information and Practical Advice. This website has been created by Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services of Cleveland OH. It details the Church’s teachings on people with disabilities and offers practical suggestions for ways that congregations can integrate people with disabilities into the life and work of the church. This is an excellent resource for people with disabilities, parents, priests, teachers, and others. While it is focused on Catholic teachings, this website is very applicable and helpful to other Christian and non-Christian traditions. Please visit this website at www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com.

- DRM Webcatcher: a list of links to sites about planning accessible meetings. Website: http://www.disabilityresources.org/CONFERENCE-ACCESS.html.


NEED LOCAL HELP?

1. Contact a local Center for Independent Living. They are often available for help with audits, consultation, and knowing builders and architects who can help.
2. Some denominations and faith groups have grants or low interest loans for congregations to update inaccessible facilities. Check with yours.
3. Don't develop plans for enhancing accessibility without involving people with disabilities.
4. Some architects in parts of the country donate their services as a form of stewardship.
5. Enhancing accessibility often means assisting many people without visible disabilities, e.g. people with heart conditions, parents with strollers, and others. Remember that if "everyone is welcome," can they get in?
6. Historical building. Some states have trusts to help accessibility projects for buildings under historical protection.

"It is often easier for a person with a disability to get a beer at a bar than it is to enter a church to pray."
(Quote by John R. Dunne, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, during Bush Administration and the passage of the ADA).
IV. MISSION AND OUTREACH--INCLUSIVE MINISTRIES

- Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, and Congregations, by Erik W. Carter. This how-to book gives readers workable strategies and photocopyable forms for identifying “indicators of welcome,” encouraging community outreach, and gathering important information about the support needs of people with disabilities and their families. Published by Brookes Publishing. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.brookespublishing.com/store/books/carter-67434/index.htm.

- The G.L.U.E. (Giving, Loving, Understanding, Encouraging) Manual is now available. Written by Barbara Newman and Kimberley Luurtsema at CLC Network, this manual, with accompanying forms, surveys, etc details a process for use in congregations who are seeking to discover ways that people with disabilities and their families can be included as partners in ministry. A one-time purchase of $60 for the manual connects the church to all of the fully reproducible and electronically usable materials needed on the web. For more information or to order a manual, contact CLC Network at glue@clcnetwork.org or by visiting www.clcnetwork.org. This adds to other great resources written by Barb including, Autism and Your Church, and Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities.

- Living into the Body of Christ: Toward Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities, A resolution and study guide by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Study guide includes material for four adult education study sessions. Developed by Advisory Committee on Social Witnes Policy, and published by The Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

- Special Needs, Special Ministry, by J. Pierson, L. Tucker-Jones, and P. Verbal (2003). Loveland, CO: Group Publishing. This book is a practical, real-world guide to help you learn from the successes and failures of churches with special-needs programs, launch or further develop a special-needs ministry, and gain insight from experts in the field. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Special-Needs-Ministry-Group-Publishing/dp/0764425471/ref=cm_lmf_tit_3_rdsss0

- Let All The Children Come To Me: A Practical Guide For Including Children With Disabilities In Your Church Ministries, by M. Breeding, D. K. Hood, and J. Whitworth. Published by Cook Communications Ministries. This book blends theory and research with practical ideas and strategies for teaching children with special needs and places it in a spiritual and Christ-centered context. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Let-All-Children-Come-Disabilities/dp/0781444047/ref=pd_sim_b_img_3

- Autism and Faith: A Journy into Community, Mary Beth Walsh, Alice Walsh, and Bill Gaventa. 52 pp. interfaith booklet with strategies, stories, and theology related to including children and adults with autism and their families in congregations. $5 from The Boggs Center. http://rwjms2.umdni.edu/boggsceneter/

So You Want to Start a Chronic Illness/Pain Ministry, by Lisa Copen. This book is designed to equip congregations to engage in better outreach and ministry with people struggling with chronic pain or illness. For more information or to order, please visit the Rest Ministries website at http://www.restministries.org/comfortzone/item26.htm.

The Church of 80% Sincerity, by David Roche. In this book, the author tells his story of life with facial disfigurement and his journey from shame to self-acceptance. Published by the Penguin Group (USA) Inc. For more information or to order, please visit http://us.penguin.com/nf/Book/BookDisplay/0,,9781429577779,00.html.

A series of spiral bound manuals, 20-35 pp. long, by Joni and Friends includes:

So My House Will Be Full: A Guide to Including People with Disabilities in the Church
By Paul Dicken, Jane Young, and Sheena Baird

All Things Possible: Calling Your Church Leadership to Embrace Disability Ministry.
Stephanie Hubach.

Practical Pathways: Reaching and Training Volunteers for Ministry with Special Needs Children.
By Pat Verbal


Incurably Human, by Micheline Mason (2000). Simultaneously personal and philosophical, this book is both a celebration of and call for inclusive communities and schools. Micheline Mason shares some of her experiences growing up and living with a disability in London. Published by Inclusive Solutions, this book can be purchased online at http://www.inclusivesolutions.com/bookdetails.asp?ID=39.

Opening Doors to Welcome and Justice to Parishioners with Disabilities: A Parish Resource Guide. This resource from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability is designed to help congregations evaluate and improve its hospitality toward persons with disabilities. Cost: $7.95. For more information or to order, please visit www.usccb.org.

Welcoming Parishioners with Disabilities. This brochure is designed to help parishioners make their parish more welcoming and inclusive for people with disabilities. The brochure is sold in multiples of 50. Cost for 50 brochures: $10. For more information or to order, please visit www.usccb.org.

From Barriers to Bridges: A Community Action Guide for Congregations, by Ginny Thornburgh and Janet Rife. Drawing on the principles and practices of That All May Worship, this resource contains helpful information for congregations wishing to include persons with disabilities in all aspects of the congregation’s life together. Also includes suggestions for how to create and host a conference based on That All May Worship. For more information or to obtain an order form, please visit the website of the American Association of People with Disabilities, www.aapd.com.
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- **Breaking Barriers.** This is the newsletter produced by Disability Concerns, Christian Reformed Church in North America. The newsletter includes stories of people with disabilities, helpful information on ministry with people with disabilities, and encouragement to the Church to include ALL of its members in its life and ministry. For more information or to access the newsletter, please visit [www.credisabilityconcerns.org](http://www.credisabilityconcerns.org).

- **Disability is Natural.** This is a website sponsored by BraveHeart Press and dedicated to encouraging new ways of thinking about disability. Learn about people first language, subscribe to their newsletter, and explore the books and other items available in their online store. [www.disabilityisnatural.com](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com).

- **Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Family Supports.** This is the policy brief from the National Center on Cultural Competence, and can be accessed at [http://www11.georgetown.edu/research/gucchd/nccc/documents/FamilySupports.pdf](http://www11.georgetown.edu/research/gucchd/nccc/documents/FamilySupports.pdf).

- **Disability Awareness: Do It Right!** Edited by Mary Johnson. Includes background articles, planning lists, activities, and discussion guides. Published by Advocado Press and the Ragged Edge Online Community. 128 pp. $19.95. Please see [www.advocadopress.org](http://www.advocadopress.org) to order.

- **Strange Land: People with Dementia and the Local Church.** Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith. Published by 4M Publications, 34 Cumberland St., Edinburgh EH3 6SA. Website: [http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dementia](http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dementia).

- **Strong at the Broken Places: Persons with Disabilities and the Church,** by Stewart Govig (1989). Govig, himself disabled, provides a practical resource that enables congregational communities to achieve a balance of realism and hope in responding to the needs of all of its members. For more information or to order, go to www.amazon.com.


- **Confidence and Capacity.** Parish Communities Knowing and Supporting People with Disability. From Archdiocese of Brisbane in Australia. $28.00. Brisbane Catholic Education, GPO Box 1201, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 4001. email jwalker@bne.catholic.edu.

- **How to Start a Rejoicing Sports Ministry.** Information on reaching out to individuals with developmental disabilities and encourage them to become part of a faith community. Rejoicing Spirits at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 104 S. Village Avenue, Exton, PA 19341. (610) 363-6462, info@rejoicingspirits.org, [www.rejoicingspirits.org](http://www.rejoicingspirits.org). $20.

- **How People with Developmental Disabilities Can Access the Faith Community of Their Choice.** Authors: Terry Fitzgerald Sieck, Rev. Rebecca Hartvigsen. A resource book and guide to help agencies and congregations bridge the gap, from both directions. The development of this book was assisted by a grant from the San Diego Regional Center and the California Department of Developmental Services. Copies may be ordered from Carol Fitzgibbons, Executive Director, Home of the Guiding Hands, 10025 Los Ranchitos Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. Phone: 619-448-3700.
• **Inclusion Awareness Workbook.** The Pathways Awareness Foundation in Chicago has worked with the Archdiocese of Chicago in the past several years to sponsor an annual Inclusion Awareness Day. They produce a booklet with resources for use by congregations. Information can be obtained from their website, [www.pathwaysawareness.org](http://www.pathwaysawareness.org), or by calling 1-800-955-2445.

• **Accessible Congregations Campaign.** Resources, ideas, and certificate for your congregation to be one of the 2000+ congregations committed to fully accessible and inclusive congregations. Contact AAPD at [www.aapd.com](http://www.aapd.com). Books that they have include *That All May Worship: An Interfaith Handbook to Assist Congregations in Welcoming People with Disabilities* and *From Barriers to Bridges: A Community Action Guide for Congregations and People with Disabilities*, two short guides from the National Organization on Disability with photographs and illustrations, variety of resources and suggestions.

• **Impact Newsletter.** Feature Issue on Faith Communities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Winter, 2001/02. 36 pp. newsletter with a variety of articles from Christian, Jewish, and other perspectives. Resources, ideas, ministry models, and more. First copy free, others @$4. Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota. 612-624-4512. Also on their website: [http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html](http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html).

• **The Body of Christ: A Place of Welcome for People with Disabilities.** Fr. John Chryssavgis. This booklet is an excellent, clear, and helpful guide to a difficult topic facing many people in families and parishes everywhere. A resource from a theologian and parent in the Greek Orthodox tradition. 16 pp. $1.95. Discounts on bulk orders. Light and Life Publishing Company.


• **With Open Hands: The Project Homecoming Guidebook for Faith Communities.** Extending Hospitality and Receiving the Gifts of People Leaving Northern Wisconsin Center. Mary Clare Carlson. A booklet by People First Wisconsin, to assist and support congregations as they support people moving into communities from developmental centers. 22 pp. Email: projecthomecoming@juno.com or call Mary Clare Carlson at 1-888-270-5352.

• **Interpreting Disability: A Church Of and For All.** Arne Fritzon and Sam Kabue, World Council of Churches Publications. Geneva, 2004. The Interim Statement from the WCC.

• **Brain Injury: When the Call Comes.** A Congregational Resource. Ed. Bill Gaventa and Wendy Berk. 28 pp. booklet produced in collaboration between The Boggs Center, the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, and New Brunswick Theological Seminary. $5. The Boggs Center. Also available in PDF, download format at The Boggs Center website: [http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscen](http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscen/)

• **Ministries with Persons with Disabilities.** This brochure contains stories of congregations which have been inviting to and inclusive of persons with disabilities. It also contains facts on disabilities and suggests to congregations that want to be inclusive of persons with disabilities. Available upon request from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Ministries for Persons with Disabilities, 8765 West
Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631. (773)380-2692. e-mail llundsga@elca.org; Website: http://www.elca.org/dcs.

• A Place Called Acceptance. Ministry with Families of Children with Disabilities. Kathleen Deyer Bolduc. Author of His Name is Joel: Searching for God in a Son’s Disability, Bolduc challenges congregations to reach out to families of children living with physical, mental, or behavioral disabilities. Contact the author for information on ordering: kbolduc@cinci.rr.com


• Faith Communities and Inclusion of People with Developmental Disabilities. 1998 Mair Hall, and Phillip Lambert. 77 pp. $4.25. Center on Human Policy.


- **Dancing with Disabilities: Opening the Church to All God's Children** by Brett Webb Mitchell. United Church Press. 1996. Imagining what the church could be if those who are “disabled” and those who are “able-bodied” understand themselves as equal partners in the faith community. $15.95.


- **A Mutual Ministry: Theological Reflections and Resources on Ministry with People with Mental Retardation and Other Disabilities** by Dennis Schurter, 1320 Greenbriar St., Denton TX 76201-1788 Email: dennissandy@juno.com


- **We Don't Have Any Here: Planning for Ministries with People with Disabilities in Our Communities** by Winifred Anderson, Toby Gould, and James Paul. 52 pp. Published by Discipleship Resources. Copies available from AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Division. $5. Good planning guide for a congregational task force.


- **The Company of Strangers: Christians and the Renewal of America's Public Life** by Parker Palmer. Crossroads Publishing Company. An exploration of Biblical and modern understandings of hospitality to the stranger as a basis for formation of community. A videotape with a keynote address exploring some of these themes as they relate to persons with developmental disabilities is available from the AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Division. 57 min. $35.00 purchase. A similar tape featuring Parker Palmer and Nancy Lane Chafee at Dialogue 88 in Milwaukee is available from Veranda Communications, Louisville, for $50.


- **Circles of Friends** by Bob Perske. Abingdon Press. Both of these books feature illustrations by Martha Perske and are excellent resources for awareness and action.


• "When Disability Makes You Feel Left Out.” 8 page leaflet in CARENOTE Series from Abbey Press. #20631-8. Other pamphlets in their CARENOTE series include "Caring At Home For Someone Ill or Disabled" and many others related to issues of support through faith resources. Write for a catalogue.

• Supportive Care in the Congregation. Dean Preheim Bartel and A. Neufeldt. Describes care circles, a method for congregations to offer supportive care to families and persons who cope with disabilities, mental illness, chronic illness, or other needs. $4.00 from Anabaptist Disabilities Network. http://www.adnetonline.org/Resources.

• The Bishops' Pastoral on the Church and Persons with Handicapping Conditions. National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Celebrate and Challenge is companion booklet on the Tenth Anniversary of the Pastoral Statement.


• "The Caring Congregation." A short planning and action guide from the Committee on Disability Concerns, Christian Reformed Church.


• The Ministry to Persons with Disabilities. Sister Jane Krafft. 45 page booklet from The Liturgical Press.

• "Religion and Disability" Fall, 1993 Focus Issue of The Disability Rag/Resource magazine. From Advocado Press, P.O. Box 145, Louisville, KY 40201. Variety of articles, resources, perspectives. Their first focus issue on religious and spiritual issues. (Available from Religion and Spirituality Division, AAIDD, for $2.).

• "A Bill of Rights for Persons with Mental Retardation in Relation to Congregations.” Brochure from Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services.
**Brochures**


**More Dated, but Still Excellent:**


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BROCHURE ON PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN MISSION AND SERVICE:

- The Untapped Resource: Volunteers with Cognitive Disabilities. Looks at ways that people with cognitive disabilities can be effective volunteers in community service. From Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation.

Be sure to think of ways that people with developmental disabilities can be involved in the mission and outreach of the congregation...not just being the objects of it!

PACKETS FOR CONGREGATIONS BEGINNING MINISTRIES:

For synagogues, see resources under Jewish Resources. Most resource offices listed in Section XV have packets for congregations within their own faith groups. These are some of them:

- Friendship Program Guide. This is a resource for leaders who are beginning programs in congregations. Includes information on getting organized, choosing materials, defining volunteer roles, and more. For information or to order, please visit www.friendship.org.

- What Friendship Mentors Need to Know. This is a free downloadable resource guide for new and seasoned mentors in Friendship Programs. For more information or to download the guide, please visit www.friendship.org/support.

- Supportive Care in the Congregation. Describes care circles, a method for congregations to offer supportive care to families and persons who deal with disabilities, mental illness, chronic illness or other needs. $4.00 from Anabaptist Disabilities Network. http://www.adnetonline.org/Resources

- People with Disabilities and Our Church. (Resource notebook). Provides a variety of materials to educate the faith community about the experience of people who have disabilities. Activities for individuals and groups, worship resources, introduction to terminology, and other resources are included. $10.00. Mennonite Mutual Aid.

- Becoming an Accessible Congregation: A program to help your congregation become inclusive of people who have physical, emotional, or mental disabilities. This tool helps educate congregations about access, provides a means for congregational self-evaluation and ultimately assists congregations to remove barriers to participation in the faith community. The guidebook includes a sample congregational needs survey and checklists for evaluating Attitude, Building, and Communication. Available April 2002 from Mennonite Mutual Aid ($22.50 approximately).

- Reaching Individuals with Disabilities for Christ. A packet of information, surveys, etc. for beginning a disability ministry in the local church. Handi*Vangelism, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.


• Resource Materials for Your Ministry with Disabled Persons. ELCA.


• A Parish Awareness Packet. Fact Sheets, liturgy suggestions, language guidelines, bulletin inserts, prayers, and articles. National Catholic Partnership on Disability. $6.00.

• That All May Enter: Responding to People with Disability Concerns. Resource book by Presbyterian Church USA, Education and Congregational Nurture Unit.

• Disability Awareness Study Guide. JAF Ministries.

• Brochures from National Easter Seal Society that are excellent for awareness building programs: Disability Etiquette and Myths and Facts About People Who Have Disabilities: A Resource Guide for People Without Disabilities. National Easter Seal Society (312) 726-6200. Also a variety of posters for bulletin boards, etc.

• Packet of Materials to Assist Local Churches in Ministry with Persons with Handicapping Conditions. Fliers with information for ushers and greeters, guides for religious education, an "Accessibility Audit," and "Access Sunday" worship resources and sermon starters. $6.00 SEMAR.


• Study Packet Supporting Congregations in Ministries with Persons Who Have Disabilities. Available from National Ministries, American Baptist Churches in the USA, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. Variety of checklists, models of ministry, planning process, bibliography, sermon ideas.


• Handbook for Ministry with Persons with Mental Retardation. Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, KY. 40253-0433.

• Opening Doors to All God's People: A Disability Resource Guide. Committee on Disability Concerns, Christian Reformed Church. $4.
VIDEOS AND DVDs (SEE SECTION XV FOR MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION):

- **Believing, Belonging, Becoming: Stories of Faith Inclusion.** A new 12 minute video by the DD Council of Wisconsin, focusing on four stories of congregational inclusion, with a short resource booklet and guide to accompany the video. An excellent resource for congregations. Available on DVD and video for $10 from the Boggs Center. To order, please contact the Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300, or at [http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscen](http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscen). This would be a great video for an agency to own to lend to area congregations.

- **Bridges to Faith.** Video about a community ministry in Massachusetts featuring “faith companions” who facilitate participation by adults with developmental disabilities in congregational life. Excellent for training of congregations and agencies. $10. For more information or to order, please contact Rev. Denise Soares, coordinator, at [www.bridgestofaith.org](http://www.bridgestofaith.org), by email at [bridges_to_faith@bettercommunity.com](mailto:bridges_to_faith@bettercommunity.com), by phone at 508-999-4300, ext. 62, or by mail at Bridges to Faith, c/o InterChurch Council, 412 county Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

- **Praying with Lior.** I. Trachtman, I. (2007). United States: Ruby Pictures, Inc. This motion picture introduces Lior Liebling, also called "the little rebbe." Lior has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he’s also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." For more information, please visit [http://www.prayingwithlior.com](http://www.prayingwithlior.com). The DVD also has a ten minute documentary featuring a synagogue, a mosque, and a Rejoicing Spirits (Christian) congregation.

- **Body and Soul: Diana & Kathy.** This is a new documentary by Alice Elliott, director of the great video, The Collector on Bedford St., that chronicles the lives of two women, one with Down and one with cerebral palsy, who have been living together and supporting each other for 35 years. It is available through New Day films at [www.newday.com](http://www.newday.com) or 888-367-9154. For more information on Alice’s work, go to [www.welcomechange.org](http://www.welcomechange.org).

- **The Potato Video: A Look at Misguided Effort.** This popular 3-minute video looks at Misguided Efforts in working with people with disabilities and delivers a powerful message on how attitudes about "difference" drive interactions and services for people with disabilities. This video is perfect orientation and ongoing staff training for human service professionals, support staff, as well as residential and vocational service organizations and congregations. Available on VHS and DVD for $49.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [http://disabilitytraining.com/pvad.html](http://disabilitytraining.com/pvad.html) or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

- **The Eighth Day.** This is a film about a relationship between a young adult with Down Syndrome and a corporate salesman/trainer type whose personal life is in shambles. Their lives literally collide, and the movie is about friendship, grief, transformation, and much, much more. Made in Belgium. Subtitled. Available in VHS format from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

- **Surprising Grace.** Ten minute video from Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association. $10. Excellent beginning video.

• **Bridges to Faith.** Video about the “faith companion” program of Bridges to Faith in Massachusetts.


• **Ten Commandments of Communicating with Persons with Disabilities.** Program Development Associates. 25 min. The best introductory video on attitudes and simple yet profound ways of welcome and relationship.

• **The Collector of Bedford St.** Wonderful 28 minute video about Larry and his community on Bedford St. in New York City, and the way the community rallies to make sure he is included and supported to be part of the community. Excellent for thinking about issues of intelligence, community, and service to others. Alice Elliot, Director. Welcome Change Productions. 107 Bedford St., New York, N.Y. 10014. 212-924-7151. email: elliotgirl@aol.com.

• **The Widening Circle.** Ecu-Film.

• **Everyone Counts.** Anabaptist Disabilities Network.

• **Claiming the Promise.** Ecu-Film.

• **Our Invisible Neighbors.** Augsburg.

• **We Are One Flock.** National Catholic Partnership on Disability.

• **Spirit of Inclusion.** Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

• **I Belong Out There.** Program Development Associates.

• **Enhancing Religious Supports for People with Disabilities and Their Families.** Video of presentation by Ginny Thornburgh and interfaith panel. The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities.

• **Same Spirit...Different Gift.** Association for Interfaith Ministries. AIM.

• **To Whom Shall We Go?** Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod Board of Human Care.
MENTAL ILLNESS/PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY.

Many of the resources in this section also include ideas and resources related to persons with mental illness. Denominational resource offices also have good resources in that area (See Section XV). The most comprehensive listing of resources related to congregational supports for people with mental illness and their families are available from:

- Pathways to Promise, 5400 Arsenal St., St. Louis, MO 63133. (314) 644-8400. FAX: (314) 644-8834. Email: pathways@inlink.com; website: http://www.pathways2promise.org/.

- New website address for FaithNet NAMI. To reflect the close partnership between the FaithNet grassroots network and the NAMI national organization, this new website address has been established. The address is http://www.faithnet.nami.org/. This website continues to be one of the most frequently visited sections of the NAMI National website and gets approximately 150,000 “hits” per month.

- Also visit www.mentalhealthministries.net for a collection of resources on ministries with people with mental illness. They also have a free monthly enewsletter.
IV. A) RESOURCES IN COMMUNITY-BUILDING, RELATIONSHIPS, PERSON-CENTERED PLANNING, CAREGIVING, RESPITE CARE, AND RESIDENTIAL MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

Many of these materials in this section do not come from "religious" publishers or resource offices, but are part of a growing body of excellent resources on the topics in the title that can be of real help to individuals and congregations involved in ministries and bridge-building with persons with disabilities and congregations. There are also many newer resources from religious publishers related to the theme of hospitality to the stranger.

- One resource from the "service system" that is an excellent thematic exploration of current issues in services and supports with people with disabilities is the newsletter IMPACT. Quarterly publication exploring an issue from the perspective of researchers, people with disabilities, service providers, and others. Individual sample copies are free, as is the newsletter. $2 each for extra copies. From the Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota, College of Education, 102 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. They have a Feature Issue on Faith Communities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Winter, 2001/02. 36 pp. newsletter with a variety of articles from Christian, Jewish, and other perspectives. Resources, ideas, ministry models, and more. First copy free, others @$4. Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota. 612-624-4512. Also on their web site: http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html. There is also a focus issue of the Impact Newsletter on Social Inclusion Through Recreation for Persons with Disabilities. Vol. 16, No. 2, Summer, 2003. First copy free from 612-624-4512 or get it off the web at http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html

- Impact: Feature Issue on Disaster Preparedness and People with Disabilities. Produced by the Institute on Community Integration, this online publication seeks to address that need for greater inclusion of people with disabilities in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. To access this resource, visit http://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/201/default.html. In addition to the online publication, print copies of this resource are available by contacting the Publications Office at 612-624-4512 or icipub@umn.edu. The first print copy is free. To order additional copies at $4 each, please complete and mail in the order form at http://ici.umn.edu/products/order.html.

COMMUNITY BUILDING: FRIENDSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS, CIRCLES OF FRIENDS, HOSPITALITY

- Interdependence: The Route to Community, second edition, by Al Condeluci. For more information or to order, please visit the CRC Press website at www.crcpress.com.

- Enhanced DVD versions of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Released by Pathways Awareness Foundation, this DVD set is appropriate for all denominations and is available in English, Spanish, Polish, captioned, and descriptive versions. This program features Joseph Cardinal Bernardin teaching about practical ways to include worshippers of all abilities, plus the full video of The Vulnerable Journey with Father Henri Nouwen sharing his personal journey of faith and experience of persons with disability. For more information or to order, please visit the Pathways Awareness Foundation’s website at http://www.inclusioninworship.org/, or call 1-800-955-2445.
• When People Care Enough to Act, by Mike Green with Henry Moore and John O’Brien. This is a practical guide to putting Assed Base Community Development to work in your own community. $25 for the book, $15 for the ebook. For more information or to order, please visit www.inclusionpress.com.

• Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community, edited by Mary Beth Walsh, Alice F. Walsh, and Bill Gaventa. This is a 56 pp. booklet with interfaith perspectives and strategies, family stories, resources and more, meant to be a resource for congregations who are seeking to include children and adults with autism. Cost is $5 per copy. To order, please contact the Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300 or access the order form at http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggcenter.

• The Company of Others: Stories of Belonging, by Sandra Shields and David Campion. This is the story of five individuals with disabilities who demonstrate the essential place of friendship and community in their lives. For more information or to order, please visit the Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network website at http://www.plan.ca/Resources_Products_company.php.

• Everybody’s Different: Understanding and Changing our Reactions to Disabilities. Nancy B. Miller, Catherine C. Simmons. 384 pp. This book openly discusses the ways which the personal thoughts, feelings and questions about disabilities can obstruct effective communication between people with and without disabilities. It offers ways to become more at ease with the concept of disability and opens the door to better professional and social relationships. $21.95. Brookes Publishing.

• Part of the Community: Strategies for Including Everyone. Ed. By Jan Nisbet and David Hagner. 320 pp. Creating communities with extensive natural supports rather than separate inclusion programs enable individuals with disabilities of all ages to be fully included in community life. These experts from the Institute on Disability in New Hampshire show how to do just that. Issue-focused chapters give specific examples of inclusion in the community and individuals with disabilities, their peers, families and professions share the lessons they learned in their attempt to achieve full community inclusion. $29.95. Brookes Publishing.

• Vision of Community: Supporting One Person at a Time. This book shares the individual support stories of five individuals. Administrators and support staff will learn the philosophy and support strategies required to assist people to live and work in communities of their choosing. The focus is on what people can do, assisting people to contribute their gifts and talents to the community. $35. Community Vision, Inc. 1750 SW Skyline Blvd. Suite 102, Portland, OR 97221, Phone: (503) 292-4964.


• Supportive Care in the Congregation. Describes care circles, a method for congregations to offer supportive care to families and persons who deal with disabilities, mental illness, chronic illness or other needs. $4.00 ADNet. Anabaptist Disabilities Network.

• Faith Communities and Inclusion of People with Developmental Disabilities. (1998). By Mair Hall and Philip Lambert. Includes resources and information on books, articles, newsletters, and organizations that work to include people with developmental disabilities in the mainstream of faith communities.
Also included are selected reprints that give examples of this work. 77 pp. $4.25, Center on Human Policy, School of Education, Syracuse University, 805 S. Crouse Ave. Syracuse, NY 13244-2280, Phone: (800) 894-0826, voice: (315) 443-3851; FAX: (315) 443-4338; email: thechp@sued.syr.edu; website: http://soe.web.syr.edu/thechp/.

- **Involving All Neighbors: Building Inclusive Communities in Seattle.** First copy of the 80-page guide is free, from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, 700 E. 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Seattle, WA, 98104. Documents lessons learned from an award-winning program focusing on the inclusion of people with disabilities.

- **On the Road (Again) to Community Inclusion: It’s About Time!** Second collection of stories and strategies on community building in New Jersey, organized around different kinds of “time;” work time, volunteer time, personal time, sacred time, moments, etc. $5 from the Boggs Center-UAP, P.O. Box 2688, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. $10 if you want a copy of the first collection as well. (See next item.)

- **On the Road to Community Inclusion.** Ed. Bill Gaventa and Sue Henshaw. Stories, strategies, and resources from the Community Building Partners Project, an action reflection learning process, of the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities. 1999. $5.00.


- **Members of Each Other.** John O'Brien and Connie Lyle O'Brien. Book on building friendships and community. $15. Book expands earlier monograph by them with the same title. Inclusion Press.


- **Everyone Has A Gift. Building Communities of Capacity.** Video of presentation by John McKnight at conference on inclusion and community sponsored by Inclusion Press. 60 min. $60. Excellent.


- **Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition.** Christine Pohl. Available from Daybreak Publications, 1-800-853-1412 or pubs@larchedayreak.com. 205 pp. #POH01. Cdn. $22.95.
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- **Building Communities From the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing A Community's Assets.** John Kretzman and John McKnight. 400 pages. ACTA Publications. Includes section on working with the religious community.

- They also have a new video series done by a Public TV Station based on this book, with sections following the outline of the book. Excellent training resource with new workbooks also available. From ACTA Publications. 4848 North Clark St., Chicago, Illinois. 60640. Video series with a copy of the book is $90.

- "From the Institution and Service System to the Community" Audiotape presentation by Dr. John McKnight at Dialogue 94, Milwaukee. Veranda Communications. $7.

- **Remembering the Soul of Our Work: Stories by the Staff of Options in Community Living.** Ed. by John O'Brien and Connie Lyle O'Brien. $15. Stories by staff to reflect on values and mission at the heart of their work. $15 from Options in Community Living, 22 North Second St., Madison, WI 53704.


- **Community and Growth.** Jean Vanier. Paulist Press. See other resources by Jean Vanier in the next section.

- **Beyond Difference.** Al Condelucci. Why difference, how it occurs, beyond difference and pity to kindness, hospitality, generosity, compassion, and forgiveness. St. Lucie Press, 1996. $32.95.


- "Personal Relationships and Social Networks: Facilitating the Participation of Individuals with Disabilities." Resource packet with articles and annotated bibliography. Center on Human Policy, Syracuse.

• **Making Friends: Using Recreation Activities to Promote Friendship Between Children With and Without Disabilities.** Linda Heyne, Stuart Schleien, Leo McAvoy. 73 page manual. From Publications Office, Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota, 109 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612) 624-4512.

• **In My Shoes: The Friendmaking Game.** 2-3 hr. curriculum and staff training on community connections. $54. The Tool Box, P.O. Box 7636, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 and from Program Development Associates.

• "The Friendmaking Files." Series of nine one page articles for newsletters, training, etc. $20. Also from the Tool Box.

• **The Friends Manual.** Angela Amado. Developed from a project in Minnesota. First copy Free from the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.


• **A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life.** Parker Palmer. Explores way for people to work with each other in small groups.

**PERSON CENTERED PLANNING/CIRCLES OF SUPPORT**

The value of person-centered planning and circles of support is that they are processes for planning and support that focus primarily on the gifts and dreams of a person with developmental disabilities, and, through circles of support, offer ways for many people who are connected to a person with a disability to share in a group and community effort dedicated to assisting a person to both meet some of their needs and fulfill some of their dreams. They are processes that can easily be adapted to caregiving groups within a congregation, as well as one in which congregational friends and representatives can participate if coordinated by agencies, families, or friends. These are some "user-friendly" guides to person-centered planning.

• **Little Ones Have Big Dreams Too: A Guide for Facilitators.** Developed by the Institute on Disability (NH UCEDD), this new illustrated and user-friendly guide is designed for individuals interested in gaining greater knowledge around person-centered planning for children from preschool through early teens. For more information or to order a copy, please contact the UCEDD at 800-378-0386.

• **Essential Lifestyle Planning for Everyone,** by Michael Smull and Helen Sanderson. This book provides information to accompany facilitator training courses provided by accredited trainers. Current training in essential lifestyle planning entails two days of training in 'person centered thinking,' two days of 'facilitator' training and one or more follow-on days. This book is not a substitute for training. A book cannot replace the experiential exercises, practical demonstrations and
opportunities to practice and get feedback that are provided in training. Published by the Boggs Center, this book can be ordered from http://www.learningcommunity.us/store.html. Also go to www.elpnet.net for many resources related to person centered planning and community building.

- **Make a Difference: A Guidebook for Person-Centered Direct Support**, by John O’Brien and Beth Mount with contributions from Peter Leidy and Bruce Blaney. This is a great resource for provider agencies who are taking seriously person centered planning and the “spirit” of direct support staff and the people they serve. Instructor’s manual and materials are available. This resource can be ordered from www.inclusion.com. For information on course adoption or for a price quote on multiple copies, contact Cathy Hollands at cathy@inclusion.com or by phone at 416-658-5363.

- **How to Make Positive Changes for Your Family Using Group Action Planning**. Booklet on the key principles and examples. Beach Center on Disability. $10.66.

- **Positive Profiles: Building Community Together**, Ernest Pancsofar. Exercises to help people learn about the individual characteristics and strengths of people they support. $25. Training Resource Network.


- **Essential Lifestyle Planning**. There are a wide variety of resources about ELP on their website, www.elpnet.net. ELP easily integrates issues and activities that are important to individuals.

- **It's My Meeting! The Family/Consumer Pocket Guide to Participating in Person-Centered Planning**, 20 pp. TRN, Inc., P.O. Box 439, St. Augustine, Florida 32085. 1-4 copies @$8.


- **Supportive Care in the Congregation**. Already cited, essentially a "circles of friends approach" within a congregation. ADnet. Anabaptist Disability Network. Another model for congregation use of circles is in materials from the Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities at the University of Dayton on "Church Support Networks."

- **A Good Life for You and Your Relative With a Disability**. A revised and updated version of a book formerly called Safe and Secure, Al Etmanski and Vicki Cammack. Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network. Book which combines person-centered planning with long range legal and financial issues. Great workbook for families.

Small books/booklets from The Community Place and Communitas, by Pat Beeman, George Ducharme, Beth Mount, and others. Contact them for a catalogue:

- What Are We Learning About Bridgebuilding?
- What Are We Learning About Circles of Support?
- One Candle Power: Building Bridges to Community Life for People with Disabilities
- Imperfect Change
- Dare to Dream
- Person-Centered Development: A Journey in Learning to Listen to People with Disabilities
- Tending the Candle: Handbook for Circles Facilitators
- Stories of the Heart: Inclusion at Work in Connecticut
- Ways of Welcome
- Capacity Works

Larger Resources from Communitas:
- The Whole Community Catalogue. A collection of favorite resources
- Community Connections Manual

Inclusion Press also has a number of resources on person-centered planning, including videos, books, monographs, articles, videos, conferences, and a newsletter. Great website of resources. Books include:

- All My Life’s A Circle: Using the Tools: Circles, MAPS, and PATHS
- Members of Each Other. John O’Brien and Connie Lyle O’Brien
- Reflections on Inclusive Education. Fr. Patrick Mackan.
- The Path Workbook and videos.

The Minnesota Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities has another guide focused on families with children: It’s Never Too Early, It’s Never Too Late. and one for adults: Read My Lips. It’s My Choice. They are both downloadable from their website.

The Perske books from Abingdon:

- Circle of Friends
- New Life in the Neighborhood

Never Too Early, Never Too Late. A book on personal futures planning, a process for involving neighbors, friends and others in a circle around a person or family with a disability. First copy free from Minnesota Developmental Disabilities Council.
**Stories of Circles: Circles of Stories.** Mary Clare Carlson. Book with stories about circles of friends. Published by Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, 722 Williamson St., P.O. Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707-7851. (608) 266-7826. Or order for $8 from Communitas, above.

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- **The Collector of Bedford St.** Wonderful 28 minute video about Larry and his community on Bedford St. in New York City, and the way the community rallies to make sure he is included and supported to be part of the community. Excellent for thinking about issues of intelligence, community, and service to others. Now available on DVD for institutional or personal purchase. There are three study guides on the website, including one for using the video/DVD in congregational programs. The DVD may be purchased through [http://www.newday.com/films/CollectorofBedfordSt.html](http://www.newday.com/films/CollectorofBedfordSt.html) and download the Study Guides from [http://www.thecollectorofbedfordstreet.com/outside/discussion_guides.htm](http://www.thecollectorofbedfordstreet.com/outside/discussion_guides.htm)

- **Believing, Belonging, Becoming. Stories of Faith Inclusion.** A new 12 minute video by the DD Council of Wisconsin, focusing on four stories of congregational inclusion, with a short resource booklet and guide to accompany the video. An excellent resource for congregations. Available on DVD and video for $10 from the Boggs Center. To order, please contact the Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300, or at [http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter](http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter). This would be a great video for an agency to own to lend to area congregations.

- **Mental Health Mission Moments.** This is an ecumenical DVD resource from Mental Health Ministries. Includes 2-3 minute clips taken from other resources on VHS. These clips include “Coming Out of the Dark,” “Mental Illness and Families of Faith,” “Where is God in the Darkness?” and “Creating Caring Congregations.” $24.95. For more information on this and other excellent resources, or to order, please visit [www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net).

- **Gahanna Bill.** This documentary presents the life of Bill Withrow, a middle-aged man with disabilities, and his relationship with his community. Bill’s story is a classic example of how community inclusion benefits both people with disabilities and the community they live in. This documentary is available on VHS and DVD for $69.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [http://disabilitytraining.com/gbid.html](http://disabilitytraining.com/gbid.html) or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

- **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.** Featuring Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and Henri Nouwen. This video offers strategies for making the church’s liturgy and the church’s building accessible to people with physical, emotional, and developmental differences, with a view to promoting their full participation in the liturgy. $19.99. Liturgy Training Publications.


- **Whole Life Planning: A Guide for Organizers and Facilitators.** Video and guide from Dissemination Coordinator, Institute for Community Inclusion, Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115. (617) 355-6506.
• **Dreams Coming True.** Video on 12 circles of support, and citywide celebration for circle members, in Philadelphia. $12.50. @55 min. From: Networks for Training and Development, 123 South Broad St., 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19109-1199.

• **Dream Catchers.** 16 1/2 min. video. Stories of three young people and their circles of support. From Institute on Disability, 312 Morrill Hall, Durham, New Hampshire 03824-3595. (603) 862-0034.

• **Circles of Friends: Parts I and II.** Two part video on establishing a community support network. Presenters: Marsha Forest and Jack Pearpoint. $30 plus $4 shipping and handling. Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities, University of Dayton.

• **Friendship.** Program tells the story of the friendship between two boys, Joel and Bryce. Bryce has cerebral palsy, while Joe is a typical boy who has not been labeled. When they meet, the boys play and hang out, watch movies, fight bad guys, swim in the pool, and have fun. In between meetings, they talk on the phone and exchange emails. This video offers a presentation by Joel and insightful observations and commentary by noted inclusion experts Dr. Marsha Forest and Jack Pearpoint, and by Darryl and Janet Thomas, Bryce’s parents. One of the videos in the Inclusion Series, from [www.inclusionseries.com](http://www.inclusionseries.com) from Comforty Media Concepts

• **Everyone Has a Gift. Building Communities of Capacity.** Video of presentation by John McKnight. 1 hour. Inclusion Press. Excellent introduction to "capacity vision."

• **Planning for Life.** 30 minute video from The Boggs Center, with five vignettes on self directed, person centered planning and its results in the lives of five people with various disabilities. One segment features Clarence and the importance of his participation in his African American congregation. The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center, New Jersey, and Program Development Associates.

• **Waddie Welcome.** Video about a man in Savannah, GA, who, after much help from his circle of support, is able to move out of a nursing home into a community home. Program Development Associates.

**OTHER CONTACTS:**

• Inclusion Press, Toronto, for latest listing of their publications and videos on circles of support, person-centered planning processes like MAPS and PATH, and training opportunities. [http://www.inclusion.com](http://www.inclusion.com).

• Beach Center on Families and Disability, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS for their materials on "Group Action Planning." [http://www.beachcenter.org](http://www.beachcenter.org).

• Responsive Systems Associates, 58 Willowick Drive, Lithonia, GA 30038-1722. John O'Brien and Connie Lyle O'Brien have a number of publications related to community building and person-centered planning.
IV. B) CAREGIVING AND RESPITE CARE

- **Beyond Casseroles: 505 Ways to Encourage a Chronically Ill Friend.** This is a helpful resource for supporting a person with chronic illness. Includes helpful suggestions for listening, avoiding euphemisms and things that should not be said, and being there in multiple kinds of ways. From Rest Ministries, aka HopeKeepers. For more information please call 888-751-7378 or visit [www.restministries.org](http://www.restministries.org) or [www.hopekeepersmagazine.com](http://www.hopekeepersmagazine.com).


- **Supportive Care in the Congregation.** by Dean A. Preheim-Bartel and Aldred H. Neufeldt. Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADnet), 1997. $4.00. Describes care circles, a method for congregations to offer supportive care to families and persons who deal with disabilities, mental illness, chronic illness or other needs. Available from [www.adnetonline.org](http://www.adnetonline.org).


- **When You’re the Caregiver.** Willowgreen, (260) 490-2222, [www.willowgreen.com](http://www.willowgreen.com). 64pp. $6.95.

- **Bringing Respite to Your Community: A Start-Up Manual.** Ed. Belinda Hardin, Eleanor Howe, Nancy Smith. $25. ARCH. Besides this manual, the resource center has lots of other fact sheets and publications on issues related to respite care, information on programs and services around the country, and other resources.


- **Helping Someone with Mental Illness.** Rosalynn Carter. Times Books.

- **Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others.** Margot Hover. 80 pp. Twenty-Third Publications.

- **Take Care!** 30 page booklet outlining self care program for caregivers. $2.50 Amherst Wilder Foundation, 919 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104. (612) 642-4060.
- Resource packet on Respite Care as Congregational Ministry, with booklets, bibliography, program descriptions, guides, etc. available from The Boggs Center, New Jersey. $10.

- "Respite Care: A Packet on Starting a Program in Your Church." Committee on Disability Concerns, Christian Reformed Church.


- Sharing Care: The Christian Ministry of Respite Care. Judith Murphy. United Church Press (Out of Print. Limited copies available from Religion and Spirituality Division, AAIDD.)

- Share the Care. Cappy Capossela and Sheila Warnock. Fireside Books (Simon and Shuster), 1995. A model of developing a caring group around a family that is caring for a member with disabilities or chronic illness. Contact Share the Care, Murray Hill Station, P.O. Box 1217, New York, N.Y. 10156. A "circles of support" model for families.


- The Resourceful Caregiver: Helping Family Caregivers Help Themselves. Mosby Lifeline. 1996. Contact Elaine Wilburt, (800) 345-8738, ext 7441. In collaboration with National Family Caregiver Association. See Family Resources Section. Mosby Lifeline also publishes a number of new resources for family caregivers, including:
  - Preventing Caregiver Burnout
  - Creative Caregiving
  - The Magic of Humor in Caregiving
  - Positive Caregiver Attitudes

- The National Family Caregivers Association also has an excellent newsletter, sponsors a National Family Caregivers Month, and is developing other resources, such as a new Bereavement Kit. Also has a resource for awareness building in worship services. Email at info@nfcacares.org.


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- **May I Walk You Home.** Courage and Comfort for Caregivers of the Very Ill. Stories by Joyce Hutchison, Prayers by Joyce Rupp. Ave Maria Press. This press has a number of other titles for caregivers, including:
  - Praying our Goodbyes. Joyce Rupp
  - Walking with Those Who Hurt. Joyce Rupp

**Videos and DVDs**

- **Planning for Life: The Role of Direct Support Professionals in Self-Directed Supports.** This video is designed to assist those responsible for designing and implementing self-directed supports. It is also addressed to people with disabilities and families to help them visualize what supports can look like when they are the ones in control. This video was produced by the Boggs Center and can is available on VHS or DVD for $89.95. For more information, or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [http://disabilitytraining.com/pfld.html](http://disabilitytraining.com/pfld.html), or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

- **Touching the Soul.** Video on the Human Service Alliance, and its volunteer care-giving programs and relationships. Mosher Productions. Horizon Media. 145 Wood Drive, Baintree, MA. 02184.

- Terra Nova Films has a number of videos related to care-giving, most focusing on families caring for aging parents, but others also focused on developmental disabilities. For a catalogue, contact 800-779-8491 or go to the Web site. One is A Prescription for Caregiving with Wendy Lustbader.

**Chronic Illness**

- A national resource ministry called Rest Ministries, Inc. focuses on spiritual and faith supports for people with chronic illness and pain. In addition to a regular newsletter, Lisa Copen, the Director, has developed other resource materials, such as:
  - **So You Want to Start A Chronic Illness/Pain Ministry.** A guide for congregations.
  - **When Chronic Illness Enters Your Life.**
  - **Hopekeepers Magazine**
  - **Beyond Casseroles: 505 Ways to Encourage a Chronically Ill Friend.** 75 pp. Excellent short guide for congregations. Lots of great suggestions.

Rest Ministries. P.O. Box 502928, San Diego, CA 92150. (630) 663-6700. Email: rest@ixpres.com, [www.restministries.org](http://www.restministries.org)

- **Spiritual Care for the Weary.** Lynn Vanderzalm. Harold Shaw Publishers.
IV. C) RESIDENTIAL MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

A significant number of congregations and religious organizations have developed residential ministries and services for people with developmental disabilities, all addressing a primary question of families who seek to know "Who will watch and love over the long haul, especially after we are gone?" There is as much variety there as in public and private services, from larger residential facilities to smaller campuses to group homes to more independent, supported living options. Residential programs run by religious agencies using public funds are also usually open to people of all faiths. For information and consultation about beginning such a ministry and service, you will need to contact your own faith group (See Section XVI). Some faith groups have organized networks of agencies related to their religious tradition who run residential ministries. A number of residential ministries and services are run by agencies who work in partnership with local congregations. **The list below is not a complete listing.**

**JEWISH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

- Jewish Customs and Practices: A Resource Guide for Residential Staff. Published in 1994, this is a valuable resource for residential staff in community residences, particularly when the staff are not Jewish. Available from Jewish Family Services, 5750 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215.

- See listing of Jewish programs and services in Section XIV. A number of them run residential services.

**CATHOLIC RESIDENTIAL MINISTRIES**
(A**L**SO **C**ONTACT **N**ATIONAL **A**POSTOLATE FOR **I**NCLUSION **M**INISTRY OR YOUR AREA’S **C**ATHOLIC **C**HAIRITIES.)
- The Department for Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Paterson, 1049 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge, N.J. 07438. (201) 697-4394.

- Joan Mahler, Zone Coordinator, L’Arche USA, email joanm@larcheusa.org.

- Noah Homes Inc., 12426 Campo Road, Spring Valley, CA 91978. (619) 660-6200.

- Social Ministries Residential Program, Catholic Charities, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. (716) 328-3210.


- St. John of God Community Services, 532 Delsea Drive, Westville Grove, N.J. 08093. (609) 848-4700.
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PROTESTANT

(CONTACT FAITH GROUP OFFICES FOR MORE COMPLETE LISTINGS, SECTION XVI.)

- Angels Unaware, Inc., P.O. Box 270040, Tampa, Florida 33688-0040. (813) 961-1159.

- Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., 600 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, WI 53094. (414) 261-3050, ext. 4449. Their National Christian Resource Center also maintains a listing of Christian residential ministries.

- Riverwood Christian Community and Independent Living Program, contact CCFH Ministries, P.O. Box 9869, Knoxville, TN 27940. (865) 546-5921. Fax (865) 525-2282. Email: info@ccfh.org. Website: www.ccfh.org.

- Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, 4400 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111. (318) 742-8440.


- Friendship Inc. 3004 11th St. S., Fargo, ND 58103. (701) 235-8217.

- Georgia Baptist Developmental Disabilities Ministries, 2930 Flowers Road South, Atlanta, GA. 30341-5532. (770) 454-4210; FAX: (770) 454-4233.

- Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes, 1700 Memory Lane, Porterville, CA. 93257-1334.


- Mosaic (formerly Bethphage Mission and Martin Luther Home Society). 4980 South 118th Street, Omaha, NE, 68137-2220. Phone: (402) 896-3884 or (877) 366-7242. Website: www.mosaicinfo.org.


- Presbyterian Family Foundation, 901 Memorial Parkway, Willmar, MN 56201 (612) 235-5897.
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- SEMAR, P.O. Box 128, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. (704) 452-2881. (800) 52-SEMAR. (United Methodist.) There are a number of Methodist residential programs around the country. SEMAR can connect you with others.

- Twelveacres, Inc. Marlie Brooks, Admin., 595 Millich Dr., Suite 104, Campbell, CA 95008, Phone: (408) 341-0400, FAX: (408) 341-0411; email: info@twelveacres.org; website: http://www.twelveacres.org.

- Wesley Glen Ministries, P.O. Box 1589, Albany, GA 31702. (912) 438-0096. (Methodist).

- Zuni Presbyterian Center, P.O. Box 54, Zuni, VA 28398-0054. (804) 242-6131.

WRITTEN RESOURCES

- Church and Community Ministries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board are developing a handbook for congregations interested in beginning a group home or residential ministry. Available late 1996. Contact them at 4200 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30202-4174. Phone: (770) 410-6000.

- How Smudge Came. Nancy Gregory. A “kid’s book” about a young woman with Down Syndrome who smuggles a puppy into her group home, the ensuing chaos, and resolution. Walker and Company. $6.95 for first copy, $3.75 S/H. $.75 S/H apiece for additional copies. Discounts on orders of 5 or more.
IV. D) SELF-ADVOCACY

There are many more resources on self-advocacy than listed below, but unfortunately, there has not been much done as yet in relation to self-advocacy and the religious community. Congregations would be excellent organizations to sponsor self-advocacy chapters, and excellent sites for groups to hold meetings. For more information on self-advocacy groups in your area and local resources, contact self-advocacy networks in your state through the Arc, the state Developmental Disabilities Council, or other organizations.

- **Nothing About Us Without Us: Disability Oppression and Empowerment**, by James Charlton. For more information or to order, please visit the University of California Press website at [www.ucpress.edu](http://www.ucpress.edu).

- **Take a Look at Me Portfolio**, by Mary Rugg. Available in versions for young children, school-aged children, and adults, helps individuals of all ages look at their strengths, interests, hopes and needs and seeks to avoid deficits focused practice. It can be downloaded at [http://www.takealookatmeportfolio.com/](http://www.takealookatmeportfolio.com/).

- **Wake Up Call**, Developed as a staff training video, this film addresses the ways that people with disabilities want their caregivers to treat and interact with them. Produced by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.ucpnyc.org/publications/ucpvideos.cfm#1](http://www.ucpnyc.org/publications/ucpvideos.cfm#1).

- Institute of Abundant Living has a series of booklets written by adults with developmental disabilities in cooperation with staff.

- **Common Vision: Workshops that Build Leadership From the Inside Out**. Common Vision workshops build knowledge and create sustaining leadership within the disability community. Common Vision connects participants to the history of people with disabilities, to broader disability rights movements, and to other civil rights struggles, developing the knowledge base and skills needed for both individual advocacy and systems change organizing. Advocating Change Together.

- **Self-Advocacy Start-Up Tool Kit**. Assembled by the Self-Advocacy Development Committee, this kit pulls together some of the most useful materials from all over the country. It includes “tool collections” on Starting Groups, Working on Issues, Self Advocates and Self-Determination, Advisor Issues, etc. Includes videotape, audiotapes, and booklet. Video is 35 minutes and close-captioned. Center for Human Policy. Syracuse University, 805 South Crouse Ave., Room 112, Syracuse, N.Y. 13244-2280 (315) 443-3851. FAX: (315) 443-4338. Email: thechp@sued.syr.edu; Website: [http://soeweb.syr.edu/thechp/](http://soeweb.syr.edu/thechp/).

- **My Voice, My Choice. What You Need to Know About Participant Driven Supports**. Curriculum for self-advocacy groups and people who are involved in self-determination and participant-driven services. Human Services Research Institute. 8 modules, pages easily made into overheads. Also distributed by Program Development Associates.
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- **To Ride the Public’s Buses: The Fight to Build a Movement.** Ed. Mary Johns and Barrett Shaw. This is a softcover compilation of various articles, letters, etc. from the Disability Rag on the fight for lifts on buses. $15, ADAPT of Texas, 1339 Lamar SQ DR #101, Austin, TX 78704, FAX: (512) 442-0252; email: adapt@adapt.org.


- **Tools for Change.** Self-Advocacy Curriculum includes videos, facilitator's guides, interactive exercises, planning guides, overhead transparencies, handouts, and more. Each module is $149 plus S/H. Advocating Change Together, Inc. 1821 University Ave., Suite 306 South, St. Paul, MN. 55104. (612) 641-0297 or (800) 641-0059. Two modules with videos:
  - **Self-Advocacy: Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All.** Explores self-advocacy as self-determination builder and growing social movement. Using archival footage, photographs, music, and interviews, this module shows the goals and beliefs of self-advocacy while documenting its history as a social change movement.
  - **Shaking Off Stereotypes.** Allows participants to see and experience the value of self-esteem.

- **Self-Advocacy for Self Advocates, A Leadership Guide.** To assist self advocates to teach other self advocates. $15. For full set of color transparencies or color slides, cost is $100. University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion, 5717 Corbett Hall, Orono, Maine 04469-5717. (207) 581-1084. FAX: (207) 581-1231.


- **I Am Independent Series.** A faith based 8 volume workbook series for people with developmental disabilities that was co-authored by 6 ladies who live with developmental disabilities. It was designed "to help them develop into competent, culturally aware, and mature individuals." Instructor's guide and guidebooks I Can Help Myself, I Can Live Safely, I Like Who I Am, I Like to Cook Good Food, I Want Money, I Can Live On My Own, I Like Learning More. Students who are interested in a Higher Education Degree can achieve this from the Institute of Abundant Living through extension Classes. From Institute of Abundant Living, Higher Education College, P.O. Box 6163, San Rafael, CA 94903-0163.


• Disabled We Stand. Allen Sutherland. Boston: Brookline Books.

• One Person at a Time: Citizen Advocacy for People with Disabilities. Adam Hildebrand. Sharing true stories of the ways that citizen advocates are helping to change lives. $22.95 plus $4.50 shipping from Colleen Schneider, 428 MacArthur St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Website: http://citizenadvocacy.home.comcast.net.

VIDEOS AND DVDS

• Waiting for Ronald. This film tells the story of a 34-year-old man with a developmental disability who leaves the institution where he has spent most of his life and ventures out into the world to start a new life. Available on VHS and DVD for $89.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at http://disabilitytraining.com/wfrd.html or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

• Self-Determination in New Jersey: It Makes Life Worth Living. This 14-minute video and resource manual comprise a collection of resources that have been developed or collected from other sources which are of great value in the self-determination process. Topics include quality, fiscal intermediary, staffing, materials, budgeting, support brokers, person-centered planning, the New Jersey process and the history of self-determination. The video is a collection of interviews about people's experiences with Self-Determination in New Jersey. For more information or to order, contact the Boggs Center. Online order forms are available at http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggcenter/products/order.htm.


• My Choice, Your Decision. Award-winning video. The acclaimed Interact Theatre company illustrates the often hilarious difference between new fads in providing services to people with disabilities and what people really want for themselves. Includes actors with and without disabilities. Helps staff and professionals set goals, make decisions, and work through conflict. 30-minute video, interviews with the cast and director, a facilitator’s manual, tips for trainers, and more. $149.95, High Tide Press & Cherry Hill Bookstore, 2505 E. Washington St., Joliet, IL 60433. (708) 206-2054. www.hightidepress.com.
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- **Disability, Identity, and Culture.** 22-minute award-winning video uncovers the issues that set our souls on fire: freedom of choice, disability pride, independent living, the power of language and images, sexuality, community and the right to live with dignity. $149. Advocating Change Together. 1821 University Ave., Suite 306 South, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55104. [www.selfadvocacy.com](http://www.selfadvocacy.com). (651) 641-0297.

- **Sticks and Stones.** This award-winning 30-minute video documents the origins of the self-advocacy movement in Minnesota and is perfect for the classroom and workshop. $49.95. Advocating Change Together. 1821 University Ave., Suite 306 South, St. Paul, MN 55104. [www.selfadvocacy.com](http://www.selfadvocacy.com). (651) 641-0297.

- **Getting Organized.** 29-minute video connects personal experience to collective action. In 1994 a group of activists with disabilities discovered an institution cemetery with numbered graves. They were deeply upset. From this experience a project evolved, seeking to honor and remember those who died anonymously as wards of the state. Across the country, this issue and its method for organizing has motivated hundreds of people to take action. $149.95. Advocating Change Together. 1821 University Ave., Suite 306 South, St. Paul, MN. 55104. [www.selfadvocacy.com](http://www.selfadvocacy.com). (651) 641-0297.

- **Body Talk: The New Video From Cheryl Marie Wade.** Award-Winning Video. $20-45. Sliding Scale. CM Wade, 1613 5th St., Berkeley, CA 94710.

- **I Belong Out There.** Program Development Associates. 25 minutes. Excellent for self-advocacy groups exploring ways of taking initiative to participate in community life.

- **This is Your Right.** Staged as mock TV show, with satirical commercials, with reporters being people with disabilities, including people with cognitive impairments. Two 30-minute tapes. $139 plus S/H from Program Development Associates.

- **Fred's Story.** Award-winning video of a man telling about the forty years he spent in a state institution in Connecticut (now closed) and his current life. 28 min. $59.95. Program Development Associates, 1-800-543-2119.


- See videos listed above from Advocating Change Together.

**OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES**

- **Buttons, bumper stickers, and T-shirts from Self Advocates Becoming Empowered,** the new national self-advocacy organization, are available from the Human Policy Press, P.O. Box 127, University Station, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

- **Other posters, videos, and resources are available from Mouth Magazine.** There is usually a catalogue in the back of each issue and also from the Nth Degree, [www.nthdegree.com](http://www.nthdegree.com)
• **Tear Down the Walls.** CD, Johnny Crescendo, A special release for the Laguna Honda action, Crescendo has created a new CD with many of his most popular songs, as well as some new ones. There are anthems and love songs, folk and blues numbers all with the disability rights message. Included are: Tear Down the Walls, Choices and Rights, Pride, I don’t wane be a Wannabee, We Want What You’ve Got, Fixed, etc. $15, ADAPT of Texas, 1339 Lamar SQ DR #101, Austin, TX 78704, FAX: (512) 442-0252; email: adapt@adapt.org.

• **See How Far We’ve Come.** CD, retrospective on the last quarter century of progress in the disability rights movement. The debut collection of spoken word and music incorporates the oratory of Justin Dart, often called “the father of the disability rights movement” and the songs and poetry of Jeff Moyer, songwriter, musician, and disability rights activist. $14 for CD or cassette through TASH, 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 210, Baltimore, MD 21204, (410) 828-8274, FAX: (410) 828-6706; email: dmarshal@tash.org; website: http://www.tash.org/.

• **Respect.** Songs of the Self-Advocacy Movement. Members of SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered) with Karl Williams. Order from SABE, c/o Jean Bowen, P.O. Box 105 CI, New Fairfield, CT. 06812. $15 for the CD.

**NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES**

• **News and Views** is a magazine by and for people with Down Syndrome, published by the National Down Syndrome Society. Articles and photos by people with Down Syndrome are welcome. Mail to NDSS, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. Chris Burke is the Editor in Chief. More information on the NDSS website, www.ndss.org.

• **Community Advocacy Press.** National Newsletter of Self Advocates Becoming Empowered, the national self-advocacy groups network, including People First organizations and others. Editors are Mitchell Levitz and Mia Peterson. Free subscription from Capabilities Unlimited, 2495 Erie Ave., Cincinnatti, Ohio 45208. (800) 871-2181. FAX: (513) 871-5893. email: countusin@aol.com.

• **Mouth Magazine.** P.O. Box 558, Topeka, Kansas 66601-0558. FAX: 785-272-7348.

V. SCRIPTURAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND ETHICAL ISSUES AND THEMES

In the past three years, there has been a flowering of new books related to theology and disability. We have the wonderful problem of trying to keep up. See the ones below, and, in particular, books by Creamer, Reynolds, Yong, Reinders, Hubach, Betcher, Young, and others.


- **Disability in the Hebrew Bible: Interpreting Physical and Mental Differences**, by Saul M. Olyan. Cambridge University Press (2008). According to amazon.com, this book “seeks to reconstruct the Hebrew Bible's ideas of mental and physical disability and their social ramifications. This study shows how biblical writers constructed hierarchically significant difference and privileged the "able-bodied" over those with disabilities. It also explores the models of classification that biblical writers produced.” For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Disability-Hebrew-Bible-Interpreting-Differences/dp/0521888077/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1234287525&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Disability-Hebrew-Bible-Interpreting-Differences/dp/0521888077/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1234287525&sr=1-1).

- **Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability**, by Stephanie Hubach. This is a transformational work designed to renew our minds to think biblically about disability in order that our lives, our relationships, and our congregations might wholly reflect Christ. Published by P&R Publishing, PO Box 817, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-0817. To order, please visit [www.prpbooks.com](http://www.prpbooks.com), or call 800-631-0094.

- The John Dossetor Centre for Ethics at the University of Alberta has launched a new website devoted to their Disability Ethics Initiative. To access the website, please visit [http://www.ualberta.ca/~iniativ/Welcome.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/~iniativ/Welcome.html).

- **Receiving the Gift of Friendship: Profound Disability, Theological Anthropology and Ethics**, by Hans Reinders. In this work, the author argues for a paradigm shift in our relation to people with disabilities. Reinders’ argument is founded on a groundbreaking philosophical-theological consideration of humanity and of our basic commonalities as human beings. Published by Eerdmans Publishing Company for more information or to order, please call (800) 253-7521, or visit [http://www.eerdmans.com/shop/product.asp?p_key=9780802862327](http://www.eerdmans.com/shop/product.asp?p_key=9780802862327).

- **This Abled Body: Rethinking Disabilities in Biblical Studies**, edited by Hector Avalos, Sarah Melcher, and Jeremy Schipper. The essays in this volume explore the use of the conceptual category “disability” in biblical and Near Eastern texts and examine how conceptions of disability become a means of narrating, interpreting, and organizing human life. Published by the Society of Biblical Literature. For more information or to order, please visit [https://secure.aicvt.com/sbl/ProdDetails.asp?ID=060655P&PG=1>Type=RLA&PCS=SBL](https://secure.aicvt.com/sbl/ProdDetails.asp?ID=060655P&PG=1&type=RLA&PCS=SBL).
The Blemished Body: Deformity and Disability in the Qumran Scrolls, by Johanna Dorman. This dissertation by a student at the University of Gronigen can be ordered online at http://dissertations.ub.rug.nl/faculties/theology/2007/j.h.w.dorman/?pPrintOnDemand=ON.

Theology and Down Syndrome: Reimagining Disability in Late Modernity, by Amos Yong. Crafting both a theology of disability and a theology informed by disability, Yong presents a Christian theology that not only connects with our present social, medical, and scientific understanding of disability but also one that empowers a set of best practices appropriate to our late modern context. Published by Baylor University Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.baylor.edu/baylorpress/index.php?id=25827&Book_ID=126.

Spirit and the Politics of Disablement, by Sharon Betcher. Drawing on her own experience of living with a disability, the author analyzes our world and God’s embodied presence. Published by Augsburg Fortress Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/item.jsp?isbn=0800662199&clsid=187296&productgroupid=0.

Vulnerable Communion: A Theology of Disability and Hospitality, by Thomas E. Reynolds. By bringing disability literature into conversation with philosophical, theological, and sociological resources, Reynolds challenges Christians to think and act differently toward people with disabilities, with the aim of nurturing communities of hospitality. Published by Brazos Press (a division of Baker Publishing Group). For more information or to order, please visit www.brazospress.com.

Brokenness and Blessing: Towards a Biblical Spirituality. Frances Young. Baker Academic. 2007. Frances Young is a patristic scholar, combining in this book lessons from the ancient fathers with insights from her own journey as a parent of a son with multiple disabilities and insights from LArche and others.

Living Gently in a Violent World. The Prophetic Witness of Weakness, Stanley Hauerwas and Jean Vanier. Intervarsity Press. 2008. (See Audio section below for taped presentations by these two on similar themes.)

Only Human: Christian Reflections on the Journey Towards Wholeness, by David Gushee. In this book, Gushee, an award-winning ethicist, pastor, and writer draws on contemporary and ancient discussions of human nature, as well as the Christian tradition, to consider what it means to be human. For more information or to order, please visit www.josseybass.com.


Raging with Compassion: Pastoral Responses to the Problem of Evil, by John Swinton. Eerdmans Press, 272pp. Can we defend God’s love, goodness, and power in a world scarred by violence and suffering? Do we need to? Swinton reminds readers that the experience of evil and suffering
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precedes pontification on its origin, and seeks to inspire fresh Christian responses and modes of practice in our broken, fallen world. For more information or to order, please visit www.eerdmans.com.

- Inclusion: Making Room for Grace, by Eric Law. Calls us to see diversity as a gift from God to be cherished, not ignored or feared. For more information or to order, please visit www.cbp21.com.


- Choosing Naia: A Family’s Journey, by Mitchell Zuckoff (2003). This is the story of Greg and Tierney Fairchild, a happily married, interracial professional couple who went for the usual prenatal screenings and came away knowing that the fetus carried a major heart defect that could signal Down syndrome. Up against Connecticut's 24-week deadline for elective abortions, the couple struggles with complicated ethical and practical concerns, since the newborn would have to undergo major open-heart surgery and face lifelong disabilities. In the end, they decide this will simply be one more challenge they’ll face together. Available from Beacon Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.beacon.org/searchproducts.cfm.

- Deconstructing Miracles: From Thoughtless Indifference to Honouring Disabled People, Graham Monteith. Glasgow: Covenanters’ Press, 2005

- Religion and Disability: Essays in Scripture, Theology, and Ethics, by Marilyn E. Bishop. Published by Sheed and Ward. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Religion-Disability-Essays-Scripture-Theology/dp/1556127138/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1227205297&sr=8-1.

A SERIES OF BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE JOURNAL OF RELIGION, DISABILITY, AND HEALTH (NOW PUBLISHED BY TAYLOR AND FRANCIS) INCLUDING:

- The Theological Voice of Wolf Wolfensberger. Ed. by Bill Gaventa and David Coulter. Collection of Wolfensberger’s essays on theology and disabilities, with three responders, and a response by Wolf Wolfensberger.

- The Pastoral Voice of Robert Perske. Ed. by Bill Gaventa and David Coulter. A collection of the Robert Perske’s essays from the 1960’s, when he was a chaplain at the Kansas Neurological Institute. Essays include some of the first written materials on theology and ministries with people with mental retardation. Responders include Steve Eidelman, Executive Director of The Arc, Quincy Abbot, former Arc President and parent, and Robert Voorhees.

• **Graduate Theological Education and the Human Experience of Disability.** Ed. Robert Anderson. Volume focused on strategies for inclusion of issues related to disability in seminaries and theological education. Forthcoming in another issue, a volume focused on Jewish theological education and disability.


• **Outback to Outfront: Voices in Disability and Spirituality from the Land Down Under.** Ed. Christopher Newell and Andy Calder. Collection of essays from scholars, practitioners, and others in Australia.


**Others in Theology, Disability, and Scripture**


• **A Christian View of Mental Illness** by Crystal Horning. Mennonite Mutual Aid, 2000. $5.95. Written to help ministry and individuals determine appropriate ways to respond and support those dealing with mental illness. Written by Crystal Horning, MS, NCC, the resource is based on her own experiences with depression and her clinical knowledge. It provides background on the church's historic response to mental illness and outlines a Christian response based on Scripture. Available from www.adnetonline.org.


• Proceedings from Through the Whirlwind, Te Puta I Te Tai-awhiowhio. Disability, Spirituality, and Faith Conference. May 2003. New Zealand. $30 NZ to overseas addresses. Email dsfnetwork@whirlwind.dns2go.com with number of copies you want, and they will send you the proceedings with an invoice.


• Interpreting Disability: A Church Of and For All. Arne Fritzen and Sam Kabue, World Council of Churches Publications. Geneva, 2004. The Interim Statement from the WCC.


• The Future of the Disabled in Liberal Society. Hans S. Reinders. Questions the influence of genetic research on understandings of disability. Also gives attention to parents who have seen raising a disabled child as an enriching experience, challenging concepts of success and control. Critique of contemporary bioethics. $17 soft, $35 cloth. University of Notre Dame Press.


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- **Lessons from Emily.** A husband and wife chronicle their journey as the parents of Emily, a child born with microcephaly, an underdeveloped brain. Describing their experience as “a journey of love with God,” this booklet will be useful to families, pastors, and friends of people who have disabilities who desire the church to be an inclusive family of faith. 1999. $4.95 Mennonite Mutual Aid.

- **Blessed is the Meadow.** Barbara Esch Shisler. 1999. Series of vignettes, personal portraits, and stories by the former chaplain at the Indian Creek Foundation, arranged in the framework of the Beatitudes. $13 includes shipping and postage. Indian Creek Foundation.


- **Parables of Hope: Inspiring Truths From People with Disabilities.** Allen Jay Hoogewind. Zondervan Publishing House, 1998. 24 chapters each highlighting a person or group and their contributions to Christian community.


- **The Power of the Powerless.** Christopher deVinck. Zondervan Publishing. Reflections by a man on lessons of life, love, and faith learned from his brother who cannot see, walk, or communicate.

- **Naked Before God. The Return of a Broken Disciple.** Bill Williams with Martha Williams. Fictional story of Nathaniel, a disciple with a disability, written by a person who does have one. Morehouse Publishing. 1998.

- **In Our Weakness.** Lorraine Lewis. Reflections by woman dealing with epilepsy. Abundant Answers Publishing.

- **Thematic Conversations Regarding Disability Within the Framework of Courses of Worship, Scripture, and Pastoral Care.** NCC Committee on Disabilities. $10 Prepaid only.

- **Beyond the Ramp.** Conference papers from second national conference on Spirituality and Disability in Australia. $25 money order made out to UCA Synod of South Australia. Send to Rev. John Smith, Maughan Church, 12 Pitts St., Adelaide, South Australia 5000.


• **Crossing the River: Creating A Conceptual Revolution in Community and Disability.** David Swartz. Resource for advocates and friends who are seeking to understand the significant changes in human services delivery systems. $24.95 + $3.95 handling from Citizen Advocacy Forum, P.O. Box 86, Beaver, PA 15009. Also available from Brookline Books.
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- **God's Power and Our Weakness.** Ed. by Gerald Moede for the Task Force of Persons with Disabilities, COCU. Consultation on Church Union, 1982. $2.00, also on cassette tape for $2.00. S/H $1.50.

- **A Mutual Ministry: Theological Reflections and Resources on Ministry with People with Mental Retardation and Other Disabilities.** Dennis Schurter.


- **A Theologically Oriented Strategy of Ministry to/with Persons with Mental Retardation and its Implications for the Church.** A D.Min. Dissertation by Robert Pietsch. Includes Biblical, theological, historical themes and research survey. $15.00. From ADD.


Also see his more recent book: *An Anthropologist on Mars*.


**Suffering Presence: Theological Reflections on Medicine, the Mentally Handicapped, and the Church**. Stanley Hauerwas. Notre Dame Press.


**Like Trees, Walking: Biblical Reflections on Healing**. Ed. By Gerald Moede. Biblical studies on healing and disability. $2 plus postage from COCU.

**Unequal Justice**. Robert Perske. Abingdon Press. 1991. About people with mental retardation on death row, and in the criminal justice and prison system. (See Video resources below.)


"The Bishops' Pastoral on the Church and Handicapped Persons." NCPD. Good, basic Biblical and theological statement.


**When Bad Things Happen to Good People**. Rabbi Harold Kushner. Available in most bookstores. Video with Harold Kushner discussing these themes is available from Palisades Home Video.

**Growing Through Pain and Suffering**. Cornelius van der Poel. 128 pp. Twenty-Third Publications. $9.95.


**OUT-OF-PRINT RESOURCES STILL WORTH HUNTING FOR:**


• Helping Your Handicapped Child. George Patterson. Augsburg. Good chapter on Biblical understandings of suffering and the "will of God." (Out of print, but worth looking for in libraries.)


**AUDIO-VISUAL**

• Hear Presentations by Jean Vanier and Stanley Hauerwas at Duke’s Center for Reconciliation. Living Gently in a Violent World. Listen to various workshops and lectures by Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche communities, and Duke Divinity School theologian Stanley Hauerwas, who co-taught during the Center for Reconciliation’s Teaching Communities Week, Nov. 8-10 at Duke Divinity School. Hear the recorded presentations. [http://www.divinity.duke.edu/reconciliation/pages/programs/teachingcommunitiesweek08audio.html](http://www.divinity.duke.edu/reconciliation/pages/programs/teachingcommunitiesweek08audio.html)

• Blessed Be. 8-minute film portraying how the Beatitudes are lived out in the lives of some young people who are developmentally disabled. Paulist Productions.

• Mother Tiger, Mother Tiger. 10-minute film dealing with the question of "Why?" in the lives of one family coping with a diagnosis of disability. Franciscan Communications. (Rental from Religion Division, AAIDD-$10.)

• Blessings Out Of Brokenness. Joni Eareckson Tada. 4 video package dealing with spiritual/theological questions and discoveries. JAF Ministries.


• Unequal Justice: The Case for Johnny Lee Wilson. Video on one of the stories covered in Bob Perske's book on Unequal Justice, a man eventually freed by the Governor of Arkansas in 1995. From the University Affiliated Program at Temple University.

• Look Who's Laughing. 57-minute video featuring six nationally known comedians with disabilities. Both funny, and an excellent exploration of attitudes, assumptions, and what it means to be human. Program Development Associates.

• Videos and Audiotapes from the Presentations at the 1996 Conference at Candler Theological Seminary on Human Disability and the Service of God. Includes video by Don Saliers on "Toward a Spirituality of Inclusion", Worship Service with Nancy Eiesland preaching. Those are $10 each. Audio tapes of conference sessions with many relating to theological, Biblical, and pastoral issues. 4 tapes. $5 each.
For listing, or to order, prepaid orders only by check made out to "Emory University" and send to CST Media, Bishops Hall 310, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.


- See Audio-Visual Section for descriptions of other award winning videos that look at issues facing people with disabilities, including *Fred's Story*, *When Billy Broke His Head*, *Breathing Lessons*, and others.

**NEWSLETTER**
- **Ethics and Intellectual Disability.** Publication of the Network on Ethics and Intellectual Disabilities. Free. Address correspondence to: Robert Veatch, Director, Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057-1065. e-mail: veatch@guvax.georgetown.edu. Resources, contributions of case stories, etc. invited.

**OTHER:**
- See Resources under L’Arche (Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen) and Spirituality.
V. A) RESOURCES ABOUT AND FROM THE L'ARCHE MOVEMENT

L'Arche is a network of small intentional communities in which people with disabilities and others live together with a deep focus on the spiritual heart of the community. Started by Jean Vanier in France, they are now world-wide. Henri Nouwen served until his death as the pastor of the Daybreak L'Arche community in Toronto. For the most recent listing of resources by Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen, write Daybreak Publications, Toronto. You can order most of these directly from them. Email: Pubs@larchedaybreak.com.

BOOKS BY JEAN VANIER:

- The Broken Body. Paulist Press.
- Be Not Afraid. Paulist Press.
- Community and Growth. Paulist Press.
- Man and Woman He Made Them. Paulist Press.
- I Meet Jesus. Paulist Press.
- The Scandal of Service. Novalis Press.
- One Bread, One Body. Novalis Press.
- From Brokenness to Community. Jean Vanier. Lectures at Harvard. 24 pp. $3.95 (+$3 postage) from National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities. Include payment with order. (They also sell some of the Paulist Press books.)

VIDEOS FEATURING JEAN VANIER AND L'ARCHE

- The Heart Has Its Reasons. Palisades Home Video. 57-min. video on the L'Arche Communities and Jean Vanier.
“Becoming Human.” The Massey Lectures. (See book above.) Five one hour tapes as presented on CBC radio. Cdn. $49.95.

Hear Presentations by Jean Vanier and Stanley Hauerwas at Duke’s Center for Reconciliation. Living Gently in a Violent World. Listen to various workshops and lectures by Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche communities, and Duke Divinity School theologian Stanley Hauerwas, who co-taught during the Center for Reconciliation’s Teaching Communities Week, Nov. 8-10 at Duke Divinity School. Hear the recorded presentations.
http://www.divinity.duke.edu/reconciliation/pages/programs/teachingcommunitiesweek08audio.html

About Jean Vanier and L'Arche


Faith And Light

Faith and Light is an international network of intentional faith communities which meet regularly, based on the spirituality of L’Arche. For a brochure, contact Faith and Light USA, 2243 Palm Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. (719) 599-3035. Email: jndgriff@att.net. Also, just google Faith and Light and you will get a number of different networks, including Canada, East USA, West USA, and more.
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BOOKS BY HENRI NOUWEN, FORMER PASTOR-IN-RESIDENCE AT THE L'ARCHE COMMUNITY OF DAYBREAK IN TORONTO, CANADA


- **In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership.** Crossroad, 1992.


- Videotape of Henri Nouwen's response to receiving COMISS Award, 1994, reflecting on the impact of L'Arche on his vocation and life. Veranda Communications.

- **Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.** 20 min video featuring Joseph Cardinal Bernardin and Father Henri Nouwen. One of last conferences at which Henri Nouwen spoke. $21.95 from Pathways Awareness Foundation, 123 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Credit card order: Call 1-800-955-2445.

- **Body Broken, Body Blessed: Reflections from Life in Community.** Toronto: Novalis Press. By Sue Mosteller, C.S.J. Sue Mosteller also been a pastor at L'Arche Daybreak.
OTHER NOUWEN RESOURCES

• The Henri Nouwen Society has started a website to recognize the late priest and author. The address for the site is [www.henrinouwen.org](http://www.henrinouwen.org).

• The Henri J.M. Nouwen Archives & Research Collection, Gabrielle Earnshaw, The University of St. Michael’s College, John M. Kelly Library, 113 St. Joseph St., Toronto, ON M4S 1J4, CANADA, Phone: (416) 926-1300 x. 3405. Email: [nouwen.archives@utoronto.ca](mailto:nouwen.archives@utoronto.ca).

• The Henri Nouwen Literary Centre, Maureen Wright, c/o L’Arche Daybreak, 11339 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1L1, CANADA, Phone: (905) 884-0025, FAX: (905) 884-0379. Email: [nouwencentre@nouwen.net](mailto:nouwencentre@nouwen.net), Website: [http://www.nouwen.net](http://www.nouwen.net).

• Henri Nouwen Society. Their mission is to share the spirituality of solitude, community and compassion that was embodied in the life and ministry of Henri Nouwen. Annual suggested donation is $25. Write Henri Nouwen Society, P. O. Box 230523, Ansonia Station, New York, N.Y. 10023. (212) 769-0052. Email: [nouwensociety@att.net](mailto:nouwensociety@att.net), [www.henrinouwen.org](http://www.henrinouwen.org).

• Straight to the Heart: The Life of Henri Nouwen. Produced by Windborne Productions, Karen Pascal Producer, Howard Baer, Original Score. Straight to the Heart is a thoughtful and thought-provoking look at the life of this unassuming, charismatic scholar considered by many of his contemporaries as having one of the best and brightest minds of his time. Eschewing the insular world of academia, he embarked on a radical and personal pilgrimage of downward mobility that led him to L’Arche, a community of handicapped adults. This new documentary features Nouwen’s own input gleaned from videotaped conversations shot just a year before his death, augmented by excerpts from interviews with key friends, prominent colleagues and family members. 50 minutes, Daybreak Publications. 11339 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada L4S 1L1. (905) 884-3454, ext. 234. FAX: (905) 884-0580. Or 1-800-853-1412. Email: [pubs@larchedaybreak.com](mailto:pubs@larchedaybreak.com).
V. B) HISTORY

DISABILITY HISTORY

- Saints to Lean On: Spiritual Companions for Illness and Disability, by Janice McGrane. Prompted by her own struggle with rheumatoid arthritis, the author writes about Christian saints and mystics who offer inspiration and spiritual companionship in times of illness and disability. Published by Saint Anthony Messenger Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://catalog.americancatholic.org/product.aspx?prodid=I16595&pcat=73.

- The Cinema of Isolation, by Robert Norton. For more information or to order, please visit the Rutgers University Press website at www.rutgerspress.rutgers.edu.

- Disability Advocacy Among Religious Organizations: Histories and Reflections, edited by Albert Herzog, Jr. Through the years, religious organizations have worked to fulfill the biblical mandate to love neighbor as self. This book chronicles the progress of different ministries’ advocacy for the disabled since 1950 as they worked toward fulfilling this mission. For more information or to order, please visit www.haworthpress.com.

- Make Them Go Away: Clint Eastwood, Christopher Reeve, and the Case Against Disability Rights, by Mary Johnson. For more information or to order, please visit www.makethemgoaway.com or write to the Advocado Press, P.O. Box 145, Louisville, KY 40201.

- Claiming Disability: Knowledge and Identity, by Simi Linton. For more information or to order, please visit the New York University Press website at www.nyupress.nyu.edu

- Ed Roberts: Wheelchair Genius. This is a CD/Book for young people. The CD is available for $20.00 including Shipping and Handling within the U.S. and $30.00 for international orders. If interested, please pre-pay to: Institute on Disability Culture, 3029 Lowrey Ave., P-2104, Honolulu, HI 96822. Inquiries may be sent to disculture@gmail.com.


- The New Disability History. American Perspectives. Paul Longmore and Lauri Umansky. NYU Press. Also have a variety of other books in a disability history and disability studies collection. NYU Press Order Department, 3rd Floor, 838 Broadway. New York, N.Y. 10003. Phone: (800) 996-6987. Email: nyupress.orders@nyu.edu.
• **I Witness. History and a Person with a Developmental Disability.** David Hingsburger. Learn what it has meant to be “developmentally disabled” from those who have carried the label for a long time. Series of stories. $13. Cherry Hill Books/High Tide Press.

• **The Origin and Nature of Our Institutional Models.** Wolf Wolfensberger. Center on Human Policy.

• Gallaudet University Press has a number of books and resources related to disability history, most focused on people who are deaf, but some include other areas. One is **Judaism and Disability: Portrayals in Ancient Text from the Tanach through the Bavli.** Judith Abrams. Gallaudet University Press, 2000. An excellent collection of resources. [http://gupress.gallaudet.edu](http://gupress.gallaudet.edu). Get a catalogue from 800 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

**ARTICLES**


• **Disability in Asian Culture and Belief** is the title of a double issue of the Journal of Religion, Disability and Health, featuring a collection of the writings of M. Miles on eastern cultures and religions, and two annotated bibliographies exploring historical understandings of people with disabilities. Volume VI. No. 2 and 3. Binghamton: Haworth Press.

**VIDEOS AND DVDS**

• **Without Apology** is a documentary about the filmmaker's (Susan Hamovitch) lifelong relationship with her brother and has recently been released on DVD. This film deals with the past fifty years in the history of mental retardation from a very personal perspective. Issues of "blaming the mother" and sibling disaffection -- and sibling devotion -- as well as the institutional debacle are all brought home through the story of this all too "typical" family. A free study guide will soon be available to download on the film’s website. For more information or to purchase the DVD, please visit [www.withoutapology.com](http://www.withoutapology.com) or contact the filmmaker directly at oneeyedcatprod@aol.com

• **Unforgotten. 25 Years After Willowbrook.** Produced by Heartshare Human Services of New York. When severe neglect and abuse of people with developmental disabilities at Willowbrook School were exposed in the early 1970’s, public outrage led to the end of institutional care and the beginning of community-based living. The memories remain vivid for many who were involved. VHS. 60 min. Hide Tide Press and Cherry Hill Bookstore.

• **A Little History Worth Knowing.** On the history of attitudes and services faced by people with disabilities, and new perspectives on civil rights. Excellent. Program Development Associates

• **In the Shadow of the Reich: Nazi Medicine.** 54-min. Program Development Associates. Studies the step-by-step process that led the medical profession in the Third Reich down the road to genocide.
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- Abandoned to their Fate. Program Development Associates. A history of the social policy toward people with disabilities from the middle ages through the twentieth century. Drawn from records, archives, original photography, and popular media, Phil Ferguson traces the origins of social stereotypes and exclusionary policies. 30 min.

**CD-ROM**


**Website**

- Parallels in Time II This is a free, easy-to-use online resource, packed with hundreds of photos, videos and documents associated with the vital history of people with developmental disabilities. In convenient timelines covering 10-year intervals, "Parallels in Time II" documents important societal and legislative milestones from 1950 through 2005. This free online resource is available anytime at [www.mnddc.org/parallels2](http://www.mnddc.org/parallels2)

- Partners in Time A new, free, online history course, this e-learning experience is designed to help people with developmental disabilities, their families, and service providers understand the history of society’s treatment of people with disabilities from ancient times to the present. 8 hour self directed e-learning course at [http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/history](http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/history). You can also order a free CD of the course from [www.mnddc.org/extra/publications.htm](http://www.mnddc.org/extra/publications.htm).

VI. PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

- Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, and Congregations, by Erik W. Carter. This how-to book gives readers workable strategies and photocopiable forms for identifying “indicators of welcome,” encouraging community outreach, and gathering important information about the support needs of people with disabilities and their families. Published by Brookes Publishing. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.brookespublishing.com/store/books/carter-67434/index.htm.

- Created by God: Pastoral Care for All God’s People, by Peggy Way. Published by Chalice Press. For more information or to order, please visit www.cbp21.com.

- A Compassionate Journey: Coming Alongside People with Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses By John G. Cook | $5.95 | Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources. A Compassionate Journey guides readers in the practice of compassion and provides a helpful perspective on caring in the face of long-term need. That makes this book ideal for study by church councils, care teams, adult education groups, and individuals who want to learn how to show care to people with long-term needs.

- Pastoral Care with Young and Midlife Adults in Long Term Care, by Jackie Sullivan. This book was written by a chaplain in a facility that cares for many young and midlife adults with disabling conditions, particularly physical disabilities. Published by Routledge Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.routledgementalhealth.com/9780789029416.

- Defeating Depression: Real Help for You and Those who Love You, by Howard Stone. Written by one who has himself suffered from depression, this helpful book offers valuable guidance for depressed persons and their families, including sidebars in each chapter that summarize the chapter’s key points and offer specific, doable steps toward action. Published by Augsburg Fortress Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/item.jsp?isbn=0806690313&clsid=187352&productgroupid=0.

- Mental Wellness in Adults with Down Syndrome, by Dennis McGuire and Brian Chicoine. Written by experts in issues surrounding adolescence and Down Syndrome, this book offers advice on how to promote mental wellness and troubleshoot when problems arise. For more information or to order, please visit www.woodbinehouse.com.

- Looking after My Heart. This is a new title in the Books Beyond Words series, a collection of books with pictures, no text, to be used in talking through a variety of stressful or traumatic experiences with adults with intellectual disabilities. For more information or to order, please visit www.rcpsych.ac.uk.

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- **Expressing Faith in Jesus; Church Membership for People with Cognitive Impairments.** Ronald Vredeveld. CRC Publications, 2005.

- **The Pastoral Voice of Robert Perske.** Ed. Bill Gaventa and David Coulter. A collection of Robert Perske’s essays from the 1960s, when he was a chaplain at the Kansas Neurological Institute. Essays include some of the first written materials on theology and ministries with people with mental retardation. Responders include Steve Eidelman, Executive Director of the Arc, Quincy Abbot, former Arc President and parent, and Robert Voorhees.

- **The Soul of Bioethics** is a monthly e-newsletter published by H.R. Moody that is an excellent collection of resources, trends, events of note, etc. in the area of advanced directives, bioethics, palliative care, and end of life issues. It is published by the Institute for Human Values in Aging. To submit items or subscribe, email hrmoody@yahoo.com.

- **Pastoral Counseling with People with Disabilities**, edited by Robert Wicks, Paulist Press, 2003. Includes a chapter by Bill Gaventa on “Pastoral Counseling with Individuals with Disabilities and their Families.”

- **What Should Individuals With Disabilities and Their Families Be Able to Expect From Their Pastor.** Tips for pastors on ministering to individuals with disabilities and their families. Handi*Vangelism, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **Pastoral Care and People with Disabilities.** Pastoral Care Newsletter Vol. 12, No. 1. Published by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Contact Steve Gulick at (215) 241-7068 or (800) 220-0796, ext. 7068. steveg@pym.org.


- "You Are Not Alone. For Parents When They Learn That Their Child Has A Disability." Issue of NICHCY News Digest that would be good for every pastor's file. From NICHCY, P.O. Box 1492, Washington, D.C. 20013-1492.

- **Thematic Conversations Regarding Disability Within the Framework of Courses of Worship, Scripture, and Pastoral Care.** Monograph from dialogue sessions held by the National Council of Churches.
Committee on Disabilities with three professors at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1997. Includes sample introductory module for pastoral care courses and training. $10. From NCC Committee on Disabilities.

- **A Mutual Ministry: Theological Reflections and Resources on Ministry with People with Mental Retardation and Other Disabilities.** Dennis Schurter. Individual copies available free from the Rev. Dennis Schurter. Email: dennisandy@juno.com.


- **Supportive Care in the Congregation.** Mennonite Mutual Aid. Now from ADNet. Anabaptist Disability Network.


- **Strength for His People: Ministry for Families of the Mentally Ill.** Steven Waterhouse. $4. Westcliff Bible Church, P.O. Box 1521. Amarillo, Texas 79105. Written by this pastor. Recommended and distributed by members of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.


- **What Psychotherapists Should Know about Disability.** Rhoda Olkin. Author uses professional expertise and personal experience, and a minority rather than medical model, to provide an invaluable resource for therapists and counselors. The Guilford Press. 72 Spring St., New York, NY 10012. (212) 431-9800. Hardcover: $35. Also available from Disability Resource Library.


- **Counseling Families of Children with Disabilities.** Rosemarie Cook. From Pastoral Care and Counseling series called Resources for Christian Counseling. Word, Inc.


- **A Guideline On Protecting the Health and Lives of Patients in Hospitals, Especially if the Patient is a Member of a Socially Devalued Class.** Wolf Wolfensberger. 70pp. Available from Training Institute, 230 Euclid, Syracuse, NY 13244. (315) 443-4264.
• They Just Don't Get It: What Families Want Professionals to Know About Their Children. Center for Community Inclusion, University of Maine. 1996. Monograph. $8.00.


• The Almond Tree: The Pastoral Care of Mentally Handicapped People. Bryan George. Collins Liturgical Publications.


RESOURCES IN PASTORAL CARE AND GENETICS ISSUES:

• The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has developed a policy statement on biotechnology and bioengineering, passed in 2006. It will contain a study document and listings of other resources for clergy and congregations. It is entitled “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: A Policy on Human Biotechnologies.” Available at http://www.nccusa.org/pdfs/adoptedpolicy.pdf and other material at http://www.ncccusa.org/biotechnology.


OLDER RESOURCES


• A Workbook for Pastoral Care of Individuals and Families with Special Needs. NCEMCH. Same address above.

• A Guide to Resources in Perinatal Bereavement. Single copy free from NCEMCH.
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- Interacting with People with Disabilities. Includes issues related to language, suggested simulation activities, and guidelines for interaction. Indiana Governor's Planning Council for Persons with Disabilities.

- Guidelines for Clergy Providing Pastoral Care to Persons with Mental Illness and Their Families. [www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net).

- Welcoming People with Disabilities: Do's and Don'ts for Parish Ministers. 16 panel brochure with illustrations. $1 each from National Pastoral Life Center. Bulk prices range from $.80 to $.50 depending on quantity.


OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN QUANTITY FOR CLERGY AND PASTORAL EDUCATION


- Religion and Disabilities. September/October 1993 issue of The Disability Rag/Resource. Provocative articles and poems, and a good listing of resource organizations. Copies available for $2 each for orders of 10 or more from Religion and Spirituality Division, AAIDD.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR CLERGY GROUPS AND PASTORAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS INCLUDE: (See AV Section for more information)

- Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness. This documentary is produced by Mennonite Media and is available in both VHS and DVD formats. Topics covered in the documentary include history and deinstitutionalization, media images and stigma, criminal justice system and mental illness, rehabilitation and recovery, health insurance, faith community’s involvement, and family support and hope. For more information or to order, please visit [www.ShadowVoices.com](http://www.ShadowVoices.com).

- The Company of Strangers. Parker Palmer. 1986 Conference Presentation at Merging Two Worlds Conference in Rochester, NY. Religion Division, AAIDD. $30.00

- A similar video is Stories that Make Us Unique. Presentations by Parker Palmer and Nancy Chaffee at Dialogue 88. Veranda Communications. Louisville, KY.
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- **Mother Tiger, Mother Tiger.** Telekinetics. 10 min. movie dealing with the question of "Why?" in the life of one family.


- **The Heart Has Its Reasons.** Palisades Home Video. 57 min. video on the L'Arche Communities and Jean Vanier.


- **Disability Etiquette.** 30 min., Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities.

OLDER RESOURCES: MAY BE OUT OF PRINT, BUT CHECK LIBRARIES:


- **Creating the Caring Congregation.** Harold Wilke. Abingdon. (Contact the Healing Community.)

- **Going Somewhere: People with Mental Handicaps and their Pastoral Care.** Sheila Hollins and Margaret Grimer. SPCK Press.

- **Helping Your Handicapped Child.** George Patterson. Augsburg Press.

- **Pastoral Care with Handicapped Persons.** Lowell Colston. Fortress Press.


VI. A) SPECIAL ISSUES IN PASTORAL CARE: GRIEF, DEATH AND DYING

This does not pretend to be a complete listing of issues related to death and dying, but a partial listing of resources related to grief, death and dying for persons with intellectual disabilities or other disabilities and their families. There are a great number of articles related to ethical and treatment issues for persons with mental retardation and disabilities, but these focus more on articles and resources that may be of particular help in pastoral care. A national project entitled Last Passages also focused on grief, loss, and end of life care with people with intellectual disabilities. For more information, see Last Passages. A three year project coordinated by the Volunteers of America regarding end of life care. Website: www.albany.edu/aging/lastpassages

- The Geese and the Peanut Butter Chocolate Ice Cream: The Grieving Gifts to the Lexington Street Community: A Resource to Help Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and People who Support Them Grieve the Death of Loved Ones. This resource helps people deal with death, loss and the process of grief by showing how people support and nurture each other. The story describes the responses of staff, family, neighbors and individuals in a group home after a sudden death of an individual with a developmental disability. The resource can be used as one complete package or as individual sections. 2006. 90 pages. Written by Melody Steinman, a Mennonite CPE student and trainee at The Boggs Center, 2005-2006. Available online only. Click the link below to view the guide in PDF format. http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter/products/prod_info.htm#grief.

- Thinking Ahead, My Life At The End. This project was developed through a focus group made up of individuals with developmental disabilities. Advocates from three California Regional Centers: Alta California, Eastern Los Angeles, and Golden Gate, came together to talk about healthcare treatment and related end of life decisions. They shared about what was important to them and what they would need to make informed end of life decisions. The workbook and DVD contains words, symbols and pictures that facilitate discussion and decision-making regarding individual values, goals, and treatment preferences at the end of life. The Workbook and DVD are both available in three languages [English, Spanish and Chinese] free of charge through the California Coalition for Compassionate Care - www.finalchoices.org. Digital PDF workbooks are available through California Department of Developmental Services - www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/Home.cfm. An abridged version of the DVD is viewable at www.youtube.com search word: boardresourcecente.

- People Planning Ahead: Communicating Healthcare and End-of-Life Wishes Leigh Ann Kingsbury. People Planning Ahead provides a comprehensive and structured way to ensure that loved ones receive care respecting their wishes and conforming to their personal, cultural, and religious beliefs during times of chronic and terminal illness, or severe disability. Accompanying CD-ROM contains electronic forms from Manual. www.aaidd.org. This one is written for professionals and caregivers, so is a good companion to the Thinking Ahead resource above.

- Guidebook on Helping Persons with Mental Retardation Mourn, by Jeffrey Kauffman. Intended for service providers, families, advocates, grief counselors, and therapists, this book attempts to lay a foundation for grief support services, establish standards of care, and inform readers of the needs of persons with mental retarding who are experiencing grief, loss, and mourning. Published by Baywood

• Helping Adults with Mental Retardation Grieve a Death Loss. Charlene Lucterhand, Nancy Murphy. Taylor and Francis Group, 7625 Empire Drive, Florence, KY 41042. 1-800-634-7064. $22.95. An abbreviated form of this book is a booklet, Mental Retardation and Grief Following a Death Loss: Information for Families and Other Caregivers, 45 pp. Downloadable from [www.Thearc.org](http://www.Thearc.org) for members of their online community. (i.e., join, logout, wait for your notice, and then you can get into those publications). (If you have trouble, email bill.gaventa@umdnj.edu for a copy)

• Navigating Children’s Grief. This is an online course sponsored by the Children’s Grief Education Association. For more information, please visit the website at [www.childgrief.org](http://www.childgrief.org), call (303) 722-2319 or (877) 722-2319, or email info@childgrief.org.


• The Children’s Grief Education Association has a number of resources for children and people who work with them. Please visit [www.childgrief.org](http://www.childgrief.org) for more information.

• End-of-Life Care: Bridging Disability and Aging with Person-Centered Care, edited by William Gaventa and David Coulter. This book features two primary papers on the controversial issue of end-of-life care within the disabled and aging populations. Each paper explains—clearly and honestly—the multitude of issues involved in using person centered care. For more information or to order, please visit [www.haworthpress.com](http://www.haworthpress.com).

• The Fall of Freddie the Leaf. This is a film version of Leo Buscaglia’s story about the cycle of life and death. This gentle, beautifully told natural metaphor blends childhood and adult perceptions of life. It is dedicated to all who have ever suffered a permanent loss and can not find a way to explain it. This film is available on VHS for $159 (rental: $45). For more information or to order, please visit Terra Nova Films, Inc. at [http://www.terranova.org/Title.aspx?ProductCode=FTLVHS](http://www.terranova.org/Title.aspx?ProductCode=FTLVHS).

• Lessons in Grief and Death: Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities in the Healing Process. By Linda Van Dyke, this book includes counseling techniques and activities, including music, art, and drama, to work through the grieving process. Available from High Tide Press, 2505 E. Washington, Joliet, IL 60433. Order toll free at 1-800-469-9461 or visit [www.hightidepress.com](http://www.hightidepress.com).

• Noelle Blackman and Stuart Todd. Caring for People with Learning Disabilities who are Dying. Worth Publishing, London. An introductory guide for front line staff and service managers for providing good end-of-life care. Available for £6 from WCLD, Cardiff University, Meridian Court, North Road, Cardiff, CF14 3BG Tel: 029 20691795 Fax: 029 20610812.
• Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities (Ed. Sue Read) Cost £29.99 Quay Books, Salisbury, Wilts. UK.


• Person-Centered Planning for later Life: Death and Dying. A curriculum for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Five in-class lessons and one field trip. Instructor Guide and Student Notebook. Lessons are Understanding Death, Grief, Mourning/Comfort/Support, Death Related Rituals-Funerals. $25. $12.50 for additional Trainer’s Guides. Check or money order to Institute on Disability and Human Development, send to Clearinghouse on Aging and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Disability and Human Development, The University of Illinois at Chicago, 1640 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608-6904.


• Books Beyond Words. My Mom Died. My Father Died. When Someone Dies. A collection of books with picture drawings designed to assist people with intellectual difficulties in coping. No words. Designed to be looked at with a support person or counselor, and talked about. Other topics include depression, a move to a new home, going to the hospital, etc. Book Sales, Royal College of Psychiatrists,. RCPsych Publications now sells over 140 titles. [http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications](http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications). In addition, you can now also buy RCPsych Publications and ‘Books Beyond Words’ titles via [http://www.amazon.com/](http://www.amazon.com/). North American distributor for Royal College of Psychiatrists. Contact details: Publishers Storage and Shipping Company, 46 Development Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420, USA. Email: orders@pssc.com Tel: +1-978-829-2560. Fax: +1-978-348-1233. PSSC can take credit card orders from both individuals and orders from book shops. (These are excellent resources.)

• "Helping Each Other When People Die." (Student and Leader Versions) is an adult religious education module developed by Friendship Ministries, and one of their most heavily ordered resources. Friendship Ministries.


The Centering Corporation has an excellent collection of resources related to grief for families, death and dying, children's awareness, teens, parents, spouse, coping with grief, and caregiving. Contact them for a catalogue with the resources they distribute.


"Communicating About Loss and Mourning: Death Education for Individuals with Mental Retardation." Mental Retardation, 31.3. (June, 1993), pp. 144-47.


Helping the Bereaved Celebrate the Holidays. Directions for designing community events to support mourners during a trying time of the year. Willowgreen, (260) 490-2222, www.willowgreen.com. 96 pp. $7.95.


• Living with Grief. Who We Are, How We Grieve. Ken Doka, Ed. Book based on annual teleconference of the Hospice Foundation of America. Includes a chapter on grief and persons with developmental disabilities. $16.95. Hospice Foundation of America. They also have a number of other books and videotapes on grief, death, and dying.


• "Grief in Adults with Mental Retardation: Preliminary Findings" Dennis Harper and John Wadsworth. Published in Research in Developmental Disabilities. For copy, contact Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Pediatrics, University Hospital School, 100 Hospital School, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1011.

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- **NAPMR Quarterly Publication**, Fall, 1993 had a number of articles related to death, dying, grief, and helping people with mental retardation cope with loss. Contact National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry.

- **A Guideline for Protecting the Health and Lives of Patients in Hospitals, Especially if the Person is a Member of a Societally Devalued Class**. Wolf Wolfensberger. Syracuse University Training Institute, 805 South Crouse Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13244-2280. Attn: Book Manager. $6.50. Or call 315/443-4264.


- **Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide**. A video also available on DVD., with four session study guide. Five families and their stories. Narrated by Judy Collins. 44 min. From website: [www.fiercegoodbye.com](http://www.fiercegoodbye.com).

- **Assisted Suicide and the Quality of Life of Persons with Disabilities**. John Pipe. Issued by the National Council of Churches Committee on Disabilities, January 2000. Education Cluster, Room 848, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115-0050

RESOURCES FROM HOSPICE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

The Hospice Foundation of America has a variety of resources and materials, including a monthly email newsletter. A number of books focus on Living with Grief, an annual resource related to their annual national teleconference. Titles include:

- Living with Grief: After Sudden Loss
- Living with Grief: Illness Prolonged
- Living with Grief: Who We Are, How We Grieve
- Living with Grief: At Work, At School, At Worship
- Living with Grief: Children, Adolescents, and Loss
- Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses
RESOURCES FROM BASIS

- **The Pastor—A Vital Part of the Healing Process.** Suggestions for pastors in helping individuals through the healing process. BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **“Help for People in Pain.”** A three-hour seminar designed to describe the process of grief and to suggest ways individuals can learn to cope with loss situations and to encourage the local church to reach out to those in pain. BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **“Living with a Sovereign God in a Sour World.”** A three-hour follow-up seminar designed to help individuals move beyond the painful feelings to where God fits into the situation. BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **Keeper of the Stars, Healer of Hurting Hearts: Meditations for Bereaved Parents and Their Families.** A book of devotions written by bereaved parents for bereaved parents. BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **Stars of Promise: Meditations for Bereaved Parents.** A book of devotions written by bereaved parents for bereaved parents. BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **Promesas de Esperanza para Corazones Quebrantados.** A book of devotions written by bereaved parents for bereaved parents. Spanish version. BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

AUDIO-TAPE SERIES ON GRIEF:

- **New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Series.** Speaker Charlene Lucterhand, author of Helping Adults with Mental Retardation Grieve a Death Loss. Two others available featuring Angela King and Jeffrey Kaufmann, respectively.

- **Clergy to Clergy.** Six audio-tapes featuring Ken Doka and Paul Irion, covering many issues and aspects of grief, death, funerals, etc. Title is deceptive, because it is very useful for any caregiver seeking to understand more about coping with grief. $20. Hospice Foundation of America.
VI. B) ISSUES IN PASTORAL CARE: SEXUALITY

Again, this section of the bibliography is not complete, but a listing of some resources related to sexuality with persons with disabilities. We need your help in finding and/or informing us of resources that relate to sexuality that would be helpful for clergy and congregational caregivers.

- **Teaching Your Child with Down Syndrome about Bodies, Boundaries, and Sexuality: A Guide for Parents and Professionals**, by Terri Couwenhoven. This resource is written primarily for parents and is designed to help parents teach about sexuality at home. While portions of the book address issues unique to Down Syndrome, the majority of its contents are applicable to parents of children with a variety of intellectual disabilities. The book includes a number of activities that can be done at home. This resource will be available in the fall of 2007 and can be preordered and, ultimately, ordered from Woodbine House. For more information or to pre-order or order, please visit [www.woodbinehouse.com](http://www.woodbinehouse.com).

- **A Faith-Based Sexuality Education Guide for the Inclusion of Children and Youth with Special Needs**, by Sally Patton. This guide is an augmentation to the Sexuality Education curriculum developed by the UUA and UCC. To download this resource, please visit Patton’s website at [www.embracechildspirit.org](http://www.embracechildspirit.org).

- **Sexuality: Your Sons and Daughters with Intellectual Disabilities**, by Karen Melberg Schwier and Dave Hingsburger. Published by Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company, this resource helps parents to increase their children’s self-esteem, foster appropriate behavior, help children develop healthy relationships, and empower children to recognize and respond to abuse. Though not written from a Christian perspective, this book can be a helpful tool for parents as they teach their children about sexuality. Friendship Ministries has published a companion guide to this book from a Christian perspective. (See next resource)

- **Caring Relationships: Helping people with Mental Impairments Understand God’s Gift of Sexuality**, Ronald C. Vredeveld. This booklet is meant to be a companion for the book above by Melberg Schwier and Hingsburger and provide a Christian perspective on the issues covered in the book. He challenges the Christian community to develop networks of support. Dealing with issues of abuse, co-habitation, and marriage, he builds on twenty years of experience. $3.95, CRC Publications. For more information or to order, please visit [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org).

- **Sexuality Education Training**. These resources have been developed by DiAnn Baxley, Anna Zendell, and Jeanne Matich-Maroney through a grant from the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and in collaboration with the University of Albany’s Center on Intellectual Disabilities. The copyrighted training materials can be downloaded from the Council’s website. Included in these materials are instructional manuals for educators and parents, an annotated resource list, and sexuality policies and procedures. Please visit [www.fddc.org/HOME/Sexuality%20Training.asp](http://www.fddc.org/HOME/Sexuality%20Training.asp) for more information about the program and the materials.
• Verbal Informed Sexual Consent Assessment Tool (VISCAT), by Christopher DeMarco and Bill Taverner. This resource is designed to measure sexual consent and determine sexual consent capacity in people with developmental disabilities. $30, plus $5 shipping. Visit http://www.moapp.org/Documents/events/2006/SexualConsentAssessmentTool.pdf for order and payment instructions.

• Unequal Partners: Teaching About Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships, third edition, by Sue Montfort and Peggy Brick. This resource helps counselors, nurses, and others educate young people to make healthy decisions about relationships, especially those where power imbalances are in play because of significant age differences. For more information or to order, please contact The Center for Family Life Education, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. Telephone: (973)539-9580, X120; Fax: (973)539-3828.

• Doing What Comes Naturally? Dispelling Myths and Fallacies about Sexuality and People with Developmental Disabilities. Orieda Horn Anderson. Anderson draws on 58 years of experience as a sex educator and 30 years of work with people with developmental disabilities. She uncovers misconceptions about adults whose sexual needs vary greatly, and yet are often treated as children or no-sexual people. Includes heartwarming success stories from adults Mrs. Anderson has supported, as well as suggestions for teaching, and a guide to sexual incidents reporting. $19.95, High Tide Press & Cherry Hill Bookstore, 2505 E. Washington St., Joliet, IL 60433.


• Putting the Pieces Together. Human Sexuality for the Disabled. A manual designed to assist human service professionals in many arenas of service. $19.95 plus $3 S/H from People Building Institute, 330 Village Circle, Sheldon, Iowa 51201.

• "Sexuality Education for Children and Youth With Disabilities." Article/monograph. NICCY News Digest, 1002. (800) 695-0285.

• Bibliography on Sexuality. From Disability Resources Monthly. Vol. 1, August 1993. $3.


• Feeling Free: A Social Sexual Training Program for the Hearing and Visually Impaired. Jean Edwards Pro-Ed.

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- **Man and Woman He Made Them.** Jean Vanier. Paulist Press.


- **Guidelines for Promoting Responsible Sexual and Social Development.** A Reference for Staff Persons. Available from Walter Fernald State School, Boston.

- James Stanfield Publishing Company. P.O. Box 41058-C, Santa Barbara, CA 93140. 1-800-421-6534. EMAIL: STANFIELD@STANFIELD.COM. WWW.STANFIELD.COM. CATALOGUE WITH A NUMBER OF CURRICULA THEY PRODUCE RELATED TO SEXUALITY AND SOCIAL SKILLS.

- **Teach-A-Bodies** has a catalogue of dolls designed for use in sex education, and guidelines for use with people with developmental disabilities. 3509 Acorn Run, Ft. Worth, Texas 76109-2531.


- **Just Say Know!** Dave Hingsburger. Book explores victimization of people with disabilities and helps reader reduce risk of sexual assault.

**WRITTEN AND AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES**

- **Take Control. How to Stay Healthy and Safe from HIV and AIDS.** A Multi-media presentation for people with developmental disabilities. CD Rom. Program Development Associates.

- **Forbidden Wedding.** Story of a paraplegic man who is forbidden to get married by the Catholic Church in Brazil because of his impotence. The film unfolds into a gentle love story about human sexuality, the rights of the disabled, and faith in Brazil. Rental: $75. Sale. $295. Available from the director, Flavia Fontes, Means of Productions, 209 East 81st St., #5D, New York, N.Y. 10028.

- **VIDA Publishing** has a number of written and audio-visual materials on sexuality, many by pioneer Winifred Kempton and others by David Hingsberger. They are excellent resources for training and sex education. Contact them for a catalogue.
• Diverse City Press and High Tide Press/Cherry Hill Bookstore have other resources written by David Hingsburger and videos. They include: Just Say Know!, I Contact, and No! How? Teaching People with Disabilities to Protect Themselves from Sexual Assault and Abuse, other books on condom use and masturbation, Behavior Self on understanding behavior messages, and others. Call them for an updated listing.

• The Ethics of Touch. Video lecture by David Hingsberger on issues in “touch,” “privacy,” and “boundaries.” Includes manual to assist staff in training. $100. Diverse City Press and High Tide Press/Cherry Hill for they also carry a number of other resources by David Hingsberger and other on sexuality, abuse, and more.

• Making Connections. Video written by and casted with teens and young adults with disabilities. Involves a dating service as well, with successes and failures of matchmaking. Program Development Associates. $79.


• Roots and Wings. Video on sexuality education for teenagers with cognitive disabilities. 30 min. Program Development Associates. $79.

• I'm a Beautiful Person--Sexuality and Disability: A Video for Parents and Youth with Disabilities. Teens and youth discuss sexuality issues. $35 includes S/H. Pacer Center.

• No! How!! Dave Hingsburger. Video involved people with disabilities in acting, writing, producing, and directing. Discusses disability to teaching boundaries.
VI. C) SPIRITUALITY AND SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENTS

There is growing interest in spirituality and spiritual supports in a variety of arenas. One is the inclusion of spiritual supports as an important area of care in the new 1992 AAIDD Terminology and Classification Manual. A second is a wide variety of health care and human service organizations who are looking for ways to assess spiritual needs and gifts in people they serve, and provide appropriate supports. This is evident in person-centered planning approaches in developmental disabilities that focus on community connections, integration, inclusion, and supports. A third is the growing amount of research showing the links between healthy spirituality and health. And a fourth is the importance of exploring spirituality as a component of coping and caregiving for families, professionals, and friends.

- Spiritual Assessments and Supports Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, and Congregations, by Erik W. Carter. This how-to book gives readers workable strategies and photocopiable forms for identifying “indicators of welcome,” encouraging community outreach, and gathering important information about the support needs of people with disabilities and their families. He has a section on use of several forms of spiritual assessments. Published by Brookes Publishing. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.brookespublishing.com/store/books/carter-67434/index.htm.


- Spirituality, Values, and Mental Health: Jewels for the Journey, edited by Mary Ellen Coyte and Peter Gilbert. Drawing on the insights of mental health professionals, careers, and mental health service users and survivors, this resource addresses the stigma often surrounding mental health and spirituality and explores the place of the spiritual in mental health care. Published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book.php/isbn/9781843104568.

- Spirituality and Me: A Spiritual Gifts Assessment, by Rev. Amy Sagola-Bennett. This book offers an insightful, creative assessment for people with disabilities to explore their individual spiritual gifts and to find how best to use them in their lives. This is an interfaith resource and can be used by individuals, staff, groups, and families in many different settings. Included in this guide are ideas for making certificates, necklaces, and bracelets as physical representations a person’s spiritual gifts. For more information or to order, please visit the online store for the Blue Tower Training Center at http://bluetowertraining.com/online-store.


- The Pastoral Voice of Robert Perske. Ed. Bill Gaventa and David Coulter. A collection of Robert Perske’s essays from the 1960s, when he was a chaplain at the Kansas Neurological Institute. Essays include some of the first written materials on theology and ministries with people with mental retardation. Responders include Steve Eidelman, Executive Director of the Arc, Quincy Abbot, former Arc President and parent, and Robert Voorhees.
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- **A Space to Listen. Meeting the Spiritual Needs of People with Learning Disabilities.** Initial research report on a project in the UK. Dr. John Swinton. The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities. The following resources came out of this project:

  - **Why Are We Here? Meeting the Spiritual Needs of People with Learning Disabilities.** John Swinton and Elaine Powrie. £17.50.
  - **What About Faith? A good practice guide for services on meeting the religious needs of people with learning disabilities.** Chris Hatton, Suzie Turner, and colleagues. A guidebook for helping provider agencies, with workshop guides, etc. £45.
  - Two booklets: **What is Important to You?** and **No Box to Tick.** Free to individuals. Multiple copies have costs.
  - **Spiritual Wellbeing of Adults with Down Syndrome.** Margaret Crompton and Robin Jackson. The web address is Down Syndrome Education International, [http://www.downsed.org](http://www.downsed.org).
  - **Impact Newsletter. Feature Issue on Faith Communities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities.** Winter, 2001/02. 36 pp. Newsletter with a variety of articles from Christian, Jewish, and other perspectives. Resources, ideas, ministry models, and more. First copy free, others @ $4. One article on spiritual assessments. Another on addressing spiritual needs and interests as quality of life initiative. Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota. 612-624-4512. Also on their web site: [http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html](http://ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html).
  - **Spiritual Assessments in Pastoral Care.** George Fitchett. Booklet exploring various models from Journal of Pastoral Care Publications.
  - **Spirituality.** Themed issue of Frontline Initiative. Vol. 8, 2. 2009. [www.nadsp.org](http://www.nadsp.org)
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- For a collection of articles related to spiritual assessments and supports, contact Bill Gaventa, University Affiliated Program of New Jersey. Email: gaventwi@umdnj.edu.

- **Healing Words**. Dr. Larry Dossey.


- **Spiritual Care in a Community or Network Setting**. Booklet from Catholic Health Association. 4455 Woodson Road, St. Louis, MO 63134-3797.


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- **The Forgotten Factor in Physical and Mental Health: What Does the Research Show?** Dr. David Larson. Documentation of research efforts showing benefits of spiritual commitments for physical and mental health. National Institute for Health Care Research. $35. NICHR became the International Center for the Integration of Health and Spirituality.


- **Curriculum on Religion and Spirituality in Clinical Practice**. For training psychiatrists in the role of religion in mental health. NICHR.

- **Information Packet on Religion and Spiritual Supports**. Mair Hall, et.al. Center for Human Policy, Syracuse.
RESEARCH CENTERS WITH NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION INCLUDE:

- The George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health, headed by Dr. Christiana Puchalski, has a new newsletter, the Gwish News. It’s free. If you want to get on a mailing list, write them at 2300 K Street, NW, Warwick Bldg., #303, Washington, D.C. 20037.

- Dr. Harold Koenig, Box 3400, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina 27710.

VIDEOS

- Body, Mind, and Spirit. $20. From Dr. Larson and National Institute of Healthcare Research.

- The Faith Factor. $20. Spirituality for Caregivers. Also from Dr. Larson and National Institute of Healthcare Research.

- Bridges to Faith. Describes interfaith “spiritual companion” program in Massachusetts. $10 from Bridges to Faith.

BOOKS BY PARKER PALMER:


- To Know As We Are Known: A Spirituality of Education. Harper and Row.


OTHER BOOKS


CATALOGUES WITH A VARIETY OF GOOD RESOURCES ON SPIRITUALITY

CONTACT THESE PUBLISHERS OR RESOURCE OFFICES:

- The Torch Group. (800) 331-3761.

- Daybreak Publications. Toronto (905) 884-3454 Ext. 234 or 1-800-853-1412. Writings and resources from Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen. See Section V.

- The Upper Room Catalogue. They publish, among other things, Weavings, a non-sectarian but Christian journal of spirituality with a different theme focus in each issue.
VII. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUIDES AND CURRICULA

BOOKS


- Let all the children come to me: A practical guide for including children with disabilities in your church ministries, by M. Breeding, D. K. Hood, and J. Whitworth. Published by Cook Communications Ministries. This book blends theory and research with practical ideas and strategies for teaching children with special needs and places it in a spiritual and Christ-centered context. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Let-All-Children-Come-Disabilities/dp/0781444047/ref=pd_sim_b_img_3


- The Child with Autism Learns the Faith, by Kathy Labosh. Drawing on her experiences teaching a religion class for children with autism and developmental disabilities, the author shares her insights into the best way to set up the class and lessons. This booklet provides fifteen lesson plans suitable to most faiths. The set up of the lesson plans can be adapted to teach your faith. For more information or to order, please visit the Labosh Publishing website at http://www.laboshpublishing.com/faithtipbook.html

- Learning Disabilities and the Church: Including All God’s Kids in your Education and Worship, by Cynthia Holder Rich and Martha Ross-Mockaitis. For more information or to order, please visit www.FaithAliveResources.org.

- Confidence and Capacity: Parish Communities Knowing and Supporting People with Disability. Trish Murdoch. A resource book for congregations, with a theological and pastoral foundation, guidelines for a Parish Disability Connection group (task force) to work with congregations, and resources for action. It is based on the experiences and insights of people with disabilities and their families, and their desire to be connected members of faith communities. It comes out of Brisbane Catholic Education of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia, but is designed to be used in many other places and can be easily adapted by other faith groups. An excellent resource book. 129 pp., $28 Australian. Email mford@bne.catholic.edu.au for order forms. It can be charged to Visa and MasterCard, which is the easiest way to deal with currency exchange. Additional shipping charges.

- Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities. Jim Pierson. Drawn from seven growing churches with vital ministries to people with disabilities and special needs, this book contains 77 sections on different forms of disabilities and special needs, ways to address them, teaching methods that work. Dr. Jim Pierson is president of Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped (CCFH Ministries) in Knoxville and a long-time member of Religion and Spirituality


Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community, edited by Mary Beth Walsh, Alice F. Walsh, and Bill Gaventa. This is a 56 pp. booklet with interfaith perspectives and strategies, family stories, resources and more, meant to be a resource for congregations who are seeking to include children and adults with autism. Cost is $5 per copy. To order, please contact the Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300 or access the order form at http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscen.


Guide for Teachers of Persons With Mental Retardation. Adaptation of New Invitation. Curriculum
with one guide for children who are mainstreamed and one for youth and adults in a self-contained class. $2.00 each. United Methodist Publishing House.

- **No Disabled Souls**. Jim Pierson. Readers will be touched and inspired by the stories of Jim’s friendships with special people. Learn from his experience how churches can accommodate individual needs and form friendships that change lives! $9.35 each, includes S/H. Order online at www.ccfh.org. CCFH Ministries, P.O. Box 9869, Knoxville, TN 37940. (865) 54605921. Fax (865) 535-2282. Email: info@ccfh.org.

**SECULAR RESOURCES AND INCLUSION GUIDES**

- Inclusion Press publishes a number of resources on inclusive education, including *Reflections on Inclusive Education* by Fr. Patrick Mackan and *The Inclusion Papers: Strategies to Make Inclusion Work*. Developed for schools, but certainly applicable to religious education. They also have videos, and a yearly extensive newsletter called Inclusion News.

- *Take a Look at Me Portfolio*, by Mary Rugg. Available in versions for young children, school-aged children, and adults, helps individuals of all ages look at their strengths, interests, hopes and needs and seeks to avoid deficits focused practice. It can be downloaded at http://www.takealookatmeportfolio.com/

- *Working Together: A Guide to Positive Behavior Support for Families and Professionals*, by Sharon Lohrman and Fredda Brown. Produced by TASH, this guide is geared to families and laypersons, not just the professionals who are often involved in complex behavioral analysis. To order the guide from TASH, please visit their website at www.tash.org

- *Young Children with Special Needs: A Developmentally Appropriate Approach*. Michael Davis, Jennifer Kilgo, and Michael Gamel-McCormick. Allyn & Bacon, Inc., 1998. 408 pp. This book takes the approach that children with disabilities are more like their peers without disabilities than they are different and that educators need to provide programming from that perspective. Blends the best of early childhood and early childhood special education practices and helps the practitioner understand how to modify the classroom and the curriculum to make them accessible to all children. Available at www.barnesandnoble.com. $52.44.

- *Faking It: A look Into the Mind of a Creative Learner*, by Christopher Lee & Rosemary Jackson (1992). The authors provide those of us who do not have learning disabilities a view into the world and perspective of someone who does. This is a helpful resource for those who work with individuals with learning disabilities. Available from Boynton/Cook Publishing. For more information or to order, please visit www.boyntoncook.com/search/default.aspx.

• Quick-Guides to Inclusion; Quick Guides to Inclusion 2; Quick Guides to Inclusion 3: Ideas for Educating Students with Disabilities. Ed. Michael F. Giangreco, Ph.D. 160 pp. each. Perfect for busy educators; provides advice for improving inclusion skills. Equally suitable as an entry-level guide or as a concise summary for professionals. $22.95, Brookes Publishing.

• Inclusion 101: How to Teach All Learners. Anne Bauer, Ed.D., Thomas M. Shea, Ed.D. 352 pp. Our changing society ensures that all classrooms are inclusive. This textbook helps empowers teachers to respond to students’ diverse learning styles and hone critical thinking skills. It shows teachers how to actively involve students, parents, and caregivers in the learning community. $35.00, Brookes Publishing.

• Adapting Curriculum and Instruction in Inclusive Classrooms and an Interactive CD-ROM Companion. Manual on inclusion, process for making adaptations, and samples. (Not from religious education, but processes are similar.) Manual is $8.25. CD-ROM is $17. From ISDD, Publications Department.

• Modifying Schoolwork. Rachel Janney, Ph.D., Martha Schnell, Ph.D., invited contributors. 112 pp. Full of proven strategies, models, and examples, this reference shows educators ways to adapt schoolwork to provide individualized attention to students with a broad range of developmental disabilities. $25.00, Brookes Publishing.

• A Service Delivery Model for Students with Special Needs in Catholic Elementary School: Guidelines for Developing and Implementing a Support System for Students with Special Needs. Kathleen Marie Ramirez, O.P., Dominican Sister Education Department, P.O. Box 7465, Oakland, CA 94601. (510) 532-8344.


• Making Friends: Using Recreation Activities to Promote Friendship Between Children With and Without Disabilities. Linda Heyne, Stuart Schleien, Leo McAvoy. 73 page manual. From Publications Office, Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota, 109 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612) 624-4512.


• **KICS Manual (Kids in Community Settings).** Training Manual for inclusive programs for children. Arc of Multnomah County.


• **“You’re Going to Love this Kid!”: Teaching Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom.** Paula Kluth. $27.00, Brookes Publishing. Provides first-person accounts of attitudes and actions that support the inclusive classroom.


**OLDER BOOKS**


• **Spreading the Light: Religious Education for Special Children.** Antonia Malone. Paulist Press.

• **Special Education: A Resource and Planning Guide.** Board of Parish Services. (A large loose-leaf binder.)

• **Gospel Lesson Plans.** Curriculum plan corresponding to three year ecumenical lectionary cycle. Paulist Press.


• **How to Teach the Mentally Retarded.** Scripture Press Publications, Gloria Hawley.


• **The Experience of Faith.** V. Bailey Gillespie. Religious Education Press. This publisher does a number of books on moral development and faith development.

**MAGAZINES/QUARTERLIES**

- **Breakthrough.** Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. has redesigned its Quarterly Magazine, **Breakthrough**, with articles about religious education and congregational ministries, new resources, suggestions, and more. It has color pictures and a very attractive graphic design that captures some of the energy and spirit in the ministries it highlights. If you know a Lutheran Church with an effective ministry to people with developmental disabilities and their families, please encourage the church to submit an article. For a free subscription to Breakthrough, call 1.800.369.4636 ext. 3418, or e-mail breakthrough@blhs.org.

- **Special Education Today.** Quarterly magazine from Lifeway Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Excellent articles on wide range of subjects on congregational ministries related to children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Authors are welcome to contribute. Contact them for guidelines.

- Friendship Ministries also has a monthly enewsletter, with resources and ideas for religious education. [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org)

- The National Catholic Partnership with Disability also has a regular electronic newsletter, with many resources. Primarily Catholic in focus. [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org).

**BOOKLET GUIDES**

- **Children with Autism: Strategies for accessing the Curriculum.** This is an online religious education resource from the UK. This resource can be found at [http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/6704/religious%20education.pdf](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/6704/religious%20education.pdf).

- **Information on Autism for Religious Education Teachers,** by Charlotte Hawkins Shepard. This is a free online resource from the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. To access this resource, please visit [http://gbgm-umc.org/disc/autism.stm](http://gbgm-umc.org/disc/autism.stm).

- For Sunday School and religious education teachers, an online resource from the Learning Disabilities Association may be very useful. **“Helping Helpers”** has tips for volunteers working with children with learning disabilities. Site: [www.ldonline.org/helpinghelpers/](http://www.ldonline.org/helpinghelpers/).

- **Different Gifts but the Same Spirit: Supplemental Lesson Packets about Inclusion.** Designed to help parish and school teach families and students in grade four through high school about the importance of inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the parish. Pathways Awareness Foundation, Chicago.

- **Strategies in Teaching Religion to Children and Adults with Disabilities.** Sr. Marci Blum, OSF. $2, Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.

- **Practical Teaching Methods for Bringing the Gospel to Special Needs Students.** Linda Kay Zessin. The Evangelical Covenant Church Department of Christian Formation.
Tips for Congregations Working with Disabled Persons. Excellent packet with guidelines for teachers working with students with a variety of handicapping conditions. From AAIDD Religion Division. $.50 (Originally Published by ELCA and United Methodists).

- Early Childhood TIPS for Teachers
- Elementary Age TIPS for Teachers
- Teens: TIPS for Teachers
- Adults: TIPS for Teachers


Beginning a Special Needs Class: A Step by Step Checklist. WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Special Education Services Committee.) They also publish the following booklet guides (all are free):
- The Confirmation of Mentally Retarded Persons. Keith Kruck
- Understanding Your New Student. Jane Zimmerman

Sacramental Preparation: Booklets and Videos. New series from the Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities, funded by Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Mental Retardation. Booklets give teachers strategies to teach students with mental disability in a regular classroom or another setting: (Booklets are $5.00 each plus $1 S/H):
- Sacramental Preparation Eucharist--Individualizing Lesson Plans
- Sacramental Preparation Baptism--Individualizing Lesson Plans
- Sacramental Preparation Reconciliation--Individualizing Lesson Plans
- Sacramental Preparation Confirmation--Individualizing Lesson Plans


CURRICULA
(These are Christian Education Resources. For Jewish resources, see Section XIII.) Contact publishers directly for more detailed information about these curricula, prices, and/or samples.)

- **Hands-On Bible Curriculum Support Page.** Group Publishing has provided this online resource to help religious educators adapt the Hands-On Bible Curriculum for adults and children with special needs. Please see [http://www.handsonbible.com/specialneeds.asp](http://www.handsonbible.com/specialneeds.asp) for more information.

- **Dear Christian Friend.** This is a curriculum from Jesus Cares Ministries and is designed to be used with both children and adults with developmental disabilities. It includes studies in both the Old and New Testaments. Student Guides and Teachers Guides are available. For information or to order, please visit the Northwestern Publishing House website at [http://www.nph.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?process&procID=10435&categoryID=1821#1914](http://www.nph.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?process&procID=10435&categoryID=1821#1914).

- **St. Mary’s Curriculum** (for students with autism and other developmental disabilities. Designed to meet the needs of students for whom traditional religious education does not work. Used in both segregated and home school settings. Two packages available online: Social Stories and First Year Curriculum. [www.autismreligionseducation.net/ordering](http://www.autismreligionseducation.net/ordering).

- **Joy in Jesus’ Love.** This book from Jesus Cares Ministries contains twenty lessons, plus an optional Christmas lesson, provides a foundation in biblical truths for people with limited vocabulary and understanding. Available from Northwestern Publishing House. To order, please visit [http://online.nph.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?10418&productID=386905](http://online.nph.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?10418&productID=386905).

- **What Christians Believe: Confirmation Studies for Persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities,** by George C. Anderson. This is a nondenominational lesson series in which the author explains how to teach the basic tenets of the Christian faith in a clear, meaningful way. The lessons use a variety of hands-on activities for students to learn about faith in preparation for confirmation. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/resources/resources-pdc.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/resources/resources-pdc.htm) or call (800) 524-2612.

- **My Confirmation Book, Volumes 1 and 2.** Published by Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, this resource is designed to be used in helping persons with disabilities prepare for confirmation in the Lutheran church. Volume 1 covers the Ten Commandments, the Bible, God, and the Apostles’ Creed, while Volume 2 covers Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord’s Prayer, and Confirmation day. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog](http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog), or call 1-800-369-4636.

- **Christian Education Curriculum in Braille.** Faith Alive Christian Resources publishes curriculum in Braille for both children and youth. For more information or to order, please visit [www.faithaliveresources.org/disability](http://www.faithaliveresources.org/disability).

- **Gateway Club Curriculum.** Developed by the United Methodist National Task Force on Developmental Disabilities and edited by Martha L. Hindman, this is a faith-based, church-related social and religious education curriculum for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Available for a $15 donation to the National Task Force on Developmental Disabilities. Contact Pat Cook at 503 Vine St., Leavenworth, KS 66048, or by telephone at 913-682-8517.
• Access Learner Guide. 13 new Bible studies each quarter for adults who have mental handicaps. Includes Bible stories, real-life stories, life application activities, and daily devotionals. Available from LifeWay by calling 1-800-458-2772 or by ordering online at www.lifeway.com/shopping.

• Access Leader Guide. Classroom teaching plans and personal Bible study for leaders. Includes monthly fellowship ideas and ministry projects. Includes a special section on teaching learners who have severe Disabilities. Available from LifeWay by calling 1-800-458-2772 or by ordering online at www.lifeway.com/shopping.

• Access Leader Pack. Ready-made visuals to use along with the teaching plans in Access Leader Guide. Includes a CD with songs, Bible story dramas, and more. Available from LifeWay by calling 1-800-458-2772 or by ordering online at www.lifeway.com/shopping.

• VBS Special Education Leader Guide. All you need for a 5-day Vacation Bible School, camp, or retreat with adults who have mental handicaps. Includes worship, recreation, crafts, snacks, missions, and 5 Bible study teaching plans. Includes an enhanced CD with music, Bible story dramas, theme skits, sound effects, and printable resources such as Bible story pictures, handouts for learners, and decorating backdrops. Order by calling 1-800-458-2772, visiting a LifeWay Christian Store, or ordering online at www.lifeway.com/yourvbs.


• Beyond Limits is a new 52-lesson curriculum specifically designed for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. These lessons have been written, field-tested by several teachers, revised and edited over the past four years. The Visual Bible’s Matthew videos (or DVDs) are the primary visual used in each lesson. Each week students will view a brief segment of this outstanding film. Beyond Limits also has clear, attractive drawings that supplement many of the lessons. Students will engage in a variety of activities each week which encourage them to come into a relationship with Jesus Christ, and then to grow as His child through prayer, worship, service to others, and obedience to Him in their daily lives. To receive free sample lessons, or to order the curriculum, contact: Linda Smith, Vision New England Disability Ministries, PO Box 873, Boston, MA 02130. Phone/Fax: 617-723-1750. Email: Vnedismin@gis.net.


• Imagination Designs is the name of an organization that had an exhibit at The Arc National Conference. They have a book of designs that look like stained glass windows, and are to be used as coloring books for adults. Several of us there thought these might be very good resources, age appropriate, for religious education activities with adults. Website: www.imaginationdesigns.net.
FROM FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES.

- **Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorders**, by Barbara J. Newman. This is a unique resource designed to offer practical ways for congregations to welcome and include individuals with ASD. Includes a number of reproducible resources such as sample interview questionnaires for Children’s and Adult ministries, sample observation forms, sample permission forms, a sample job description for a coordinator of ministry to children and adults with special needs, and a sample individual spiritual formation plan (ISFP). For more information or to order, visit www.friendship.org or call 1-888-866-8966.

- **Expressing Faith in Jesus: Church Membership for People with Cognitive Impairments** by Ron Vredeveld. $8.95. An excellent resource for confirmation and membership guidance.

- **Friendship Series Curriculum**. This curriculum is divided into three series: “God, Our Father,” “Jesus, Our Savior,” and the newest third series, “The Spirit, Our Helper.” CDs are also available for each series and include accompaniment (without vocals) for music in the leader/mentor guides and songs in all units. For more information or to order, please visit www.friendship.org.

- **Friendship Christmas Book and Easter Book**. Each book consists of two session plans that are similar to the sessions in the Friendship Bible Studies units. Also included are a collection of songs, dramas, worship ideas, craft activities, patterns, and more. There are enough ideas and activities in each book to be used year after year. $39.95 for each book. For more information or to order, please visit www.friendship.org.

- Friendship Ministries now does a monthly e-newsletter, **Extras Online**, with updates on all of their materials, and conferences. To get on the e-newsletter list email uitvlugn@crcna.org or go to www.friendship.org.

- **Friendship Ministries Abuse Guidelines**. A resource for helping programs set guidelines, screen volunteers, and set safety tips. You would hope that abuse would never happen in a faith related program, but sometimes it does. Kudos to Friendship Ministries for addressing this with a resource guide.

- **Friendship Series**. Three year curriculum for youth and adults. Biblical focus. Group Leaders' Kit, Teacher's Manuals, and Student resources. (Amistad is the Spanish version.) Also has corresponding cassette tapes which are collections of recommended songs. A new cassette tape of devotional music and meditations is called Time with God. The Friendship Ministries also have a regular newsletter to support teachers and programs. Video, Give it Away, describes the friendship program. For prices call 1-800-263-4252.

- **Living God's Way**. Follow-up to Friendship Series, Years 1-3. Course is based on the Ten Commandments and offers practical guidance on living the Christian life for higher-functioning adults who have mental retardation.

- **Friendship Life Studies**. These are ten courses focused on various life application topics. Each course consists of five sessions. Titles by author, Jessie Schut (Leader Guide $6.50; Student Magazine: $3.50):
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- “Caring for God’s World”
- “Faith for Tough Times”
- “God’s Gift of Work”
- “Growing Closer to God”
- “Helping Each Other”
- “Talking to God About Your Feelings”
- “Telling Your Friends About Jesus”
- “When People Die.”
- “We all Have Gifts.”
- “Learning the Lord’s Prayer”

FROM BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOMES AND SERVICES, INC.

- **Opening the Doors to Learning.** This is a free pamphlet that discusses the learning barriers affecting persons with disabilities and how religious educators might compensate for these barriers. The first 25 copies of this pamphlet are free. Contact Bethesda for information on prices for larger quantities. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog](http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog).

- **Exploring Faith and Life Bible Study Curriculum** is a new curriculum with a teacher guide, 24 lesson plans, student leaflets for each of the lesson, and Music CD. Geared toward adult individuals in small Bible study groups. Unit titles are Faith in My Heart, Faith and God’s Creation, Faith and My Relationships, and Faith and My Church. Cost is $75, with additional sets of leaflets for students (5 in a set) at $20 per set. Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. Phone: 1-800-369-4636, ext. 3418. Website: www.blhs.org.

- **Communication Cards.** These black and white cards depict various Christian themes and symbols and facilitate teaching concepts such as forgiveness, heave, and God’s word to persons with disabilities. One set contains fifty cards. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog](http://www.blhs.org/resources/spiritualResources/catalog).

- **Breakthrough.** Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. has redesigned its Quarterly Magazine, Breakthrough, with articles about religious education and congregational ministries, new resources, suggestions, and more. It has color pictures and a very attractive graphic design that captures some of the energy and spirit in the ministries it highlights. If you know a Lutheran Church with an effective ministry to people with developmental disabilities and their families, please encourage the church to submit an article. For a free subscription to Breakthrough, call 1.800.369.4636 ext. 3418, or e-mail breakthrough@blhs.org.

- **Walking with Jesus - Vol. 1-3.** Each volume supplies daily devotions for an entire year, divided into months. Each devotion contains Bible readings, prayers, and hymns and several paragraphs explaining the Bible verse. Designed for people to use as a tool in sharing daily devotions with people who have cognitive disabilities. $10.00 each, National Christian Resource Center (NCRC).
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- **God Loves My Song.** David Morstad, Chief Communications Officer at Bethesda. A resource for music used in the special religious education classroom, with 30 songs divided into sections such as Songs of Praise, Action and Christmas. Free resource, National Christian Resource Center (NCRC).

- **Faces to Faces.** David Morstad. Patterned after God Loves My Song. Free resource, National Christian Resource Center (NCRC).

- **God Loves You! Bible Lessons For People with Special Learning Needs.** A collection of 25 lessons compiled from earlier Breakthrough issues. This is intended to guide those who have answered the Lord’s Call, “Whom shall I send?” as they bring the message of God’s unconditional love to people who have never heard. $5.00, National Christian Resource Center (NCRC).

- **Berea.** A collection of Bible lessons (previously published in Breakthrough) based on the appointed readings for the church year. $5.00. National Christian Resource Center (NCRC).

**FROM CCFH MINISTRIES**

CCFH offers information material to promote inclusion and ministry to individuals and families: We offer:

- **Exceptional Teaching Online.** This is an interactive online guide to implementing a successful disability ministry. For more information, please visit www.ccfh.org.

Booklets to provide information on topics of particular interest to individuals and families can be used by Missionary Group or as Bible School study material. ($4.40 each includes S/H. Order online at www.ccfh.org.)

- Autism: Information and Inclusion Strategies
- Basic Disability Training for Christian Education Teachers
- Beginning a Disability Ministry
- Emotional and Behavioral Problems (Including Children with)
- And more. Visit our website for a complete list of resource materials.

Lesson Series and Lesson Material are a perfect fit for sequential classes including Vacation Bible School, mid-week Bible Classes, and weekly Church School Classes. They offer insight on and provide a means for inclusion.


- **God Can Use Me**
  Four lessons show how God used people with disabilities for His glory (Moses, Mephibosheth, Paul, and Fanny Crosby.) The fifth lesson helps students to see that they also have special gifts and abilities they can use to serve God. Each lesson contains an activity, questions to help students make personal applications, related information about CCFH Ministries, and craft and snack suggestions.
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- His Hands, His Heart
  Five lessons intersperse Bible stories with facts about residents of CCFH Ministries’ facilities. Students will learn that God can and does use everyone, and loves us whether or not our bodies are perfect. Lessons include activities, Bible stories, personal application, education about CCFH Ministries, and prayer thoughts. Lesson Material $7.70 each includes S/H. Order online at www.ccfh.org.

- A Place for Me in God’s Family
  Nine lessons that will help a teacher lead a person with mental retardation into a relationship with the Lord. Includes helpful information on mental retardation, and reproducible art.

- 52 Lesson Plans for Learners with Disabilities
  A year’s worth of lessons about God, Jesus, people of faith (Old Testament characters) and the church. The material can be used with children or adults.

OTHER CURRICULA FROM BOTH PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC SOURCES

- Bible Study: When Chronic Illness Enters Your Life, by Lisa Copen. This five-lesson Bible study is suitable for individuals or groups, and is used by most HopeKeepers groups whose focus is the spiritual and emotional issues of individuals with chronic pain or illness. For more information on these groups and on this Bible study, please visit the website for Rest Ministries at http://www.restministries.org/comfortzone/item42.htm.


- A Place for Me in God’s Family. Devotional book for high functioning adults with mental retardation, from point of view of Todd, a 26 year old commenting on his life, a scripture passage, and its application. 21 devotionals. International Bible Society.

- The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Mental Retardation. Extensive new curriculum and guide with 260 lesson plans and prayer services. Written for students with mild to moderate mental retardation, and can be modified for more severely disabled students. For use in inclusive classrooms,
specialized, or at home. Spanish version being developed. Adaptable to other Christian denominations. Grace Harding, Ed. Diocese of Pittsburgh. $35 plus $5 S/H. (Both the Friendship Series and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program have Spanish editions for their basic curricula.)

- **Feed All My Sheep: A Guide and Curriculum for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.** Doris Clark. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press. Chapters on setting up a class, 60 pages of lessons, some music and songs, and other resources. Includes ideas for setting up a separate class and integration with other church members. Frog Pond Enterprises, 1653 Frog Pond Road, Sherman, Texas 75092. Email Doris at fpent@wildblue.net.

- **Joy Dancing.** By Doris Clark. Series of lessons to learn upper-torso liturgical dance, with focus on three curriculums: The Lord’s Prayer, The 23rd Psalm, and The Apostles Creed. $30 from. Frog Pond Enterprises, 1653 Frog Pond Road, Sherman, Texas 75092. Email Doris at fpent@wildblue.net.

- **Hearts to Dance: Old and New, A Time for Everything, Gifts Galore.** Hearts to Dance is a religious education program for school aged young people who have an intellectual disability. Appropriate for special schools, parish programs, integrated RE programs, and at home with the family. $12 each. Faith Education Services, G.P.O. Box 1201, Brisbane, Queensland 4001, Australia. Phone: 07- 8400 599, FAX: 07- 844 5101

- **Picture Bible Series.** With interpretive illustration, is designed especially for children with limited language/reading skills, deafness, or developmental disabilities that all might know and love Jesus and live the gospel. 7 X 8 ½ inches, soft covered. Teacher’s manual for each book includes teaching suggestions and enlarged copies of each page, ideal for teaching groups. Teacher’s manual available in Spanish as well. Books, $6, $8, $10, Teacher’s Manual $8, $10, $12. subtract 10% for orders over $100, $2 S/H for first two books, $.50 for each addtl. Book. Sr. Margaret Peter, Clare Hall, 3470 S. IL Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207.

- **I Live In God’s Love.** Participant book, leader guide. For adults with moderate mental retardation. 14 lessons. Augsburg. Leaders Guide: $4.95. Participant Book: $2.95. Also available from Concordia Publishing are two similar series:
  - **I Live in God's Grace**
  - **I Live in God's Promises**

- **Abiding in Faith: A Resource for Teachers of Adults with Moderate Mental Retardation.** New resource (1994) published by Christian Board of Publication, developed by National Council of Churches Committee on Disabilities. 8 resource units with lesson plans. $12.95

- **Awakening Spiritual Dimensions.** A First Eucharist Preparation Program. 20 planned lessons with prayer, symbol, ritual, and community building. $18 includes S/H. Fr. Bill Gillum, 2119 Mercer Rd., New Brighton, PA 15074.


- **Confirming Faith in Jesus.** Kenneth Baisden. A catechism for people with special needs. 200 pages of lessons and activities that teach the six chief parts of Luther's catechism. National Christian Resource Center, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. $10.65.

- **Jesus Comes. Jesus Teaches and Heals. Jesus Dies and Rises.** Three picture Bible books with simple language and illustrations. $6 each. Sister Margaret Peter, OSF. St. Coletta SMP Project, St. Coletta, Wisconsin.

- **You and Me God.** Augsburg, Concordia, and Fortress Press. For severely retarded children and youth. Lutheran in focus to prepare persons for confirmation. Teacher's kit with lesson plans for 3 units of 12 sessions each. Pupil book with take home sheets.

- **Church Membership for Persons who Are Mentally Retarded.** Supplement resource to help prepare persons for church membership. Four-page leaflet for leaders, six-page worksheets for learners. $2.05. Cokesbury.

- **Living in Faith: A Sunday School Resource for Older Youth and Young Adults Who Are Retarded.** 52 lessons/$5.75. Cokesbury.


- **Extended Special Education Teacher's Guide for the Simplified Catechism.** Carla King and Loren Popke. Lutheran Special Education Ministries.

- **God Loves Me.** Bible course for moderately and mildly retarded children, ages 6-12. Bible Club Movement International.

- **Bible Lessons for Special Classes.** Moderately retarded children and youth. Lutheran focus. Concordia Publishing House.


- **Mephibosheth Ministry.** Produce a variety of religious education curricula and guides for adults with developmental disabilities. Developed by a woman with cerebral palsy. Write for catalogue and brochure. 1406 Ranier Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.

- **Journey With Jesus.** Extensive curriculum guide, Catholic in origin, but very adaptable. Cardinal Stritch College Bookstore. Includes five separate books Call to Communion, Call to Reconciliation, Call To Service, Gospel Study, and Sacramental Living. Revised in 1988. Includes picture inserts or tablets that can be copied for students, a director's handbook, and songbook for use in the program. Three part, nine level guide for children and adolescents, and three part guide for adults.
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- **SPRED.** Religious Education Handbook and guidelines for symbolic catechesis. SPRED Program, Chicago.


- **The Living Catechism for Special Learners.** Adaptations of four pupil texts for catechetical instruction, designed for use in a mainstream setting. Augsburg Publishing House.

- **Simplified Catechism.** Student catechesis, Bible Story book, teacher guide. Lutheran Special Education Ministries.


- **Harmony Religious Education Program.** Kit includes resources, lesson guides, audio music tape. Produced by Sr. Monica Mary Gacke, OSF. All remaining copies of the set are available from NAfIM. $25 for set. *Reaching Out* is a handbook to be used by adults with developmental disabilities who are participating in classes using the Harmony Curriculum. $9.95 each plus 20% from Joanne Davis, 3189 Happy Valley, Jackson, Michigan 49203.


- **Hear Me Read.** Mary Manz Simon Set of 18 Bible stories using 25 words or less for each one. Resource for beginning readers. Concordia Publishing.


- **The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Special Education Services Committee** produces a number of curricula and guides, including:
  - **Joy in Jesus' Love.** 20 lesson education guide, directed towards persons with severe and profound mental retardation.
  - **Learning and Living God's Word.** Jane Zimmerman. 3-volume set of Pre-confirmation lessons.
  - **Our Living Hope.** Geoff Kieta. 3 ten lesson cycles.
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OUT OF PRINT BUT GOOD RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM SOME RESOURCE CENTERS

- **Growing Together in Jesus.** For adults who are mildly or moderately retarded. Three courses, total of 40 sessions. Winston Press. Contact through Franciscan Communications. (Out of print, may be redone.)

- **Gift.** Religious education program that emphasizes friendship and community. For moderately retarded children and youth. Winston Press. Teacher kit, student kit, cut-out figures. Contact through Franciscan Communications. (Out of print: Check Diocesan Resource Libraries and Centers.)

- **Reaching Out to Special People: A Resource For Ministry to Persons who Have Disabilities.** Ed. Jim Pierson and Robert Korth. Includes long section on religious education planning with 52 Bible lessons for persons with mental retardation. Also guides for informal friendship ministry. (Out of print: Check the internet for available copies.)

SIGNING AND BIBLE VERSES

- **More Sign and Say.** Daphna Flegal. A resource for teaching Bible verses in American Sign Language! Each Bible verse has accompanying illustrations and instructions for hand gestures. Ages 3-7. $12.00, Abingdon Press.

- **The Creation Story in Words and Sign Language**, by John Audia. This beautiful book offers parents, children, teachers, and others to share not only the creation story itself but also the different signs that are used to tell the story. It is the ideal book for those looking to help encourage both adults and children to deepen their faith and serves as a learning tool to expose them to American Sign Language (ASL), the universal language for the hearing impaired. It also gives hearing children a head start on a bilingual education and offers potential to improve literacy skills by introducing them to the benefits of sign. For more information or to order, please visit the Liturgical Press website at [http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=9780814631744](http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=9780814631744).

- **Sign and Say: Bible Verses for Children.** Daphna Flegal. A resource for teaching Bible verses in American Sign Language! Each Bible verse has accompanying illustrations and instructions for hand gestures. Ages 3-7. $12.00, Abingdon Press.

- **Signs of Faith: Bible Verses for Preteen and Youth.** Marcia Stoner. Preteens and youth enjoy participating in various aspects of meaningful worship services. Singing Bible verses for worships and other occasions is rewarding and fun. The selected verses will help your preteens and youth learn Bible verses while performing an act of service for your church. $12.00, Abindon Press.

- Augsburg/Fortress has **LifeSongs**, a book of children’s hymns that includes a page of about 40 signs for common religious words. Includes suggestions for creative use of songs.


- **Communicating with Students Who Use Signing- DVD-** This church school based introduction to American Sign Language includes instructions and advice for the beginner. In addition to
communicating with deaf students, signing may be helpful when interacting with those who have other disabilities such as mental retardation and autism. $11.00 includes S/H. Order online at www.ccfh.org. CCFH Ministries, P.O. Box 9869, Knoxville, TN 37940. (865) 546-5921. Fax (865) 525-2282. Email: info@ccfh.org.

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS/LESSONS**

- Special Education Bible Study. Quarterly Bible study magazine *for older youth and adults with mental retardation*. Pictures, activities, applications, songs, and other resources. From Lifeway Christian Resources of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They also publish an annual Vacation Bible School curriculum for children with special needs.

- Special Education Teacher Packet is for the teachers leading the one above, containing the Bible Study, teaching procedures, feature articles for teacher development and family ministry, and posters for visual aids.

- Network for Inclusive Catholic Education. Newsletter. $15.00 per year. Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, University of Dayton.


- Shepherd Boy. Craig and Robyne Batson. Newsletter written by a ministerial family with one child with autism and another with Asperger’s Syndrome. Hands-on, practical advice for families and professionals in dealing with people with autism and related developmental disabilities. Email: shepherd@qni.com.

- Special Education Cassette Recording. Annual audiocassette featuring instrumental and vocal accompaniment for 12 unit songs printed in Special Education Bible Study.

- The Inclusion Notebook. Quarterly Newsletter about inclusive education. Pennycorner Press, P.O. Box 8, Gilman, CT. 06336. (860) 873-3545.

**RESOURCE LISTS**

*(Several organizations maintain comprehensive resource listings for religious education programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities.)*

- Institute on Pastoral Initiatives, University of Dayton.

- Joni and Friends

- Handi*Vangelism.

- National Christian Resource Center, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services.
ADAPTED CURRICULUM SERIES FOR INCLUSIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(SEVERAL CHURCH GROUPS AND PUBLISHERS ARE NOW ADAPTING REGULAR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERIES TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE MENTALLY RETARDED. ADAPTATION GUIDES SUPPLEMENT THE REGULAR MATERIALS. ALSO SEE SOME OF THE GUIDES FOR ADAPTING LESSONS IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS SECTION.)

- Augsburg/Fortress: The Living Catechism for Special Learners.
- United Methodist: New Invitation Series.
- Silver, Burdette, and Ginn. Special Needs Catechist Guides for This is Our Faith Curriculum.
- Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Bible Learner's Teacher, Bible Discoverers Teacher, and Bible Searchers Teacher are for regular children's classes. Each session has suggestions for adapting activities for children with disabilities.
- Resource Publications has a regular Children's Liturgy of the Word with illustrations, activities, resources for teaching based on lectionary readings. Catholic, but also adaptable to many settings.
- Peter Li Catechetical Resources, Dayton, Ohio.
- Also see new booklet guides from both Standard Press on early childhood, elementary, teenagers, and adults and the Sacramental Preparation booklets from the Center on Ministry with Disabled People (under booklets and guides).

AUDIO-VISUAL TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

- Confirming People with Mental Retardation. 50 minutes. This video explores the different ways a person with mental retardation can learn about God’s love for them. You will see how a special classroom works and the many different resources used by pastors. You will also meet people with mental retardation who have been confirmed in the Lutheran faith and hear how they enjoy participation in parish life. Resource manual included. $10.00 or free on loan, National Christian Resource Center (NCRC).
- All Means All. The Inclusion Video. Introduction to inclusion tools like circles, MAPS, and PATH process in regular schools, adaptable to religious settings. $100. Inclusion Press.

• **Catechetical Process in Special Education.** A series of 13 videotapes to train teachers in special education programs. Office of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. 513-421-3131.

• **Creative Management of Classroom Behavior.** Captioned video, exploring “opportunities” for classroom disruptions and practical strategies for minimizing disturbances in the classroom. Stories, verbal illustrations, anecdotes. Margaret Frey presenting. Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, University of Dayton. $30 plus $4 S/H.

• **Do You Really Love Me?** Short film by Franciscan Communications.

• **Give It Away.** 17-minute videotape about Friendship Groups using the Friendship series. Free. Friendship Ministries, 2850 Kalamazoo Ave., SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49560.


• **Eugene** is a videotape done about a Bar Mitzvah for a young man with quadriplegia. See Section IV on Jewish Resources. It is an excellent resource, and useful in non-Jewish congregations as a way of exploring the kinds of supports possible to include children and young people with special needs.


• **Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators/Institute for Pastoral Initiatives,** University of Dayton. They have produced a number of videotapes over the years, many in conjunction with their annual fall conference on inclusive education. Videos are $30 each plus $4 S/H. They include:

  **VIDEOS ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES**
  • **The Inclusive Catholic Education Community.**
  • **The Inclusive Classroom.**
  • **Building the School Team.**
  (Presentations by Marsha Forrest, Pat Mackan, and others from the Center on Integrated Education.)

  **VIDEOS ON PERSON-CENTERED PLANNING**
  • Such as using MAPS and PATH.
VIDEOS ON WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

- Welcome One, Welcome All: Teaching the Gospel Around Children with Differences. Story of St. Luke's Church, Beavercreek, Ohio, who has included 26 children with special needs in regular religious education classes.
- Disability Etiquette.
- No Barriers.

VIDEOS ON BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

(NEW VIDEOS (1996) ACCOMPANYING SERIES OF BOOKLETS ON SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION)

- Sacraments and People with Mental Retardation. Dr. Roberta Weaver.

“SECULAR” VIDEO AND AV RESOURCES USEFUL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(A NUMBER OF COMPANIES PRODUCE GAMES, AUDIO VISUAL RESOURCES, AND RESOURCES RELATED TO COMMUNITY LIVING SKILLS, SOCIALIZATION, RELATIONSHIPS, AND MORE. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTORS MAY FIND THESE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY FOR PROGRAMS WITH ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.) E.G. The Attainment Company and/or James Stanfield and Company.
VIII. ADULT EDUCATION/STUDY GROUP RESOURCES FOR AWARENESS

These are resources either developed for adult education classes, e.g., Sunday school classes, adult ed. programs, or study groups about people with developmental disabilities and congregations. Also see Sections IV and V. There are now excellent materials for use in congregational awareness programs, but make sure you also involve people with disabilities and their families telling some of their own stories. Also see the resources in Section IV.B on issues for families who are caregivers.

- **Becoming a More Caring Congregation**. (study booklet). This adult Sunday School/small group curriculum has 12 lessons and comes as a leader’s guide with pages to copy for the entire group. Topics include grieving, disabilities, mental illness, unemployment, and again parents, all with the hope that people using these materials will become better at providing care and support for others in their congregations. $9.00 Mennonite Mutual Aid, now ADNet, Anabaptist Disability Network.(available in Canada through Mennonite Central Committee).

- **On Line and Adult Education Module, Walking with Justice: Opening the Gates of Torah. Including People with Disabilities in the Jewish Community**. Edited by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson and Deborah Silver (Mostly “Old Testament themes, so very useable in Christian context.).

- **How Accessible Is Your Church? Brett Webb Mitchell**
  This study provides tools for learning how your church can be more welcoming to people with disabilities through both words and actions. Item #TC0309,1 Session.$5.00 This one-session study reviews recent historical changes in the rights persons have to access buildings and programs. It points out that many churches have made substantial changes enabling all to share in the faith life of their community. Participants are encouraged to reflect on their particular community and what sorts of changes may still need to be made in order to be a hospitable community for all persons. Under Popular Culture Section of [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com).

- **The Other Side: Strength for the Journey**. Christian Magazine on disabilities. (800) 700-9280,
  editors@theotherside.org, 300 W. Apsley, Philadelphia, PA, 19144. Website: [www.theotherside.org](http://www.theotherside.org).

- **Lessons from Emily**. A husband and wife chronicle their journey as the parents of Emily, a child born with microcephaly, an underdeveloped brain. Describing their experience as “a journey of love with God,” this booklet will be useful to families, pastors, and friends of people who have disabilities who desire the church to be an inclusive family of faith. 1999. $4.95. Mennonite Mutual Aid.


Rediscovering God's Image: Including People with Disabilities. 5 adult study lessons in Current Issues, 1992. Item # 75512. $3.50 each. (plus 10% shipping, $2 minimum, $20 max) Presbyterian Publishing House, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.


That All May Worship: An Interfaith Handbook to Assist Congregations in Welcoming People With Disabilities. 56-page handbook produced by the Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability. Great way to get started in a congregation. $10.

Religion and Disability. 1993 Fall edition of Disability Rag/Resource Magazine, with a variety of articles, poems, personal perspectives. Copies available at $2 each from Religion Division, AAIDD.

A Mutual Ministry: Theological Reflections and Resources on Ministry with People with Mental Retardation and Other Disabilities. Dennis Schurter.


Religion and Disability: Essays in Scripture, Theology, and Ethics. Ed. Marilyn Bishop. Sheed and Ward. You can also order the video with the authors presenting these papers from the Center on Ministry with Disabled People, University of Dayton.


The Courage to Care: Seven Lives Touched Disability and Congregational Caring. Judy Ransom, The Upper Room.
• From Abingdon Press:
  (These books are excellent for study groups and awareness programs. Abingdon offers significant discounts for orders of five or more.)
  • New Life in the Neighborhood. Bob and Martha Perske.
  • Circles of Friends. Bob and Martha Perske.
  • The Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Understanding of Disability. Nancy Eiesland.
  • A Healing Homiletic: Preaching and Disability. Karen Black.

• From Westminster/John Knox Press:
  • Strong at the Broken Places: Persons with Disabilities and the Church. Stewart Govig.
  • Souls Are Made of Endurance: Surviving Mental Illness in the Family. Stewart Govig.


• Portraits. Lize Stilma, and other books of poetry listed in Section II are excellent resources for adult discussion and study.

• Everybody’s Different: Understanding and Changing our Reactions to Disabilities. Nancy B. Miller, Catherine C. Sammons. 384 pp. This book openly discusses the ways which the personal thoughts, feelings and questions about disabilities can obstruct effective communication between people with and without disabilities. It offers ways to become more at ease with the concept of disability and opens the door to better professional and social relationships. $21.95. Brookes Publishing.

• Why Can’t I Make People Understand? Lisa Copen. Discovering the validation those with chronic illness seek and why. $10 plus $3 shipping form Rest Ministries, P.O. Box 502928, San Diego, CA. Website: www.restministries.org.

**BROCHURES**

• Interacting with People with Disabilities. Includes issues related to language, suggested simulation activities, and guidelines for interaction. Indiana Governor's Planning Council for Persons with Disabilities.

• Welcoming People with Disabilities: Do's and Don'ts for Parish Ministers. 16-panel brochure with illustrations. $1 each from National Pastoral Life Center. Bulk prices range from .80 to .50 depending on quantity.
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• Abbey Press Pamphlets that relate to issues around disability, grief, coping, etc. Multiple copies at inexpensive rates make them good resources for group study and discussion. Sample titles:
  • "Caring at Home for Someone Ill or Disabled"
  • "Finding Help in a Support Group"
  • "Going Through Hardship, Growing Through Prayer"
  • "Overcoming Guilt with Faith and Love"
  • "Living with A Problem You Can't Solve"
  • "Caring for Yourself When You're Caring for Someone III"

AUDIO-VISUAL
(SEE AV SECTION AS WELL)

• PDA (Program Development Associates)
  • The Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities. Excellent engaging video. 25 minutes. $195.
  • I Belong Out There.
  • Look Who's Laughing.

• Shattered Temples. Disability Awareness Program with video from Joni and Friends Ministries. $25.

• Surprising Grace...People, Disabilities, Churches. PDC Video, PHEWA. $5. 15 min.

• Believing, Belonging, Becoming. Stories of Faith Inclusion. A new 12 minute video by the DD Council of Wisconsin, focusing on four stories of congregational inclusion, with a short resource booklet and guide to accompany the video. An excellent resource for congregations. Available for $10 from WCDD, 600 Williamson St., P.O. Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707 or call 608-266-7826. This would be a great video for an agency to own to lend to area congregations

• Same Spirit...Different Gifts. Three congregations reaching out to include people with developmental disabilities. 12 min. $10. Association for Interfaith Ministries.

• The Collector of Bedford St. Wonderful 28 minute video about Larry and his community on Bedford St. in New York City, and the way the community rallies to make sure he is included and supported to be part of the community. Excellent for thinking about issues of intelligence, community, and service to others. Alice Elliot, Director. Welcome Change Productions. 107 Bedford St., New York, N.Y. 10014. 212-924-7151. email: elliotgirl@aol.com.

• Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. 20 min. video featuring Joseph Cardinal Bernardin and Father Nouwen, at a conference on inclusive congregations in the year before both of their deaths. $21.95. Pathways Awareness Foundation. A study guide, Opening Hearts, Minds, and Doors: Embodying the Inclusive and Vulnerable Love of God, by Rev. Robert Barron and Rev. Donald Senior, is available to accompany use of the video.

• Straight to the Heart. Video about life of Henri Nouwen. See AV Section.

• It's My Life. Video by adults with mental retardation reflecting on issues affecting their lives. Bethesda Lutheran Homes.

• Mother Tiger, Mother Tiger. Short, dramatic film on one mother's struggle with the question of "Why?" Telekinetics.

• Step by Step. 10 min. video developed to encourage congregations to reach out to all people who are not participating in the congregation of their choice. Leader Guide and Participant Sheets. Martin Luther Home Resource Center.

• Stories that Make Us Unique. Videotape from Dialogue 1988 available from Veranda Communications with Parker Palmer and Nancy Chaffee. Each speaks about 40 minutes, so it would be useful for two adult education sessions.


• The Widening Circle. Ecu-Film. Story of one congregation and ministries with people with disabilities. 25 min.

• Blessed Be. Eight minute film of the Beatitudes, as illustrated in the lives of some young people with developmental disabilities. Franciscan Communications.

• Disability Etiquette--How to Relate to People with Disabilities. 30-minute video of presentation describing appropriate interactions with people who are blind, mobility impaired, deaf, speech impaired, or have mental retardation. Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities.

• And see AV section for description of award winning videos such as:
  • Breathing Lessons
  • Fred's Story
  • When Billy Broke His Head
  • and many, many others.
IX. YOUTH GROUP AND YOUNG ADULT RESOURCES
(See resources for adult education as well.)

- **Petey**, by Ben Mikaelsen (2000). This is a novel about the relationship between a teenager and a man mistakenly institutionalized for much of his life. Appropriate for ages 10-up, this novel is available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Petey-Ben-Mikaelsen/dp/0786813369/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187884713&sr=8-1.

- **Different Gifts but the Same Spirit: Supplemental Lesson Packets about Inclusion.** Designed to help parish and school teach families and students in grade four through high school about the importance of inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the parish. Pathways Awareness Foundation, Chicago.

- **Yes, I Can. Curriculum.** A Social Inclusion Curriculum for Students with and without Disabilities. Classroom lesson plans with experiential exercises. For use with junior and senior high. Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota. $49. For more information, call Brian Abery at (612) 625-5592.


- **On the INside.** Study unit with teacher’s guide, resources, student handouts to promote understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities among teenagers. $75 plus $10 S/H. Teacher’s Guide may be purchased separately for $5.95 plus $3 S/H. Ohio Public Images Network, 3894 Indian Ripple Road, Dayton, Ohio 45440. (513) 426-9993. FAX: (513) 426-1925.

- **"Welcome to Our World.” Simulation Kit for 8 different kinds of disabling conditions, reflection guide, etc.** Excellent. From Special Pastoral Services. Diocese of Portland.


- **Stop Staring! Start Sharing!** Guide for church youth leaders on inclusive group ministries. Activities, Biblical studies, practical suggestions. $7.95 plus $1.00 shipping. From Committee on Disability Concerns, Christian Reformed Church.
What's It Like to Be Me? Book of writings and drawings by children and youth with disabilities. Friendship Press.


PROGRAMS FOR TEENAGERS/YOUNG ADULTS THAT BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS WITH DISABILITIES
(See other resources on building friendships through recreation, education, and other activities under the Friendships and Supports sub-section of Section IV.)

- **Young Life Capernaum.** This is a program sponsored by Young Life designed specifically for children and young adults with disabilities and includes weekly meetings, special events, and camping trips. For more information or to find a program near you, please visit [www.younglife.org/Capernaum](http://www.younglife.org/Capernaum).

- **Gateway.** (Growing Awareness That Everyone Wins In An Inclusive Youth Group) Guidelines, Curriculum. Beth Whittier, 641 West Mulberry St., Louisville, Colorado 80027. 303-666-5667.

- **Roofbreakers.** (The name is based on the story of four friends lowering the paralytic in Mark, Chapter 2.) Run by Youth for Christ, Orange County, CA. 714-776-1700.

- **Understanding Our Differences.** Six unit curriculum related to disabilities. $125. Order from [www.understandingourdifferences.org](http://www.understandingourdifferences.org), P.O. Box 600671, Newton, MA 02460. (617) 332-5951.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES
See list in previous section for Adult Education and Audio-Visual Section. Recommended titles include:

- **Blessed Be.**

- **Ten Commandments for Communicating with People with Disabilities.**

- **Look Who's Laughing.**

- **Same Spirit...Different Gifts.**

- **The Heart Has Its Reasons.**

- **Friendship.** Tells story of a friendship between a typical boy and his friend with cerebral palsy with observations and commentary from inclusion experts. Order from [www.inclusionseries.com](http://www.inclusionseries.com), Comfty Media Concepts.

- **The Wild Dream Team.** Follows lives of ten high school students with mental challenges as they work with parents, teachers, and friends over the course of a year to plan for transition from school to adult life. 59 min. Program Development Associates.

For youth groups, as well as adults, also consider using videotapes of films and movies that deal with difference, stereotype, and people with disabilities. See listing under Audio-Visual.

James Stanfield and Company have a number of videotapes for young people with special learning needs, at a variety of skill levels, addressing issues such as relationships, sexuality, social skills, job skills, life skills, and more. Write for a catalogue or visit their WEB Site.

Also see Music and Arts Resources, Section II: songs by Tom Hunter, books of poetry, and other resources.
X. CHILDREN'S AWARENESS RESOURCES

This listing of resources for children's awareness resources does not include many excellent books for young children now available from a variety of publishers. For good listings, contact the Episcopal Network on Disability (their resource library has a very extensive listing of children's books dealing with disability), NICHCY (Children’s books, disability fact sheets, and disability awareness resources) Exceptional Parent Magazine, Woodbine House, Jason and Nordic, The Disability Resource Library and other inclusive education resource programs. Many of them have websites. See below or the Address Appendix. Again, remember that many people with disabilities would be excellent resources to come and talk with children, answer their questions, show how adaptive equipment works, etc.

GUIDES

• Disability Awareness Activities for Children, Teens and Families, published by Joann Davis. This activity book includes over 50 pages of mazes, puzzles, coloring sheets, saints with disabilities, facts and information, a prayer service, and more. The cost is $15.00 each, with bulk discounts available. To order, please contact Joann at joannedavis22@hotmail.com or call 517-787-1189.

• Let all the children come to me: A practical guide for including children with disabilities in your church ministries, by M. Breeding, D. K. Hood, and J. Whitworth. Published by Cook Communications Ministries. This book blends theory and research with practical ideas and strategies for teaching children with special needs and places it in a spiritual and Christ-centered context. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Let-All-Children-Come-Disabilities/dp/0781444047/ref=pd_sim_b_img_3.

• Equal Treatment, Equal Access: Raising Awareness About People With Disabilities and Their Struggle for Equal Rights. This is a collection of elementary, middle and high school lessons that explore various forms of disability, challenge myths and stereotypes about people living with disabilities, and promote awareness of disability rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. For more information and actual materials, please visit http://www.adl.org/education/curriculum_connections/fall_2005.


• Awareness in Action. Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. Disability awareness month packet of information, includes a coloring book for kids, sermon outlines, a litany, posters, a Bible study tailored to junior high/senior high, and one to adults, and a bulletin insert. Phone: 1-800-369-4636. Website: www.blhs.org/?awareness.

• Duncan Goes Exploring, a coloring and activity book, is part of Mosaic’s Children’s Education Program. Other items include a collection bank, a four week disability awareness calendar, a four lesson Bible Study, “Duncan’s New Neighbors” video, and lessons for learning the Lord’s prayer in sign language. Many are available on line and can be downloaded. Visit www.mosaicinfo.org/duncan to download or call Mosaic’s Mission Advancement Department at 877-366-7242, x. 1204 for more information.

• **Different Gifts but the Same Spirit: Supplemental Lesson Packets about Inclusion.** Designed to help parish and school teach families and students in grade four through high school about the importance of inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the parish. Pathways Awareness Foundation, Chicago.

• **Making Friends: The Influences of Culture and Development.** Ed. By Luanna H. Meyer, Hyun-Sook Park, Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Illene S. Schwartz, and Beth Harry. 456 pp. Focusing on ability and cultural diversity, this fascinating book uses participatory and in-school research models to reveal how children make, keep, and end friendships. $48.95, Brookes Publishing.

• **Connecting Kids: Exploring Diversity Together.** Linda Hill, PhD., also Discovering Connections: A Guide to the Fun of Bridging Disability Differences. Both books are filled with connecting skills, stories, cooperative games, creative activities, and new experiences for everyone. Ideal resource for professionals, families, and volunteers as well as high school, college, and university students who are involved in building more inclusive communities. $25.95 Canadian, $19.95 US, Building Bridges Consulting.


• **Delicate Threads: Friendships between Children with and without Special Needs in Inclusive Settings.** Debbie Staub, Ph.D. *Delicate Threads* is a culmination of the author’s years of careful observations of friendships between seven pairs of children—each including a child with moderate to severe disability—who are classmates in an inclusive elementary school. $16.95, Woodbine House.

• **Me, Too!** Marci Hanson and Paula Beckman. Six booklets for parents and teachers to use with young children to help them make their first connections outside the home. $24.95, Brookes Publishing.


• **Booklet: Helping Children Understand People with Disabilities.** An Activity Book for You and Your Child. Product of the Good Neighbors Campaign of the NJ Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 700, Trenton, NJ 08625. Short ten-page guide with a number of activities.

• **Helping Children Understand Disability.** Children are curious and eager to learn. Use their natural tendencies to teach important truths. Booklets $2.20 each includes S/H. Order online at [www.ccfh.org](http://www.ccfh.org).
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CHILDREN’S BOOKS ABOUT CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

• **Different Like Me: My Book of Autism Heroes**, by Jennifer Black. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. This book introduces kids ages 8-12 to famous, inspirational figures, told by 8 year old Quinn, a young boy with Asperger’s Syndrome who tells young readers about the achievements and characteristics of his autism heroes. For more information or to order, please visit [www.jkp.com](http://www.jkp.com).

• **Looking Out For Sarah**, written and illustrated by Glenna Lang. Published by Charlesbridge Publishing, this book won the 2004 Schneider Family Book Award for young children. This conveys the special bond between Perry, a black Labrador retriever guide dog, and Sarah, a musician who happens to be blind. Hard cover; $16.95. For more information or to order, please visit [www.charlesbridge.com](http://www.charlesbridge.com).

• **The View from Under the Pew**, Diane Johnson  Illustrated storybook introduces children to the true story of Walter, a guide dog who assists Pastor Diane through her day at the church. Walter helps with visitation, attending meetings, conducting Bible studies, and worship. Abingdon Press. 2008. $14.95

• **My Pal Victor/Mi amigo, Victor**, by Diane Diane Gonzales Bertrand and illustrated by Robert L. Sweetland. Published by Raven Tree Press. This book won the 2005 Schneider Family Book Award for young children. The bilingual text and bold, colorful illustrations tell the story of Dominic and Victor, two Latino boys who share the joys of friendship. Dominic is proud that his pal likes the way he is. Until the last illustration, the reader is unaware that Victor uses a wheelchair. For more information or to order, please visit [www.raventreepress.com](http://www.raventreepress.com).

• **Dad, Jackie, and Me**, by Myron Uhlberg and illustrated by Colin Bootman. Published by Peachtree Press. This book won the 2006 Schneider Family Book Award for young children. This exceptional portrayal of a young boy's affectionate relationship with his deaf father hits home when his dad identifies with baseball player Jackie Robinson and recognizes that discrimination takes many forms. For more information or to order, please visit [www.peachtree-online.com](http://www.peachtree-online.com).

• **The Deaf Musicians** by Pete Seeger and poet Paul DuBois Jacobs and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Published by G. P. Putnam’s Sons (2006). This book won the 2007 Schneider Family Book Award in the young children’s category. After losing his hearing, jazzman Lee learns to make music in a new way. Lee’s story teaches the reader that there is more than one way to do everything, to never give up on your dreams and that music can be enjoyed by all. For more information or to order, please visit [http://us.penguingroup.com/static/pages/publishers/yr/putnam.html](http://us.penguingroup.com/static/pages/publishers/yr/putnam.html).

• **It’s Time**, by Judith Mammay. This is a new book in the Turtle Book Series for children. The book is about Tommy, a second grader who has autism, and is in a general classroom with an understanding teacher, how he sometimes acts out his anxieties, and how they are addressed for him and the other kids. Published by Jason and Nordic Publishers. For more information or to order, please visit [http://jasonandnordic.com/page1.asp#time](http://jasonandnordic.com/page1.asp#time).
- **The Best Worst Brother**, by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen/Illustrated by Charlotte Fremaux (2005). This sequel to *We'll Paint the Octopus Red* (Woodbine, 1998) follows the relationship between three-year-old Isaac, who has Down's syndrome, and his older sister, Emma, who is frustrated by his slow language and motor development. Available from Woodbine House. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.woodbinehouse.com/search_results.asp?iLevel=1&txtsearchParamCat=ALL&txtsearchParamMan=ALL&txtsearchParamVen=ALL&txtsearchParamType=ALL&txtFromSearch=fromSearch&txtsearchParamTxt=the+best+worst+brother](http://www.woodbinehouse.com/search_results.asp?iLevel=1&txtsearchParamCat=ALL&txtsearchParamMan=ALL&txtsearchParamVen=ALL&txtsearchParamType=ALL&txtFromSearch=fromSearch&txtsearchParamTxt=the+best+worst+brother).

- **What's Wrong With Timmy?** Maria Shriver. Little, Brown, and Company and Warner Books. 2001. Eight year old Kate and her Mom meet Timmy at the park, and questions lead to new relationships. Great book for congregations because the questions and answers include ones about God.


- **Andy and His Yellow Frisbee.** Written and illustrated by Mary Thompson. A heartwarming illustrated children’s book about Andy, a boy with autism. Like many autistic children, Andy has a fascination with objects in motions. It’s Andy’s talent for spinning his Frisbee combined with a classmate’s curiosity that sets this story in motion. $14.95, Woodbine House.

- **A Day with Russ, Children’s Series.** Janet Elizabeth Rickert. Photo: Pete McGahan. These 3 titles present the adventures of a young boy who happens to have Down syndrome. Rather than focusing on his disabilities, these picture books show how much Russ is like kids his age. $14.95 each, Woodbine House.

- **We’ll Paint the Octopus Red.** Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen, Illus. Pam DeVito. Six-year-old Emma has big dreams for her new baby brother. But when she learns that he has Down syndrome she worries that he won’t be able to do many of the fun things she’s imagined they’d do together. This is a reassuring story for young children as well as parents adjusting to Down syndrome. It concludes with helpful questions and answers for children about Down syndrome. $14.95, Woodbine House.

- **Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs.** Ed. Donald J. Meyer, Illus. Cary Pillo. The boys and girls whose essays are featured in this collection range in age from four to eighteen. They share their experiences as the brother or sister of someone with a disability—the good and bad aspects, as well as many thoughtful observations. $14.95, Woodbine House.

- **My Brother, Matthew.** Written and illus. Mary Thompson. Offers a sibling’s point-of-view of the ups and downs of life when his brother is born with a disability. David, the older sibling, wryly shares the
experiences of adjusting to Matthew and the positive ways in which he has built a unique relationship with his brother. $14.95, Woodbine House.

- **Mommy Stayed in Bed this Morning.** Pictures a parent’s struggle with depression through the eyes of a child. Lovingly and gently, the story follows preschooler David through a range of emotions and interaction with people who help him feel happy and secure...including his pastor and church family members. Beautiful color illustrations, published by Herald Press, 2001. $12.99. Mennonite Mutual Aid.


- **Turtle Books.** A series on children with disabilities with them as the heroes. For young children with disabilities and those who are non-disabled. Currently ten books dealing with children with physical disabilities, cerebral palsy, speech impairment, Down Syndrome, and others. Paper at $6.95 and Hardback at $13.95. They are also putting the books on disks for computer so child or student can control the speed. From Jason and Nordic Publishers. They also publish a guide for developing understanding among children called Sensitivity and Awareness. Third Edition. Designed for use with the Turtle Books, it contains several read aloud stories, reproducible take home pages, and activities. $14.95.


- **Special Needs Catalogue.** From Exceptional Parent Library. Excellent selection of books for families, siblings, and children that have been put together through the Exceptional Parent Library.


- **Each One Uniquely Gifted by God.** Disability Awareness Curriculum produced by Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc.

- **WOODBINE HOUSE HAS SEVERAL BOOKS WRITTEN FOR KIDS INCLUDING:**
  - **My Brother Matthew.** Written and illustrated by Mary Thompson. 28 pp. Grades K-5. $14.95. Two brothers, one with disabilities.
  - **Lee, the Rabbit with Epilepsy.** Deborah Moss. About a young rabbit who has her first seizure on a fishing trip with her grandfather. Doctor explains epilepsy in clear terms. 24 pp. $12.95, Ages 4-8.
• **Shelley, the Hyperactive Turtle.** Deborah Moss. An over-wiggly turtle finds out he is hyperactive, and gets help from doctor and family. 20 pp. $12.95. Ages 4-8.

• **Friends Who Care Disability Awareness** program for use with school age children. Teacher's guide, five worksheets, 45-minute video, posters, and more. $25. National Easter Seal Society.

• **What It's Like to Be Me?** (Writings by children with handicapping conditions.) From the International Year on Disability, in 1981. An excellent resource if still available. Friendship Press.


• **Ian’s Walk. A Story About Autism.** Story about a girl and her brother, Ian, with autism. From Albert Whitman and Company, 6340 Oakton St., Morton Grove, Illinois 60053-2723. (800) 244-7675.

• **Dignity and Disability: A Jewish Discovery Kit.** Board of Jewish Education of Greater Washington.


• **Different is Kind of Nice.** Book and audiotape about valuing differences in others. Abbey Press.


• **R as in CHRRRISTOPHR: The Story of Two Extraordinary People.** About a young boy with Down Syndrome and his friend Lloyd Reynolds, professor and acclaimed calligrapher. $15.95. The Arc of Multnomah County.

• **Bethy and the Mouse.** D. Bakely. Written by a Methodist minister, father of two children with special needs. Free verse, prose, photographs, and progress reports. Brookline Press.

• **Martin is Our Friend.** Hasler. Abingdon Press.

• **In Jimmy's Chair.** Abingdon Press.

• **Keith Edward's Different Day.** Karin Melberg Schwier. About Keith who meets a number of "different" people on a special day. Allan Roeher Institute Publications, Kinsmen Building, York University Press, 4700 Keele St., Downsview, Ontario M3J 1P3 Canada.


• **The Hard Life of Seymour E. Newton.** Ann Bixby Herold. 96 pp. About Peter, third grader, dealing with his learning disability. $5.95. Herald Press.
**BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

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- **The Disability Resource Library.** [www.disabilityresource.com](http://www.disabilityresource.com). Distributor of children’s books about disabilities from many publishers.

- **Kids, Disabilities, and Regular Classrooms.** Gary Bunch. Annotated bibliography of selected children’s literature on disability. $15. Inclusion Press.


**WEB SITE**

Kid’s Quest. Site designed to teach children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades about issues faced by children and disabilities. Each quest addresses a different question about living with a disability. Children are encouraged to find their own answers by navigating links to a variety of websites. Coordinated by the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, a branch of the Center for Disease Control. [http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/kids/](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/kids/).

**AUDIO-VISUAL**

(Also see movie listing. Lots of Disney films and others focus on characters who are "different", e.g. Dumbo, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Beauty and the Beast, etc. Popular films which reinforce negative stereotypes can be springboards for positive discussion.)

- **How Come You Walk Funny?** This 47-minute video explores the challenges, surprises, and inspirations that confront participants in an early childhood education program that includes children with and without disabilities. Available on VHS ($179), this video can be ordered online at [www.fanlight.com](http://www.fanlight.com), via fax at (845) 774-2945, or by mail at Fanlight Productions Media Library, P.O. Box 1084, Harriman, NY 10926.

- **Include Us.** 33-minute video with inclusive group of kids playing and singing eight songs which celebrate imagination, being different, and having a good time. Video is $14.95. Audiotape is $8.95. Educator's Guide: $17.95. TiffHill Productions. (888) 462-5833.
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- **Small Differences.** Award winning video narrated and produced by a group of children with disabilities showing their story, and their involvement in a variety of activities. 25 min. Program Development Associates.

- **Kidability and Kidability II.** Two other videos on children and disabilities, good for awareness building. From Program Development Associates.

- **Our Record.** Children's songs, some about children with handicapping conditions. Folksinger/Minister Tom Hunter, The Song Growing Company. Songbook with music of many of them is called "Come Into My House".
  
  Other tapes include:
  - **When You Need A Song.**
  - **Bits and Pieces,** with songs for teachers.
  - **Connections,** for parents.

- And Chris Burke, star of *Life Goes On* has done a tape of children's songs with two of his folksinger friends. "Lollipops and Love Songs". From CJJ Enterprises, P.O. Box 9854, Coral Springs, Florida 33075. Special prices for groups wanting to sell the tape as fund-raiser.

- **There's No One Exactly Like Me.** Videotape, using disabled puppets. Nazarene Publishing House. $9.95.

- **Jesus' Bicycle.** 21 min. Focuses on relationship between Emily, age 6, and Dick, a young man with mental and physical handicaps. Cathedral Films. Available in film and VCR format from Sisters and Brothers.

- **Pirro.** 16 mm. film or videocassette, 11 minutes, using a puppet film format to introduce sign language to both hearing and deaf children. Films, Inc.

PUPPETS

- Many communities have access to a group of puppets called "Kids on the Block," puppets of children with various forms of disability. They would make excellent resources for programs for children and families in congregations. Contact local Arc's or special education programs in your school district.
XI. FOR FAMILIES, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: STORIES AND GUIDES

- Working Together: A Guide to Positive Behavior Support for Families and Professionals, by Sharon Lohrman and Fredda Brown. Produced by TASH, this guide is geared to families and laypersons, not just the professionals who are often involved in complex behavioral analysis. To order the guide from TASH, please visit their website at www.tash.org

- Too wise too be mistaken, too good to be unkind: Christian parents contend with autism, by C. Steere (2005). Grace & Truth Books. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Too-Wise-Mistaken-Good-Unkind/dp/1930133030/ref=pd_sim_b_img_3

- Finding God in Autism: A 40-day Devotional for Parents of Autistic Children, by K. Medina (2006). This devotional book provides scriptures to restore hope, strengthen faith, and show you that God has a plan for your child's life. Published by Tate Publishing Company. For more information or to order, please visit: http://www.amazon.com/Finding-God-Autism-Devotional-Autistic/dp/1598865633/ref=pd_sim_b_img_15

- Miles from the Sideline: A Mother’s Journey with her Special Needs Daughter, by Maura Weis with Jessica Trobaugh Temple. The wife of Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis describes her journey as a parent raising their daughter, as well as the spiritual transformation that was part of it. For more information or to order, please visit www.avemariapress.com

- My Child, My Gift: A Positive Response to Serious Prenatal Diagnosis, by Madeline Pecora Nugent. This is a resource for expectant parents whose unborn child has been diagnosed with a serious illness. Published by New City Press. For more information or to order, please visit https://ssl25.mysecureserver.com/newcitypresscom/ProductDetails.aspx?productID=349

- God Loves Your Child with Disabilities. Published by the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry, this brochure is written to comfort and encourage expectant parents of a child with disabilities. A Spanish edition of the brochure will be issued in fall of 2008. One copy will be sent free to each address which provides a self-addressed, stamped number 10 envelope to NAfIM, P.O. Box 218, Riverdale, MD 20738-0218. For more information, please visit http://www.nafim.org/quarterly.php?section=publication

- Married with Special Needs Children, by Laura Marshak and Fran Pollock. This new book offers marital advice for parents juggling the demands of a child with special needs. For more information or to order, please visit www.woodbinehouse.com

- More than a Mom, by Amy Baskin and Heather Fawcett. This book offers helpful advice and insights for mothers on how they can lead more manageable and fulfilling lives as they parent a child with special needs. For more information or to order, please visit www.woodbinehouse.com

- Journey with Jeff: Inspiration for Caregivers of People with Special Needs, by Sybil Y. Reisch. This powerful testament of hope and faith sends a clear message to families, friends, and caregivers of individuals with special needs that god’s patience and love are the sustenance of the heart and soul. Fueled by an intensely personal relationship with god, the author shares her experience raising a child
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with Down syndrome. To order, please send a check for $19.45 made out to Sybil Reisch to Sybil Reisch, 20 Westwood Dr., Brockport, NY 14420. The author may also be contacted at rsreisch@frontiernet.net.

• Brokenness and Blessing: Towards a Biblical Spirituality, by Frances M. Young. Drawing on the wisdom and biblical interpretation of the early church fathers and mothers, Frances Young addresses the difficulty of living with human vulnerability and mortality and presents a biblical spirituality that at once challenges cultural assumptions and values and offers a realistic view of the human condition and the grace that makes the hope of transformation possible. She also draws on her experience as a parent and on L’Arche. Published by Baker Academic (a division of Baker Publishing Group). For more information or to order, please visit www.bakeracademic.com.

• ASD to Z: Basic Information, Support, and Hope, by Laurel Hickman. This resource from the Gray Center provides basic information on ASD and support to childcare providers, families, teachers, neighbors, and others. Easy to read, this book provides information for each letter of the alphabet. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.thegraycenter.org/store/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_ID=3.

• They Created Us: Special Education, Medicaid Waivers, EPSDT, Independent Case Management - A family's journey through a Bureaucratic maze! By Denise Mercado. The author describes her family’s journey through the disability world that begins with their second son’s encounter with Hflu meningitis at six months of age. For more information or to order, please visit www.authorhouse.com.

• Teaching Your Child with Down Syndrome about Bodies, Boundaries, and Sexuality: A Guide for Parents and Professionals, by Terri Couwenhoven. This resource is written primarily for parents and is designed to help parents teach about sexuality at home. While portions of the book address issues unique to Down Syndrome, the majority of its contents are applicable to parents of children with a variety of intellectual disabilities. The book includes a number of activities that can be done at home. This resource will be available in the fall of 2007 and can be preordered and, ultimately, ordered from Woodbine House. For more information or to pre-order or order, please visit www.woodbinehouse.com.

• Sexuality: Your Sons and Daughters with Intellectual Disabilities, by Karen Melberg Schwier and Dave Hingsburger. Published by Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company, this resource helps parents to increase their children’s self-esteem, foster appropriate behavior, help children develop healthy relationships, and empower children to recognize and respond to abuse. Though not written from a Christian perspective, this book can be a helpful tool for parents as they teach their children about sexuality. For more information or to order, please visit www.friendship.org.

• Special Needs Trust Administration Manual: A Guide for Trustees. This is a helpful guide for anyone managing a Special Needs Trust for a person with disabilities. The authors, all attorneys, guide trustees through the complicated rules of managing such a trust and provide helpful information about public benefit programs, taxes, payment for various services, housing subsidies, and trustee duties. For more information or to order, please visit www.disabilitiesbooks.com/special_needs_trust/index.html.
• **Legal Planning for Special Needs in Massachusetts**, by Barbara Jackins. This is a practical guide to legal planning for parents of children with special needs. Attorney Barbara Jackins clearly explains the essential elements of SSI, guardianship, and estate planning for families who have a child with a disability. While some of the materials are specific to Massachusetts, many of the strategies discussed would be applicable in any state. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/catalog-servechildren.htm](http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/catalog-servechildren.htm).

• **Disability is Natural: Revolutionary Common Sense for Raising Successful Children with Disabilities**, second edition, by Kathie Snow. This is a resource for parents as well as service providers, educators, and others who want to ensure that children with disabilities lead real lives—self-determined lives—included in their homes, schools, and communities. For more information or to order, please visit [www.disabilityisnatural.com](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com).

• **After the Tears: Parents Talk About Raising a Child With a Disability**, by Robin Simons. This is the story of parents who have struggled, learned and grown in the years since their children were born. They share their stories with you to give you the benefit of their experiences, to let you know you're not alone, and to offer you encouragement in growing with and loving your child (Wyoming Parent Information Center). This book is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

• **A Good Life for You and Your Relative With a Disability**, by the PLAN Institute (Canada). This book contains inspirational stories, and practical advice for families, caregivers, and others concerned about the well-being of people with disabilities. For more information or to order, please visit [www.plan.ca](http://www.plan.ca).

• **Peace of Mind**, by the PLAN Institute (Canada). This CD-ROM is a practical tool to help families and caregivers plan for the future of loved ones with disabilities. Includes stories, testimonials, tips, and worksheets. For more information or to order, please visit [www.plan.ca](http://www.plan.ca).


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for the worthwhile accomplishments which can be realized through the combination of a supportive family, funds for training, and a willing community. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit www.amazon.com


- **Laying Community Foundations for Your Child with a Disability: How to Establish Relationships That Will Support Your Child after You’re Gone**, Linda J. Stengle, M.H.S. What will happen to your child after you die? This book helps parents answer this often terrifying question. Chapters discuss how to begin building relationships that will help support your child in the future, how to assess a child’s needs, how to foster long-term relationships, how to ask for a commitment, and where to look for relationships. $15.95, Woodbine House.

- **Caregivers and Personal Assistants: How to Find, Hire and Manage the People Who Help You (or Your Loved One.)** By Alfred DeGraff. Saratoga Access Publications. $24.95. Available in bookstores or by calling toll free 1-800-BOOKLOG. You can also order it as an e-book at a discount from the website: [www.Saratoga-publications.com](http://www.saratoga-publications.com).

- **The Fearless Caregiver: How to Get the Best Care for Your Loved One and Still Have a Life of Your Own**. Gary Bard, Editor. From the experts at Today’s Caregiver Magazine - a step-by-step guide to becoming the ultimate caregiver - fearless and factual - for your loved one. Capital Books, Inc. $11.95. Website: [http://www.capital-books.com/](http://www.capital-books.com/).


- **The Future of Children with Significant Impairments: What Parents Fear and Want, and What They and Others May Be Able to Do About It**. A new three part, 100 page book by Wolf Wolfensberger coming out of his 40+ years working with parents and parent associations. He explores conditions that raise concern in families, parent responsibilities, and some of the maladaptive mindsets or patterns that parents can make. $13 per copy. 15% for shipping and handling. Discounts for 15 or more. Order from Book Manager, SU Training Institute, 800 South Wilbur Ave., Suite 3 B1, Syracuse, NY 13204.

- **Handbook for Long Distance Caregivers**. For families caring for elderly or ill loved ones. $5 from Family Caregiver Alliance, 600 Market St., Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94104 or download free from FCA website at [http://www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org).

- **A Place Called Acceptance. Ministry with Families of Children with Disabilities**. Kathleen Deyer Bolduc. Author of His Name is Joel: Searching for God in a Son’s Disability, Bolduc challenges congregations to reach out to families of children living with physical, mental, or behavioral disabilities. Email author for ordering information. kbolduc@cinci.rr.com
• **His Name is Joel: Searching for God in a Son’s Disability**, Kathleen Bolduc. This is a collection of vignettes by a mother about experiences with her son, each introduced with a scripture verse and ending with a prayer/reflection. Well-written, moving, easy-to-read. $11.00 plus $2 Shipping/handling. Bridge Resources.


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• **Special Children, Challenged Parents. Revised Edition**, Robert A Naseef, Ph.D. 320 pp. Helps parents deal with complex emotions coming from having a child with special needs. Deals with acknowledging and managing difficult emotions, recognizing differences between fathers and mothers, coping with challenging behavior, understanding the ongoing impact of the child’s disability on the family. $21.95, Brookes Publishing.

• **A Good Life for You and Your Relative with a Disability**, Al Etmanski and Vicki Cammack. Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network. Book which combines person centered planning with long range legal and financial issues. Great planning workbook for families.

• **Special Needs Trust Administration Manual. A Guide for Trustees**, Published by People with Disabilities Press. $15.95. Email Stan Klein at stan@disabilitiesbooks.com, or go to www.disabilitiesbooks.com/catalogue-servechildren.htm

• **Me, Too!** Series ed. By Marci J. Hanson, Ph.D., Paula J. Beckman, Ph.D. 24 pp. each. Short, practical booklets for parents of young children ready to make their first connections outside the home. Based on Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion’s studies, these six booklets come from extensive classroom research and interviews with the parents and teachers of children with disabilities. They deal with issues like social skills, legal rights, behavior challenges, transition to preschool, and environmental adaptations. $30 for set of six, Brookes Publishing.

click on People with Disabilities Press. People with Disabilities Press also has a number of other books, first hand accounts, by families and people with disabilities.


- **Teaching Teens with ADD and ADHD. A Quick Reference Guide for Teachers and Parents.** Chris A. Zeigler Dendy, M.S. Seventy-five easy-to-implement summaries each focus on a key issue related to teaching students with ADD/ADHD. From understanding the basics about ADD/ADHD to intervention strategies, behavior management, and schoolwork adaptations, it includes everything teachers and parents need to know. $18.95, Woodbine House.

- **Teenager with ADD: A Parent’s Guide.** Chris A. Zeigler, M.S. Parents, educators, and health professionals rely on this best-selling guide to understand and cope with teenagers with attention deficit disorders (ADD). This book covers symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, accommodations, advocacy, legal rights, etc. $18.95, Woodbine House.

- **Delicate Threads: Friendships between Children with and without Special Needs in Inclusive Settings.** Debbie Staub, Ph.D. *Delicate Threads* is a culmination of the author’s years of careful observations of friendships between seven pairs of children—each including a child with moderate to severe disability—who are classmates in an inclusive elementary school. $16.95, Woodbine House.

- **Babyface: A Story of Heart and Bones.** Jeanne McDermott. McDermott’s intelligent and graceful memoir offers an intimate look at how her ideas of perfection and wholeness were turned upside down when her second son was born with Apert Syndrome, a rare craniofacial condition. The author considers her own and her family’s emotional survival, genetic and ethical questions about disability, and beliefs about beauty. $22.95, Woodbine House.

- **Laying Community Foundations for Your Child with a Disability: How to Establish Relationships That Will Support Your Child After You’re Gone.** Linda J. Stingle, M.H.S. What will happen to your child after you die? This book helps parents answer this often terrifying question. Chapters discuss how to begin building relationships that will help support your child in the future, how to assess a child’s needs, how to foster long-term relationships, how to ask for a commitment, and where to look for relationships. $15.95, Woodbine House.


- **Ministering to Families of Individuals with Disabilities.** A packet of resource listings and practical suggestions for reaching out to the whole family. Hand*Vangelism, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.
- **Starting a Parent Support Group**. Information and resources needed to start a parent support group. Handi*Vangelism, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914.

- **A Christian View of Mental Illness: Understanding and Response**. Written to help ministry and individuals determine appropriate ways to respond and support those dealing with mental illness. Written in 2001, the resource is based on the author’s own experiences with depression and her clinical knowledge. It provides background on the church’s historic response to mental illness and outlines a Christian response based on scripture. $5.95 Mennonite Mutual Aid.

- **Lessons from Emily**. A husband and wife chronicle their journey as the parents of Emily, a child born with microcephaly, an underdeveloped brain. Describing their experience as “a journey of love with God,” this booklet will be useful to families, pastors, and friends of people who have disabilities who desire the church to be an inclusive family of faith. 1999. $4.95 Mennonite Mutual Aid.


- **Hope for the Families**. Robert Perske. Abingdon Press.


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- **The Rubberband Syndrome: Family Life with a Child with a Disability.** 24-page booklet out of interviews with eight families. Virginia Wright. Centering Corporation.


I Wish...Dreams and Realities of Parenting a Special Needs Child. Kate Divine McAnaney $8.95 + $1 shipping. From UCPA of CA, 1507 21st. St., Suite 204, Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone order: (916) 442-33573.

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This resource guide is way behind on all the resources now available for siblings. To stay current, go to

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• What About Me? Growing Up with a Developmentally Disabled Sibling, by Bryna Siegel and Stuart Silverstein. A very helpful resource for families with disabled children have needed for a long time. Available from Da Capo Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.perseusbooksgroup.com/dacapo/book_detail.jsp?isbn=073820630X

• Without Apology is a documentary about the filmmaker's (Susan Hamovitch) lifelong relationship with her brother and has recently been released on DVD. This film deals with the past fifty years in the history of mental retardation from a very personal perspective. Issues of "blaming the mother" and sibling disaffection -- and sibling devotion -- as well as the institutional debacle are all brought home through the story of this all too "typical" family. A free study guide will soon be available to download on the film’s website. For more information or to purchase the DVD, please visit www.withoutapology.com or contact the filmmaker directly at oneeyedcatprod@aol.com

• The Sibling Slam Book: What It’s Really Like to Have a Brother or Sister with Special Needs, Ed. Don Meyer. This book is a collection of comments by teenagers who have siblings with special needs. Unedited, these comments offer a glimpse into the inner thoughts and feelings of these young people. For more information or to order, please visit www.woodbinehouse.com.

• Special Siblings: Growing Up with Someone with a Disability, Revised Edition, Mary McHugh. $21.95, Brookes Publishing. Author shares through personal experiences and interviews.

• Sibshops: Workshops for Siblings of Children with Special Needs, Donald Meyer, Patricia Vadasy. $32.00, Brookes Publishing. Guide to program that brings together 8 to 13-year-old siblings of children with special needs. Can be used to plan, promote, and run program.

• Special Brothers and Sisters: Stories and Tips for Siblings of Children with A Disability or Serious Illness, edited by Annette Harnes and Monica McCaffrey and published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. 96 pp. $15.95. For more information or to order, please visit www.jkp.com


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**Fathers**

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**Mothers**

- **From the Heart: On Being the Mother of a Child with Special Needs.** Ed. Jayne D.B. Marsh. Nine mothers explore the intense, sometimes painful emotional terrain of raising children with such special needs as autism, Down syndrome AD/HD/, and multiple disabilities. They discuss relationships with professionals, family life, work, school issues, and reflect on feelings about themselves and their closest friends and family. $14.95, Woodbine House.

- **Differences in Common: Straight Talk on Mental Retardation, Down Syndrome, and Life.** Marilyn Trainer. Woodbine Press.

PARENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- **Through the Looking Glass.** A bi-monthly publication of the National Resource Center for Parents with Disabilities. They have a number of resources for parents with disabilities, [www.lookingglass.org](http://www.lookingglass.org).

- Newsletters/Magazines/Centers **The Exceptional Parent Magazine.** Excellent for parents. Occasionally addresses religious issues, programs. Began quarterly spiritual supports article in 2008. Has several special editions each year, one with the most comprehensive listing of disability specific support and information associations and organizations. Visit Website [http://www.eparent.com/](http://www.eparent.com/).

- **Family and Disability Newsletter.** From The Beach Center on Families and Disability. Bureau of Child Research, 1200 Sunnyside Ave., 3136 Haworth Hall, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. [www.beachcenter.org](http://www.beachcenter.org). The Beach Center website is an excellent resource for families.


- **Disability Solutions,** newsletter for families published free six times per year by the Enoch Gelbard Foundation. Excellent. Each usually focuses on a theme, with short articles often summarizing current research and state of the art resources. Editor: Joan Medlen. See 1996 Issue on Religious Supports. Phone: (503) 246-3849. email: dsoiws@teleport.com. Disability Solutions. 3638 SW Vesta, Portland, Oregon. 97219 FAX:(503) 246-3869. email: dsoiws@teleport.com; Website: [http://www.disabilitysolutions.org/](http://www.disabilitysolutions.org/). (They have a series of excellent brochures on emotions and feelings of caregivers. 610 Lexington Ave., Suite 814, New York, N.Y. 10022-6005. (800) 838-0879. email: wellspouse@aol.com.

- **Mainstay** is the newsletter of the Well Spouse Foundation, an association of spousal caregivers who are caring for spouses who have been disabled because of accident or illness. Also have a series of excellent brochures on emotions and feelings of caregivers. 610 Lexington Ave., Suite 814, New York, N.Y. 10022-6005. (800) 838-0879. email: wellspouse@aol.com.

- **NICHCY,** (National Information Center for Children and Youth with Handicaps) has newsletters and other free publications, including excellent summaries of various disabling conditions (fact sheets) resource organizations by state, national resources, and others. For copy of resource listing, write P.O. Box 1492, Washington, D.C. 20013. 1-800-695-0285. [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org). One title, for example, is You Are Not Alone: For Parents When They Learn That Their Child Has A Disability.

- **Shepherd Boy:** Website: [www.shepherdboy.org](http://www.shepherdboy.org). Articles, information, and quarterly newsletter edited by clergy family with an autistic child.

- **Take Care!** is the newsletter of the National Family Caregiver’s Association with articles and resources for families caring for people with chronic illnesses or disabilities at home. Contact at NFCA, 10400 Connecticut Ave., #500, Kensington, MD 20895-3944. 1-800-896-3650. FAX: 301-942-2302. Email:info@nfcaares.org. (They are also coordinating a national Family Caregiver’s Week in November, an activity your congregation could join with their resource packet for faith communities.)

RETREATS
(A NUMBER OF FAITH GROUPS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HOLD RETREATS AND FAMILY CAMPING EXPERIENCES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.)
Some are:
- Mennonite Mutual Aid
- Handivangelism
- Joni and Friends
- A Special Touch
- and others. Check with your national faith network office. (See Section XVI.)

CATALOGUES AND COLLECTIONS
- **Special Needs Catalogue.** From Exceptional Parent Library. Excellent selection of books for families, siblings, and children that have been put together through the Exceptional Parent Library.

- **Support for Families of People with a Disability.** Bibliography and Resource Guide. 247 annotated citations, as well as comprehensive listing of organizations, journals, newsletters. $15. Human Services Research Institute.

- **Pacer Center** has wide variety of booklets, pamphlets, and handouts for parents with children with disabilities. Titles include "How do You Combat Teasing", "When a Child Dies," and many others on education, employment, etc. PACER Center, 4826 Chicago Ave., S., Minneapolis, MN 55417-1055. (612) 827-2966.

- **Turtle Books.** A series on children with disabilities with them as the heroes. For young children with disabilities and those who are non-disabled. Currently ten books dealing with children with physical disabilities, cerebral palsy, speech impairment, Down Syndrome, and others. Paper at $6.95 and Hardback at $13.95. They are also putting the books on disks for computer so child or student can control the speed. From Jason and Nordic Publishers.

- **Woodbine House.** (Special Needs Collection Catalogue) has a number of books for parents and families specific to various disabilities, including Down Syndrome, Visual Impairments, Fragile X Syndrome, Mental Retardation, Tourette Syndrome, Epilepsy, Autism, Mental Illness, Deafness, Cerebral Palsy and Attention Deficit Disorder. Woodbine House, 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. (800) 843-7323.

- The disABILITY Resource. 12200 Academy Rd., NE, Suite 1212, Albuquerque, NM 87111; Phone: (800) 695-4042; Website: [http://www.disabilityresource.com/](http://www.disabilityresource.com/). Great collection of books for kids, parents, general public, and others. They are a distributor. Many of the resources in this section and others are available through them.

- **The Centering Corporation** has an excellent collection of resources related to grief for families, death and dying, children's awareness and coping with grief, and caregiving. 1994 catalogue is 25 pages long with over 200 publications listed.
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- **Special Needs Project Catalogue.** Excellent collection of good books about disability. Emphasis on materials relating to children. Special Needs Project Catalogue, 3463 State St., #282, Santa Barbara, CA 94105. 1-(800) 333-6867.

- Pro-Ed has a number of books for parents, including Can't Your Child See?, Can't Your Child Hear?, Coping with Cerebral Palsy, and others on motor delay, speech impairments, Epilepsy, Down Syndrome, and emotional/behavioral problems. Write or call for a catalogue.

- T.F.H., a British company, has a new office in Pennsylvania, and they do several excellent and comprehensive, family friendly catalogues. One is Special Needs Books, another Fun and Achievement, and another Age Appropriate Resources. TFH-USA, 4537 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044 (412) 444-6400.

- Also see Section IV.B. **CAREGIVING AND RESpite CARE**

**AUDIO-VISUAL**

- **Mothers of Courage** This is the story of Bethany, who has multiple physical and developmental disabilities. Like thousands of dedicated parents, her mother has had to fight for years to get Bethany the medical and social services she needs. (48 minutes) Buy VHS Now! 229.00 1 Day VHS Rental $60.00/Day. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.fanlight.com/catalog/subjects/disability.php](http://www.fanlight.com/catalog/subjects/disability.php).

- **The Ties That Bind** – a National Film Board of Canada production. In *The Ties That Bind* – award winning documentary filmmaker John Ritchie takes a first hand look at a family’s struggle to let go, when every instinct compels them to hang on. Ritchie follows the Jordon family – Kathleen, Bill, Chris and his two siblings – for almost three years. The result in an extraordinarily intimate film that reveals, with raw emotion and surprising humour, the complexity around one young man’s transition toward a more independent life. $24.95 plus shipping. Visit The Ties that Bind website: [http://www.tiesthatbind.ca/](http://www.tiesthatbind.ca/)

- **White Hair, Grey Hair.** This program chronicles five families each dealing with the challenge of ensuring the well-being of their mentally disturbed child. The program takes an inside look at a residential home for adults with disabilities where the residents are respected and encouraged to participate in their care and in daily activities. French with English subtitles, this film is available on VHS for $135 (rental: $50). For more information or to order, please visit [www.terranova.org](http://www.terranova.org).

- **Adventures in the Mainstream: Coming of Age with Down Syndrome**, by Greg Palmer. The author describes his experiences, hopes, and fears as he guides his son with Down Syndrome from adolescence to adulthood. For more information or to order, please visit [www.woodbinehouse.com](http://www.woodbinehouse.com).

- **24/7.** This documentary profiles two families exhausted by the struggle to provide all day, every day care for their developmentally disabled adult children at home, while simultaneously battling for the help and resources they need. (33 minutes) Buy VHS Now! 229.00 Buy DVD Now! 259.00 1 Day VHS Rental $60.00/Day. For more information or to order, please visit [www.fanlight.com/catalog/subjects/disability.php](http://www.fanlight.com/catalog/subjects/disability.php).
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- **Mother Tiger, Mother Tiger.** Short, dramatic film about one parent's response to the "Why, God?" question. Franciscan Communications. Rental from Religion Division, AAIDD. $10.

- Contact Beach Center for more recent audio-visual resources for families.

- Also go to Program Development Associates and Fanlight Productions for their current catalogues and a number of videos on families with members with disabilities.

- Companies with good videos related to family issues include *Program Development Associates*, Terra Nova Films, or Fanlight Productions. Go to their web sites for the most recent listings.

- **Connections.** New collection of songs for parents and families with children with disabilities by Tom Hunter. 1994. $10. Song Growing Company. [www.songgrowingcompany.com](http://www.songgrowingcompany.com)
XII. BIOGRAPHIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES, FICTION, AND OTHER STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES. (THIS LIST, AND SYNOPSES, HAVE BEEN GATHERED FROM OTHER LISTS, DEVELOPED OVER TIME, AND MORE, SO OTHERS HAVE HAD A ROLE IN THIS LISTING AND WE DON’T REMEMBER WHERE THEY ALL CAME FROM!)

- **Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence**, by Matthew Sanford. Sanford chronicles his struggles and insights as a paraplegic and a man, a son and a brother, a husband and a father, and the role that yoga played in helping him reconnect with his body. For more information or to order, please visit [http://matthewsanford.com/book.html](http://matthewsanford.com/book.html).


- **Music Within**. This movie chronicles the true story of Richard Pimentel, a brilliant public speaker with a troubled past, who returns from Vietnam severely hearing-impaired and finds a new purpose in his landmark efforts on behalf of Americans with disabilities. For more information on the film, visit [http://www.musicwithinmovie.com](http://www.musicwithinmovie.com). To show this movie in your hometown, call (800) 445-4641, or email [jpapier@mgm.com](mailto:jpapier@mgm.com). Find out more about Richard Pimentel at [http://www.miltwright.com/c_princip.htm](http://www.miltwright.com/c_princip.htm).

- **The Church of 80% Sincerity**, by David Roche. In this book, the author tells his story of life with facial disfigurement and his journey from shame to self-acceptance. Published by the Penguin Group (USA) Inc. For more information or to order, please visit [http://us.penguin.com/nf/Book/BookDisplay/0,,9781429577779,00.html](http://us.penguin.com/nf/Book/BookDisplay/0,,9781429577779,00.html).

- **Young People and Chronic Illness: True Stories, Help, and Hope**, by Kelly Huegel. Written by a young woman with Crohn’s disease, this book presents true stories of young adults with chronic illnesses and advice to young adults on subjects including talking to friends, developing good relationships with doctors, communicating with family members, and fitting in at school. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Young-People-Chronic-Illness-Huegel/dp/1575420414](http://www.amazon.com/Young-People-Chronic-Illness-Huegel/dp/1575420414).

- **Reflections of Self**, by Sondra Williams. In this book the author shares her perspectives on her 18-year marriage and her four children (who have all been diagnosed with ASD), her childhood memories, her helpful experiences with therapy, and her faith. This is an excellent resource for individuals with ASD and their families, as well as professionals working with individuals with ASD. For more information or to order, please visit the online store of the Gray Center for social understanding and learning. The website address is [http://www.thegraycenter.org/store/index.cfm?fuseaction=product.display&product_id=2](http://www.thegraycenter.org/store/index.cfm?fuseaction=product.display&product_id=2).
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- **From There to Here: Stories of Adjustment to Spinal Cord Injury**, by Gary Karp and Stanley Klein. This is a collection of forty-five stories of individuals dealing with the trauma and change that come with spinal cord injuries. For more information or to order, please visit [https://www.newmobility.com/bookstore.cfm](https://www.newmobility.com/bookstore.cfm).

- **Beyond the Silence: My Life, the World and Autism**, by Rajarshi Mukhopadhyay. An autobiographical narration of a young poet who has autism, and a realistic presentation of what kind of struggle he and his parents had to go through during his early childhood in his native country (India) where intellectual disabilities like autism are hardly known or recognized. For more information or to order, please visit the National Autistic Society website at [www.nas.org.uk](http://www.nas.org.uk).

- **Body, remember**, by Kenny Fries. In this memoir, Fries explores his life and experiences with disability. In addition to an understanding of his physical body, Fries also explores his sexuality and personal relationships. For more information or to order, please visit the University of Wisconsin Press website at [http://www.wisc.edu/wisconsinpress](http://www.wisc.edu/wisconsinpress).

- **The Broken Cord**, by Michael Dorris. This is Dorris’ heartrending story, full of compassion and rage, of how his adopted son grew up mentally retarded, a victim of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome whom no amount of love could make whole. Winner of a 1989 National Book Critics Circle Award. For more information or to order, please visit [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com).


- **Aidan's Way: The Story of a Boy's Life and a Father's Journey**, by George T. Crane. An Asian studies professor mines his academic field to tell the story of his profoundly disabled son's life, unpacking a grab-bag of Asian philosophy and its relationship to his son's humanity and worth. For more information or to order, please visit [www.sourcebooks.com](http://www.sourcebooks.com).

- **As We Grew Up with Barbara**, by Lotte Moise. A mother’s personal account of her daughter’s grown and their adult relationship. Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

- **Autobiography of a Face**, by Lucy Grealy. This is the author’s compelling account of her experience with childhood cancer. The book chronicles her hospital and school experiences as well as her internal struggle to eschew the mirrors that reflect difference, what she gradually realizes is, by society’s standards, her “ugliness” or to embrace the mirrors that reflect liberation from image and instead reflect the face of the self. For more information or to order, please visit [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com).

- **All by Self**, by Ron Taylor. Describes the author’s first six years of adventures with his son Micah who has Cerebral Palsy and significant challenges. It is beautifully illustrated in pencil/paper and some color drawings by both Micah and his brother Jonah. Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

- **Barbara and Fred, Grownups Now**, by Lotte Moise. This is the sequel to *As We Grew Up With Barbara*. Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
- **Broken Minds: Hope for Healing When You Feel Like You’re Losing It**, by Steve and Robyn Bloem. Personal experience and lots of information on mental illness. 304 pp., $13.99. For more information or to order, please visit [www.kregelpublications.com](http://www.kregelpublications.com).

- **Personal Transformation: An Executive’s Story of Struggle and Spiritual Awakening**, by Kiril Sokoloff. A financial tycoon becomes deaf, and recovers, but is also transformed. For more information or to order, please visit [www.CrossroadPublishing.com](http://www.CrossroadPublishing.com).

- **Shining Soul: Helen Keller’s Spiritual Life and Legacy**. This documentary tells the story of how Helen Keller was influenced in the latter part of her life by the works Emanuel Swedenborg. 57 minutes. Available on DVD for $24.95. For more information or to order, please visit [www.swedenborg.com](http://www.swedenborg.com).

- **Light in My Darkness**, by Helen Keller. One of Time’s women of the century, Helen Keller, reveals her mystical side in this best-selling spiritual autobiography. Writing that her first reading of Emanuel Swedenborg at age fourteen gave her truths that were “to my faculties what light, color and music are to the eye and ear,” she explains how Swedenborg’s works sustained her throughout her life. For more information or to order, please visit [www.swedenborg.com/book_detail.asp?pkproductid=90](http://www.swedenborg.com/book_detail.asp?pkproductid=90).

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- **The Company of Others: Stories of Belonging**, by the PLAN Institute (Canada). $24.95. Photos and stories tell the stories of five individuals who, by virtue of age, disability, or life circumstance, find themselves on the edge of society. For more information or to order this and other excellent resources, please visit [www.plan.ca](http://www.plan.ca).

- **The Body Silent: An Anthropologist Embarks on the Most Challenging Journey of his Life: Into the World of the Disabled**, by R.F. Murphy (1987). London and New York: W.W. Norton. Robert Murphy, an anthropologist by trade, eloquently and honestly describes how paralysis--and all disability--affects identity and interaction with others based on their reactions to disability. This book is his anthropological field trip to the world of disability, detailing his experiences and thoughts before, during, and after he becomes paralyzed during his 40s. This is a powerful book in which Murphy not only shares his personal story but deals with and challenges the ableism and medical model of disability he endures once he becomes disabled himself. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Body-Silent-Robert-F-Murphy/dp/0393307026](http://www.amazon.com/Body-Silent-Robert-F-Murphy/dp/0393307026).

- **A Child Called Noah**, by Josh Greenfeld (1989). The joy and hope with which Greenfeld recorded Noah's birth in his journal were not to last. By the age of two and a half, Noah had stopped talking, had difficulty performing the simplest tasks, and could not communicate with his parents. The doctors consulted by the Greenfelds were as baffled as Noah's beleaguered parents. Vacillating between hope and despair, and increasingly aware of the impact caring for a child like Noah would have on their lives, the anguished Greenfeld family journeyed from New York to Connecticut to California in search of help. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Child-Called-Noah-Family-Journey/dp/0156168626](http://www.amazon.com/Child-Called-Noah-Family-Journey/dp/0156168626).
• **The Child Who Never Grew**, by Pearl S. Buck (1992). Buck departs from her traditional genre for this heartfelt 1950 volume about her mentally retarded daughter. For more information or to order, please visit [www.woodbinehouse.com](http://www.woodbinehouse.com).

• **Choosing Naia: A Family’s Journey**, by Mitchell Zuckoff (2003). This is the story of Greg and Tierney Fairchild, a happily married, interracial professional couple who went for the usual prenatal screenings and came away knowing that the fetus carried a major heart defect that could signal Down syndrome. Up against Connecticut's 24-week deadline for elective abortions, the couple struggles with complicated ethical and practical concerns, since the newborn would have to undergo major open-heart surgery and face lifelong disabilities. In the end, they decide this will simply be one more challenge they'll face together. Available from Beacon Press. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.beacon.org/searchproducts.cfm](http://www.beacon.org/searchproducts.cfm).

• **Count Us In: Growing Up with Down Syndrome**, by Jason Kingsley & Mitchell Levitz (1994) - Kingsley and Levitz write about education, employment, ambitions, families, sex and marriage, and their disability -- Down Syndrome. Hearing about Down syndrome directly from these young men has a good deal more impact than reading any guide from a professional or even a parent. Their comments are eye-opening and heartening. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Count-Us-Growing-Down-Syndrome/dp/015622660X](http://www.amazon.com/Count-Us-Growing-Down-Syndrome/dp/015622660X).

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• **Dazed and Fatigued in the Toxic 21st Century**, by Mark Llewellyn Hall (1998) This is a first-person account of the experience of recovering from chronic fatigue syndrome, written in an alternative voice that is raw and at times wildly spontaneous. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

• **A Difference in the Family: Living with a Disabled Child**, by Helen Featherstone (1980). In this first-hand account, Featherstone, educator and mother of a severely disabled child, traces the long, often heartbreaking road toward complete acceptance of disability. Drawing on interviews with parents and professionals, published accounts, and her own personal experience, she discusses how parents and siblings cope with their feelings of fear, anger, guilt, and loneliness. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

• **Does She Know She's There?** by Nicola Schaefer (2000). Schaefer, with candor, poignancy and humor, chronicles her steadfast determination not to institutionalize or stigmatize her daughter. Due to the challenges faced by Catherine, stories of even the most ordinary events in her life become extraordinary. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

• **Don't Pull the Plug: A Lesson in Life**, by Thomas Matola and Roberta Johnson (2002). Thomas Matola and Roberta Johnson. Matola was a teacher, a hiker, a dancer. Then at age 61, he suffered a major stroke. Shut off from the world, from almost all communication, from his joys and his livelihood, he felt anger, frustration and despair. When his doctor asked him if he wanted to have the plug pulled, he thought about the life he had, and the life he could look forward to. And he decided to live; to learn to live a new life — a fulfilling life, full of love and growth, and a determination to improve physically, mentally and spiritually. Available from DisAbilities Books. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/dont_pull_plug/index.html](http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/dont_pull_plug/index.html).

• **Don’t Worry, He Won’t Get Far on Foot**, by John Callahan (1989). Callahan is a cartoonist whose work not only challenges but attacks and explodes social norms. He is also a quadriplegic and recovering alcoholic who has suffered through abusive support providers, endured battles with the welfare system, maintained his vicious sense of humor, and emerged from some difficult times happy, successful, and determined to change prevailing attitudes about disability, potential, normalcy, and employment. He shares all of his experiences and lessons learned in a straightforward way that does not allow pity or ego to enter the picture. He describes his own brand of faith and sheds some light on our collective humanity. Available from Vintage. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.randomhouse.com/vintage/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780679728245](http://www.randomhouse.com/vintage/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780679728245).

• **Emergence: Labeled Autistic**, by Temple Grandin (1996). Grandin was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. An intelligent child with a thirst for knowledge, but unable to properly express herself or control her behavior, Temple struggled through grade school. Now Temple tells the story of how she went from a fear-gripped child to a successful professional and a world leader in her field. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Emergence-Labeled-Autistic-Temple-Grandin/dp/0446671827/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books](http://www.amazon.com/Emergence-Labeled-Autistic-Temple-Grandin/dp/0446671827/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books).

• **Exile & Pride**, by Eli Clare (1999). Eli Clare, a poet with cerebral palsy, movingly describes her attempt to climb Mount Adams -- not, she points out, as a "supercrip," but just as an impaired person who loves to hike: a story about ableism rather than disability. Available from South End Press. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.southendpress.org/search?query=exile+and+pride&action=find_book&search_key=all](http://www.southendpress.org/search?query=exile+and+pride&action=find_book&search_key=all).

• **Expecting Adam: A True Story of Birth, Transformation, and Unconditional Love**, by Martha Beck (2000). An autobiographical tale of an academically oriented Harvard couple who conceive a baby with Down's syndrome and decide to carry him to term. As Martha's terribly difficult pregnancy progresses, odd coincidences and paranormal experiences begin to occur for both Martha and John, though for months they don't share them with each other. Martha's pregnancy and Adam become the catalyst for tremendous life changes for the Becks. Available from Piatkus Books. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.piatkus.co.uk/](http://www.piatkus.co.uk/).
Faking It: A look Into the Mind of a Creative Learner, by Christopher Lee & Rosemary Jackson (1992). The authors provide those of us who do not have learning disabilities a view into the world and perspective of someone who does. This is a helpful resource for those who work with individuals with learning disabilities. Available from Boynton/Cook Publishing. For more information or to order, please visit www.boyntoncook.com/search/default.aspx.


I Don't Want To Be Inside Me Anymore: Messages from an Autistic Mind, by Birger Sellin (1995). The author is a 21-year-old autistic German who has written a slender volume of epigrammatic musings using the technique of facilitated communication (FC), a method whereby the autistic person types messages, one letter at a time, with one finger, using a “facilitator” to support the elbow or arm. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Dont-Want-Be-Inside-Anymore/dp/0465088880/ref=sr_1_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187274401&sr=1-1.

I Had No Means to Shout, by Charles Hale (1999). Hale, a man with autism, discovered the communication technique of facilitated communication (FC) when he was 36 years old, and this book chronicles his life before and after he began to use FC. The narrative provides, in Charles’ voice, a fascinating and detailed insiders’ perspective to what autism feels like, how Charles’ apraxia and dyspraxia have affected his life and his communication, and how FC allows Charles not to emerge from autism, but rather, to express himself “as the intelligent, cognizant man he really is.” Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/I-Had-No-Means-Shout/dp/1585004014/ref=sr_1_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187274761&sr=1-1.

I Raise My Eyes to Say Yes, by Ruth Sienkiewicz-Mercer (1989). A powerful account, written with the assistance of Steven Kaplan, of Sienkiewicz-Mercer’s incarceration in an institution for people labeled mentally retarded. She vividly describes the abuse and neglect she experienced in the institution, and the isolation from family and community. However, the book ends with her description of her successful struggle to gain her freedom, shatter stereotypes, and build a life in the community. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Raise-My-Eyes-Say-Yes/dp/0964461633/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187274926&sr=1-1.

Incurably Human, by Micheline Mason (2000). Simultaneously personal and philosophical, this book is both a celebration of and call for inclusive communities and schools. Micheline Mason shares some of her experiences growing up and living with a disability in London. Published by Inclusive Solutions, this book can be purchased online at http://www.inclusivesolutions.com/bookdetails.asp?ID=39.

Like Color to the Blind: Soul Searching and Soul Finding, by Donna Williams (1996). This is the author’s third book about her life as a person with autism. This, her latest work, builds upon the last, addressing relationships and emotions. Williams describes her relationship with Ian, who became her
best friend and eventually her husband. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, go to Amazon.

- **Lost in a Desert World: The Autobiography of Roland Johnson**, by Roland Johnson and Karl Williams (1999). Johnson recounts his life and his early experiences as a resident in a school for young people with developmental disabilities. Despite hardships during this time, Johnson was able to keep his spirit alive. When he won his freedom as a young adult, he spent several years putting his life together. Then, as president of Speaking For Ourselves, he became an internationally known speaker and leader in the self-advocacy movement. This book is out of print but is available as a book on tape. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.karlwilliams.com/order.htm](http://www.karlwilliams.com/order.htm).


- **The Me in the Mirror**, by Connie Panzarino (1994). In this autobiography Panzarino, who was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type III, describes her life as one of struggles and triumphs. She includes the stories of her relationships with her family, friends, and lovers, her turn to lesbianism, and her years of pioneering work in the disability rights movement. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Me-Mirror-Connie-Panzarino/dp/1878067451/ref=pd_bbs_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187708169&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Me-Mirror-Connie-Panzarino/dp/1878067451/ref=pd_bbs_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187708169&sr=8-1).


- **Moving Violations: War Zones, Wheelchairs, and Declarations of Independence**, by John Hockenberry (1995). This is an honest and often humorous account of the author’s life as a man with a disability. Hockenberry also explains how his disability, rather than limiting him, is a window through which he frames his view of the world. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/MOVING-VIOLATIONS-WHEELCHAIRS-](http://www.amazon.com/MOVING-VIOLATIONS-WHEELCHAIRS-).
• **My Body Politic**, by Simi Linton (2005). In this volume, the author recounts her personal odyssey, from flower child "walkie" in 1971 to disability-rights/human rights advocate in 2005. For more information or to order, please visit the University of Michigan Press online at [http://www.press.umich.edu/titleDetailDesc.do;jsessionid=4B9C18B23C4A893E02B084F447B10B60?id=164083](http://www.press.umich.edu/titleDetailDesc.do;jsessionid=4B9C18B23C4A893E02B084F447B10B60?id=164083).

• **My Left Foot**, by Christy Brown (1954). This is the story of the author’s childhood and adolescence. Though Brown is born with severe cerebral palsy, unable to communicate or control his movements, his mother believes that his mind is unaffected. Her confidence in Brown's growing abilities never falters as her son grows up and becomes increasingly aware of his physical disabilities. This book is available in limited supply from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/My-Left-Foot-Christy-Brown/dp/074930460X/ref=sr_1_2/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187711633&sr=1-2](http://www.amazon.com/My-Left-Foot-Christy-Brown/dp/074930460X/ref=sr_1_2/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187711633&sr=1-2).

• **Nobody, Nowhere: The Extraordinary Autobiography of an Autistic**, by Donna Williams (1992). The author, who was diagnosed with autism when in her mid 20s, has written this book in an attempt to understand herself and to explore how she fit into the world around her. Published by Avon books. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.harpercollins.com/books/9780380722174/Nobody_Nowhereautistic/index.aspx](http://www.harpercollins.com/books/9780380722174/Nobody_Nowhereautistic/index.aspx).


• **Secret Girl**, by Molly Bruce Jacobs (2006). This book is the author’s account of discovering that she had a younger sister with a disability who had been secretly placed in an institution. As an adult, a guilt-driven Jacobs tries to compensate for those years of neglect by integrating her sister into her own unsettled lifestyle. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0312320949/sr=8-1/qid=1140707278/ref=sr_1_1/102-1800118-8704916?_encoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0312320949/sr=8-1/qid=1140707278/ref=sr_1_1/102-1800118-8704916?_encoding=UTF8).

• **The Social Meaning of Mental Retardation: Two Life Stories**, by Bob Bogdan and Steve Taylor (1994). These life stories give an interesting yet sad perspective on the ways in which individuals with mental retardation are often dehumanized. This could be a helpful resource for teachers and others who work with individuals with mental retardation. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Social-Meaning-Mental-Retardation-Education/dp/0807733431/ref=sr_1_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187717435&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Social-Meaning-Mental-Retardation-Education/dp/0807733431/ref=sr_1_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187717435&sr=1-1).

- **Son Rise**, by Barry Kaufman (1976). When told by the recognized experts that their son, Raun, was hopelessly autistic and mentally retarded, uneducable and in need of institutionalization, the author and his wife chose to look to their child as his own expert. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Son-Rise-Barry-Neil-Kaufman/dp/0915811618/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187718621&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Son-Rise-Barry-Neil-Kaufman/dp/0915811618/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187718621&sr=8-1).


- **The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down**, by Anne Fadiman (1998). This is the true story of Lia Lee and her family. Lia was born in 1981 to a family of recent Hmong immigrants, and soon developed symptoms of epilepsy. By 1988 she was living at home but was brain dead after a tragic cycle of misunderstanding, overmedication, and culture clash. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Spirit-Catches-You-Fall-Down/dp/0374525641/ref=pd_bbs_sr_2/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187719492&sr=8-2](http://www.amazon.com/Spirit-Catches-You-Fall-Down/dp/0374525641/ref=pd_bbs_sr_2/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187719492&sr=8-2).


• Too Late to Die Young: Nearly True Tales from a Life, by Harriet McBryde Johnson (2006). The author of this book, who was born with a congenital neuromuscular disease, wants kids with disabilities to grow up "prepared to survive," not merely waiting to die. Johnson, whose law practice specializes in disability advocacy, has a personal assistant, a motorized wheelchair and a supportive circle of family and friends that make her active, satisfying life possible. Available from Picador. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.picadorusa.com/product/product.aspx?isbn=0312425716.

• Under the Eye of the Clock, by Christopher Nolan (1987). This is the autobiography of an award-winning Irish poet and novelist who has cerebral palsy, uses a wheelchair, and writes with a stick attached to his forehead while someone cups his chin for stability. Available from Arcade Publishing. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.arcadepub.com/book/?GCOI=55970100999540.

• Waist-high in the world: A Life among the Non-Disabled, by Nancy Mairs (1997). The author reflects upon her experiences as a woman with multiple sclerosis, discussing such topics as adjusting to change, reconciling body image, experiencing sexuality, and seeking equality and justice. Available from Beacon Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.beacon.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1634.

• Where is the Mango Princess? By Cathy Crimmins (1991). This chronicle of the author’s husband’s brain injury, treatment and rehabilitation shows how perplexing and stressful traumatic brain injury can be for both victim and family. Available from Knopf Publishing/Random House. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780375704420.


• What's That Pig Outdoors?: A Memoir of Deafness, by Henry Kisor (1990). The author, a book editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, lost his hearing after a bout with meningitis at age three and has since relied on spoken language and lip reading. In his memoir, Kisor cites the ways in which being deaf among the hearing shaped his personal and professional experiences. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.amazon.com/Whats-That-Pig-Outdoors-Deafness/dp/014014899X/ref=sr_1_2/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187724978&sr=8-2.

• Women with Disabilities: Found Voices, edited Mary Willmuth and Lillian Holcomb (1994). The authors offer a multicultural perspective, which speaks frankly about their experiences. They discuss the abuses they have endured and explain how they have struggled with the issue of being a woman with a body that does not conform to the image that society values. Available from Haworth Press. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sid=VUADB0BPVQRF8KAA5KNFX9B6QW605E4F&sku=1299&AuthType=4.

• **Why I Burned My Book and Other Essays on Disability**, by Paul K. Longmore (2003). In these essays, the author searches for the often hidden pattern of systemic prejudice and probes into the institutionalized discrimination that affects the one in five Americans with disabilities. Available from Temple University Press. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/1671_reg.html](http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/1671_reg.html).

• **Yes! She Knows She's There**, by Nicola Schaefer. A loving mother has written another chapter to offer an update about her daughter Catherine, a young woman with an intellectual disability. In this sequel to **Does She Know She’s There**? Schaefer tells us about her struggles to support her family, about how she gets tired, and about how she comes to realize that she needs time for herself without compromising her daughter's opportunities to take her own place in the world. Available from Inclusion Press. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.inclusion.com/bkyessheknowsshesthere.html](http://www.inclusion.com/bkyessheknowsshesthere.html).

• **Getting Life**, by Julie Shaw Cole (2002). This is a work of fiction about Emily, a non-verbal, nursing home resident who has sat like a lump on a borrowed wheelchair for most of the past seventeen years. This triumphant story takes us into the minds of several nursing home residents, touches on the lives of several staff members of an independent living center and includes an ADAPT-like group for emphasis. Available from Advocado Press. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.advocadopress.org/gett.html](http://www.advocadopress.org/gett.html).

• **Honor Thy Son**, by Lou Shaw (1994). Jack Ingraham deserts his family when his first child, J.J., is born with a disability. Years later J.J. is implicated in a murder, and Jack gets involved with his son for the first time. Available from Amazon. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.amazon.com/Honor-Thy-Son-Lou-Shaw/dp/068709982X/ref=sr_1_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187879261&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Honor-Thy-Son-Lou-Shaw/dp/068709982X/ref=sr_1_1/002-7048367-6332819?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187879261&sr=8-1).

• **In This Sign**, by Joanne Greenberg (1984). This is a novel about a family’s journey through the world of the deaf. Available from Henry Holt and Company. For more information or to order, please visit [http://www.henryholt.com/searchnn.htm](http://www.henryholt.com/searchnn.htm).

• **The Memory Keeper's Daughter**, by Kim Edwards (2006). This fictional story is about a family in the 1960's who has twins & one of them has Down syndrome. The father, a doctor, asks his nurse to take the baby to an asylum but the nurse instead raises the child herself. The story is not just about Down syndrome but some really nice things are woven in the story about expecting your child w/a disability can learn, starting support groups, fighting w/schools for inclusion, the IDEA, etc. It also shows how a family is torn apart by an unknown secret. Available from Penguin Books. For more information or to order, please visit [http://us.penguingroup.com/nf/Book/BookDisplay/0,,9780143037149,00.html](http://us.penguingroup.com/nf/Book/BookDisplay/0,,9780143037149,00.html).
We Are All Welcome Here, by Elizabeth Berg (2006). This novel tells the story of a fictional character, Paige Dunn, who, while pregnant, was felled by a severe case of polio. She delivered her baby from an iron lung. Left alone after her husband abandoned and divorced her, she raised her daughter, Diana, alone. Diana, now 13, has taken over the night shift of her mother’s round-the-clock nursing care. Available from Ballantine Books. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.randomhouse.com/rhpg/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780812971002.

We Dance Together, A Painted Essay about my Education with Katie, by Candee Basford (2005). This picture book communicates the story of the author’s education with her daughter Katie. The images depict her personal, often joyful revelations that lie in stark contrast to our society’s history of negative attitudes and actions toward people with disabilities. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.wedancetogether.com/.


Lessons From Emily by Peter and Mary Graber. Mennonite Mutual Aid, 1999. $4.95. Peter and Mary Graber chronicle their journey as parents of Emily, a child born with microcephaly, an underdeveloped brain. Describing their experience as "a journey of love with God," this booklet will be useful to families, pastors, and friends of people who have disabilities who desire the church to be an inclusive family of faith. Available from www.adnetonline.org.


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- **Movie Stars and Sensuous Scars: Essays on the Journey from Disability Shame to Disability Pride** is a collection of autobiographical stories about living with a disability, scholarly essays about disability rights and disability culture, and profiles of disability rights leaders, in the context of a world-wide disability rights movement by Steven E. Brown, Ph. D., Co-Founder, Institute on Disability Culture. Available from People with Disabilities press at [www.disabilitiesbooks.com](http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com).

- **NICHCY Resources You Can Use: Children’s Literature and Disability**. A list of resources published to inform parents and professionals about books that are written about or include characters who have a disability. National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities.

- **The Disability Resource Library** is a company that distributes books from a number of publishers. They have an excellent collection of Children’s Books, with most of the ones listed in this section and many more. Get a catalogue at 1-800-686-6049 or [www.disabilityresource.com](http://www.disabilityresource.com).

- **Babyface: A Story of Heart and Bones**, Jeanne McDermott. McDermott’s intelligent and graceful memoir offers an intimate look at how her ideas of perfection and wholeness were turned upside down when her second son was born with Apert Syndrome, a rare craniofacial condition. The author considers her own and her family’s emotional survival, genetic and ethical questions about disability, and beliefs about beauty. $22.95, Woodbine House.

- **What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?** Peter Hedges. Simon and Schuster.


- **Chronicles of Grace**, Grace Ebersole. The journal of a woman who was instrumental in the formation of a parent support group and two group homes for the physically and mentally challenged adults. In this devotional book, Grace writes about God’s faithfulness through the challenges. $9.95, Masthof Press.


- **My Journey With Jake: A Memoir of Parenting and Disability.** Miriam Edelson. Indigo Press, 2000. $24.95 (Canadian). Story of mother’s battles with health care providers and advocacy on behalf of her son Jake, who has lissencephaly, a brain deformity.

- **Inside I’m Dancing.** 200 pp. Inspiring stories written by people who live with a disability or mental illness. Because the stories are personal, they can touch the reader deeply as well as give insight into the lives of storytellers. $10.50. Mennonite Mutual Aid.

- **Blessed is the Meadow. Spiritual Lives of People with Developmental Disabilities.** Barbara Esch Shisler. 1999. Series of vignettes, personal portraits, and stories by the former chaplain at the Indian Creek Foundation, arranged in the framework of the Beatitudes. $13 includes shipping and postage. Indian Creek Foundation.

- **Parables of Hope: Inspiring Truths From People with Disabilities.** Allen Jay Hoogewind. Zondervan Publishing House, 1998. 24 chapters each highlighting a person or group and their contributions to Christian community.


- **If Your Dreams are Big Enough, the Facts Don’t Count.** The Michael Long Story as told to Karl Williams. Massey Reyner Publishing. $12.95 plus $3 S/H.


- **Expect the Unexpected. My Dreams and How I Got There.** Larry Espling. Written by a self advocate with cerebral palsy, also active layperson in United Methodist Church. Training Resource Network.

- **Naked Before God. The Return of a Broken Disciple.** Bill Williams with Martha Williams. Fictional story of Nathaniel, a disciple with a disability, written by a person who does have one. Morehouse Publishing. 1998.

- **A Cry From the Clay.** Esther Bender. Poems, vignettes, pictures, and scripture from woman dealing with a life with Parkinson’s disease. Herald Press


- **What Happened to You?** Ed. L. Keith. Writings by women with disabilities. Order from The Disability Resource Library.
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- **Voices in the Storm. A Personal Journey of Recovery From Mental Illness.** Ayson Hastings. Personal account of long struggle with multiple personality disorder by a person now involved in ministry to others. Training Resource Network.


- **Don't Stop the Music.** Bob Perske. Abingdon Press. Novel about two persons in wheelchairs who solve a local crime.

- **Jonathan’s Journey.** Katherine Bell. Novel about “how a severely handicapped child comes to know the Lord.” Published first by Thomas Nelson, now reprinted and distributed by the author at 1413 Coffeyville Terrace, Plano, Texas 75023. Or check WEB site at www.katherinebell.com/.

- **The Wounded Wing.** Margie Koop. Parent writes about her experiences in raising two sons with developmental disabilities. Available from her at 63 Woodlake Manor, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8A 4B8, Canada. $15.

- **If It Weren't for the Honor, I'd Rather Have Walked.** Previously untold tales of the journey to the ADA. Jan Little. Boston: Brookline Books.

- **From Behind the Piano: Judith Snow's Story.** Jack Pearpoint. Inclusion Press.

- **From Crisis to New Creation.** Michael Schwartzentruber. Written by young man with cystic fibrosis. Wood Lake Books.


- **I Can't Walk So I'll Learn to Dance.** Carolyn Martin. Zondervan Publishing House.


• **No Crying He Makes.** Miriam Lind. Parent story. Herald Press.


• **Ordinary Moments: The Disabled Experience.** Center on Human Policy.

• **People with Disabilities Explain It All For You.** Ed. Mary Johnson. The Advocado Press, 1992.

• **Power of the Powerless.** Christoper De Vinck. Zondervan Publishing. 1998. Story of Christopher's brother Oliver, and Oliver's ability to teach, shape lives, and demonstrate "image bearing" to others.


• **The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat and Other Clinical Tales.** Oliver Sacks. Harper and Row.

• **The Ragged Edge: The Disability Experience from the Pages of the First Fifteen Years of the Disability Rag.** Advocado Press.

• **Turn Over Any Stone.** Edna Hong. Harper. Wrestling with God over the mystery and pain of a brain-damaged grandchild.

• **Show Me No Mercy.** Bob Perske. Abingdon Press. Novel about a young man with Down Syndrome.

• **Today's Heroes: Joni's Story.** Joni Eareckson Tada. Zondervan Publishing.

• **Today's Heroes: Dave Dravecky.** Dave Dravecky with Tim Stafford. Zondervan Publishing.

• **To Live With Grace and Dignity.** Lydia Gans. Photographs and essays about people with severe disabilities and those who work closely with them to help them live more independently. LRP Publications.

• **Turtle Books.** A series on children with disabilities with them as the heroes. For young children with disabilities and those who are non-disabled. Currently ten books dealing with children with physical disabilities, cerebral palsy, speech impairment, Down Syndrome, and others. Paper at $6.95 and Hardback at $13.95. They are also putting the books on disks for computer so child or student can control the speed. From Jason and Nordic Publishers.


• **Under the Eye of the Clock.** Christopher Nolan.

• I Raise My Eyes to Say Yes. Ruth Mercer. Whole Health Books, 41 Crossroads Plaza #300, West Hartford, CT. 06117. 1 (800) 233-3000.

• Portrait of Spirit: One Story at a Time. Book about 25 individuals, with stories and photographs. From Disability Today. (800) 725-7136.

• Shorty. A film about a man with Down Syndrome who is a team trainer at Hampton Sydney College in Virginia. From Revolution Earth Productions, 65 Rutherford Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070. Website: www.revearth.net.


• Friendship. Tells story of a friendship between a typical boy and his friend with cerebral palsy with observations and commentary from inclusion experts. Order from www.inclusionseries.com, Comforty Media Concepts.

• Why Can’t I Make People Understand? Lisa Copen. Discovering the validation those with chronic illness seek and why. $10 plus $3 shipping form Rest Ministries, P.O. Box 502928, San Diego, CA. Website: www.restministries.org.
XIII.A. SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR A CONGREGATION’S LIBRARY.

Given the quantity of materials available, the following list is a suggested group of resources for a congregation’s library for parents, youth and adult education, outreach, clergy, etc. (Primarily Christian. Substitute others from Section XIV for a synagogue. Interfaith resources are noted below with *). Also, contact your denominational or faith group resource office to see what resources or newsletters they would suggest from your tradition. And see the resources for families and children.

- **Tips for First Responders**, A field guide containing information on how to assist persons with a wide range of disabilities in emergency situations. For more information, contact Tony Cahill at the Center for Development and Disability at acahill@salud.unm.edu or by phone at (505) 272-2990. To see the tip sheets, please visit [http://cdd.unm.edu/products](http://cdd.unm.edu/products)
- **A Good Life for You and Your Relative with a Disability**. Al Etmanski. Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network.*
- **Brain Injury: When the Call Comes. A Congregational Resource**. The Boggs Center. 2001*.
- **Brokness and Blessing**, Frances Young Baker Academic. (2007)
- **Breakthrough**. Newsletter from Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. Inc.
- **Different Members, One Body**. Sharon Kutz Mellem. Bridge Resources, PCUSA.
- **His Name is Joel. Searching for God in a Son’s Disability**. Kathleen Bolduc.
- **Lessons From Emily**. Peter and Mary Graber. Mennonite Mutual Association.
- **Resource Packet on Spirituality, Disability, and Healing**. Nancy Lane. Center on Human Policy.
- **Supportive Care in the Congregation**. ADNet. Anabaptist Disability Network.
- **That All May Worship: An Interfaith Handbook to Assist Congregations in Welcoming People With Disabilities**. 56-page handbook, text and pictures, produced by the Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability. Companion books are Loving Justice, and From Barriers to Bridges. Each $10.*
- **Unexpected Guests At the Banquet: Welcoming People with Disability Into the Church**. Brett Webb Mitchell. Crossroad Publishing.
- **We Don't Have Any Here**. AAIDD Religion Division.
- **What's Wrong with Timmy?** Maria Shriver. Little, Brown, and Company. 2001.*
XIII. B. SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR A SEMINARY COURSE OR INITIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION

Encourage subscription to the Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health. Haworth Press. See books from the Journal at the end of this list.


**Other Resources**

- **Different Gifts, One Spirit: A Practical Resource on Working with Rostered Leaders and Seminarians Who Are Differently Abled.** Lisa Thogmartin Cleaver, Director of Disability Ministries, Division for Church in Society. (800) 638-3522 ext. 2692. lcleaver@elca.org. A seven page guide to working with leaders with disabilities.


A series of books available from Haworth Press and the Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health, including: (Haworth has been bought by Taylor and Francis. Order through Taylor and Francis).

- **The Theological Voice of Wolf Wolfensberger.** Ed. by Bill Gaventa and David Coulter. Collection of Wolfensberger’s essays on theology and disabilities, with three responders, and a response by Wolf Wolfensberger.

- **The Pastoral Voice of Robert Perske.** Ed. by Bill Gaventa and David Coulter. A collection of the Robert Perske’s essays from the 1960’s, when he was a chaplain at the Kansas Neurological Institute. Essays include some of the first written materials on theology and ministries with people with mental retardation. Responders include Steve Eidelman, Executive Director of The Arc, Quincy Abbot, former Arc President and parent, and Robert Voorhees.


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XIV. JEWISH RESOURCES

Note: February, 2009 was the first Jewish Disability Awareness Month, sponsored by all the major branches of Judaism in the USA. For more information, go to any of their websites.

- The Jewish Community Guide to Inclusion of People with Disabilities, by Shelly Christensen. This is a new resource developed by the Minneapolis Jewish Community Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities and is aimed at helping to guide synagogues, agencies, schools, and organizations toward meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities. This guide provides tools with which to identify current levels of inclusion as well as strategies to address both identified and unmet needs. For more information about this new resource, please contact Shelly Christensen, Program Manager, Minneapolis Jewish Community Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities at Schristensen@jfcsmpls.org or 952-542-4838. Send inquiries to Shelly Christensen, Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Suite 400, 13100 Wayzata Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55305.


- Disability Resource Guide: A Comprehensive Listing of Local and National Secular and Jewish Disability Resources. This online resource is sponsored by the Jewish Community Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities, a program of the Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Minneapolis, MN. The website address is http://www.jfcsmpls.org/inclusionresources.html.

- Jewish Perspectives on Theology and the Human Experience of Disability, edited by Judith Abrams and William Gaventa. Published by Haworth Press, this book is a re-examination of Jewish scripture and teachings about disabilities by authors from Israel, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Each author reflects on their theological understandings of disability. For more information or to order, please visit the Haworth Press website at www.haworthpress.com.

The following resources were compiled with assistance from Becca Hornstein, Council For Jews With Special Needs, Arizona (see below). She writes "B'Shalom" Column on Jewish resources and perspectives for the AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Division newsletter, and welcomes other Jewish authors and resources for that column and for this section.


- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Commission on Jewish Education, has resource listings and order forms for materials, and a bulletin series named DAPIM, two issues of which (#1 and #5) deal with Jewish resources in special education and accessibility or www.uscj.org.
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- Managing Disability, Dignity and Disability, and Directory of Accessible Organizations all produced by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Committee on Accessibility or www.uscj.org.

- Climbing Jacob’s Ladder: Teacher and Counseling Orthodox Students. Henry Roth, Ph.D. This book “describes the way we understand Orthodox students who are referred to a therapeutic day school for school related problems through the lens of religion.” The book supports the view that conflicted religious feelings have been underestimated as a significant concurrent problem in this specialized population. Order from Dwelling Place Publisher, 860 Appletree Court, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. Web: www.climbingjacobsladder.net. Price: $32.00

- Who Makes People Different: Jewish Perspectives on the Disabled. Rabbi Carl Astor. United Synagogue, Dept. of Youth Activities. 208 pp. $5.95 to $4.50 depending on number of copies ordered or www.uscj.org.


- My Special Haggadah and My Special Siddur produced by the Jewish Heritage Program, Special Education Center, Board of Jewish Education, 426 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. Rabbi Martin Schloss or Sara Seligson at msschloss@bjeny.org or seligson@bjeny.org.


- My Special Friend. Loreva Cohen. Text and photos about two Jewish boys who lead a prayer at the end of a congregational service. Board of Jewish Education.

- From Board of Jewish Education of Greater Washington, Special Needs Department, 4928 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852. (301) 255-1952 Lenore Layman at Lenore@bjedc.org.
  - The Special Passover Haggadah.
  - Dignity and Disability: A Jewish Discovery Kit.
  - Teaching Hebrew Reading to Students with Learning Disabilities.

- Jewish Customs and Practices: A Resource Guide for Residential Staff. Published in 1994, this is a valuable resource for residential staff in community residences, particularly when the staff is not Jewish. Available from Jewish Family Services, 5750 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215.

- Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, 6505 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 710, Los Angeles, CA 90048. (323) 761-8629. Dr. Kenneth Schaefer or kschaefer@bjela.org.
  - Disabilities Awareness Kit.
  - Special Needs Awareness Day. Guidelines and samples.
  - Poster: "Open the Gates of Justice."

• My Child is Different. Rabbi Robert Layman. Advice to Jewish parents of special children on how to maximize their Jewish experiences and family life.


• Special Education. Comprehensive kit with a variety of materials for Jewish special education. $30.

• Someone is Listening. Signed video about boy learning signing for Bar Mitzvah with segment on 30 Jewish signs. 28 min. $10.

• Organizing Classes for Jewish Special Children.
• Jewish Special Individuals: Their God and Their World.

From YACHAD: the National Jewish Council for the Disabled, a division of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, which works on integrating high functioning developmentally disabled adolescents into existing NCSY chapters for Orthodox Jewish participants. Materials include guidelines, a bi-monthly magazine for participants, and sensitivity programs for the non-handicapped NCSY'ers. YACHAD, 11 Broadway, 13th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10004. Eta Levenson. (212)-613-8235. FAX: (212) 613-8333 or extra@ou.org.


Teaching Hebrew Reading to Students with Learning Disabilities. BJE of Greater Washington DC, 4928 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 255-1952. Lenore Layman at Lenore@bjedc.org.


National Jewish Council for the Disabled is an orthodox organization that maintains a national resource center, a national center for inclusion, and "mainstreamed" and self-contained social and recreational activities. Website address: http://www.ou.org/ncsy/njcd/default.htm

The Council for Jews with Special Needs is a non-profit human resources agency, composed of concerned individuals working together to ensure that all Jews have the opportunity to fully participate in the richness of Jewish religious, cultural, and social life. The website includes information about the organization and its services. Website address: http://www.cjsn.org/Home.asp.

Consortium of Jewish Special Educators, Central Agencies of Jewish Education. A network of coordinators of special services in Jewish Education agencies, federations, and community centers. For a current listing, contact JESNA, 111 Eighth Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10011 (212) 284-6898 or www.jesna.org. (special needs).
Ptach (Parents for Torah for All Children), specializes in helping children with learning disabilities in Jewish educational settings. 4612 Thirteenth Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219 (718) 854-8600, Rabbi Burton Jaffa.

JESNA, 111 Eighth Avenue, 11th floor, New York, NY 10011-5201 (212) 284-6898 They have a survey and listing of Jewish Special Needs Programs and Classes in North America. The web site has an extensive bibliography and links to other web sites with relevant materials and resources. www.jesna.org, (special needs).

Union for Reform Judaism. Offers ”Al Pi Darco,” a manual for the Reform movement’s special education and bar/bat mitzvah preparation for children with special needs. Also available “Caring for the Soul: R’Fuat HaNefesh – A Mental Health Resource and Study Guide,” a guide to assist persons with mental illness, including texts, sermons, accommodations, glossaries, and more. Rabbi Richard Address, 633 Third Avenue, Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10017 (212) 650-4295. email: deptjewfamcon@urj.org. Website www.urj.org

Synagogue Council of America, Task Force on Synagogue Outreach to People with Disabilities, 327 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016 (212) 686-8670.

TODA (Torah Organization for Disability Access) 3409 Shelburne Ave. Baltimore, MD 21208. Phone: 410-764-8101. Dr. Mark Young. Chapters in a number of major cities or toda@juno.com.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE OFFICES


Jewish Heritage Program, Special Education Center, Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, 426 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019 (212) 245-8200 ext. 385. Specialized materials for Jewish special education; excellent computer and internet resources. Rabbi Martin Schloss or mschloss@bjeny.org.

The Haverim Program at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., Rochester, New York 14618 has developed a number of resources for holiday services, including a manual for use by group home staff. (716) 461-2000.

The 92nd St. Y, Special Services Department, 1395 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10128 runs a number of excellent Jewish education programs. Write for brochures. (212) 415-5626.

The Moses Program, an inclusive program for Jewish adults with and without disabilities. For Information, write The Moses Program, c/o Temple Beth Hillel, 12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village, California 91607. (818) 763-9148.
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- MetroWest, the Jewish Federation in upper New Jersey, has an extensive special religious education program that both consults with synagogues on inclusive education and runs a variety of special programs. For information, contact Wendy Chesnov-Dratler, Special Education consultant, Jewish Education Association of MetroWest, 910 Route 10 East, Whippany, N.J. 07981. (201) 428-7400 or wdratler@ujmetrowest.org

- The Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc., Suite 800, 6010 Executive Blvd, Rockville, Maryland. 20852 operates dozens of group homes and supervised apartments for adults with developmental disabilities. Resources and materials for Jewish religious education and special needs bar/bat mitzvahs. (301) 984-3839. Marcia Goldberg at mgoldberg@jfgh.org.

- Camp Ramah National Commission at 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027. (212) 678-8881. Special summer camp programs in the US and Canada for children and teens with learning disabilities, attention deficit and emotional disabilities

- Community Homes for Adults, Inc. runs three group homes for adults with developmental disabilities. 10830 N. Central Expressway, Suite 171, Dallas, Texas 75321. (214) 373-8600. Leah Rosenblum.

- Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco. Disabilities Project. 1710 Scott St., San Francisco, CA 94115. (415) 561-1224. Abby Kovalsky at abbyk@jfcs.org.

- Foundation for Developmentally Disabled Children in Israel. Beit Issie Shapiro--Raanana, ISRAEL. Supports a treatment center in Israel for children with developmental and other disabilities. 200 West 57th St., Suite 1003. New York, N.Y. 10019. (212) 586-2464 or bismail@beitissie.co.il.


- Jewish Residential Services. Semi-independent apartment and group homes for persons with developmental disabilities and chronic mental illness. 5743 Bartlet Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. (412) 422-5560. Ms. Debbie Friedman at jrspgh@aol.com.

- Jewish Family Service, Seattle Association for the Jewish Disabled, Group homes and apartments for persons with developmental disabilities and chronic mental illness. 1601 16th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. (206) 461-3240.

- Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Washington DC, 4928 Wyanda Road, Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 255-1952. Lenore Layman at Lenore@bjedc.org.

- The Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc. Translates Hebrew and Judaic materials into Braille or cassette tapes. 110 East 30th St., New York, N.Y. 10016. (212) 889-2525 or admin@jewishbraille.org. Gerald Kass

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- NYFRS/NFTY, Mitzvah Corps “Chevrah Camp,” of the Union of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Richard Address, 633 Third Avenue, Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10017 (212) 650-4295.

- Jewish Association for Residential Care, (JARC) Group homes and supervised apartments for adults with disabilities in the Detroit metropolitan area. Ms. Joyce Keller, Executive Director, 28366 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034 (313) 352-5272 or jarc@jarc.org.

- Keshet, Ms. Susan Wolfson, Executive Director, 3525 West Peterson, Suite T17, Chicago, Illinois 60659. (312) 588-0551.


- OTSAR, 2324 West 13th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11233. (718) 946-7301.

- Kadima. Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness. 29429 Southfield Road, Suite 1, Southfield, Michigan 48076. (313) 559-8235. Ms. Janette Shallal.

- Etta Israel Foundation. Support services for families and individuals with special needs, educational training and recreational services. Dr. Michael Held, 8846 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

- Amit Community School Program, inclusive special education program in Jewish day school. Linda Zimmerman, 1776 Old Spring House Lane, Atlanta, GA 30338 (770) 677-9483

AUDIO-VISUAL

- Praying with Lior. I. Trachtman, I. (2007). United States: Ruby Pictures, Inc. This motion picture introduces Lior Liebling, also called "the little rebbe." Lior has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he’s also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." For more information, please visit http://www.prayingwithlior.com.

- A Guide to the Shabbat Morning Torah Service. Video with open captioning and audio descriptions explaining how to open Ark, how and when to recite blessings, where to stand, how to lift and dress the Torah, etc. Includes User's Guide, Glossary, and Torah Blessings Card. Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. $25.75 plus $3 S/H.

- Best Boy. Academy Award winning documentary about older family coping with who will care for son with mental retardation who has been living with them at home. 59 min. The sequel is Best Man following Philly and his sister and cousin, and, in the last third of this video, shows Philly going through his Bar Mitzvah at age 70. Order from Only Child Motion Pictures. For more information, contact Ira Wohl at bestboy@earthlink.net.
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- **Eugene.** Story of Eugene Chernyakhovsky, young man with quadraplegia and no speech who used trilingual computer to fulfill requirements for his Bar Mitzvah. Video and guide, $64. Excellent resource. For information, Auerbach Central Agency For Jewish Education, 7607 Old York Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027. (215) 635-8940.

- **Kosher Kitchen. A Training Video.** Open Captioned. Introduce direct care support staff to the basics of the laws of Kashruth, kosher and non-kosher foods. Filmed in kosher kitchen of a group home. $18 plus $2.50. Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (Marcia Goldberg). 6010 Executive Blvd., Suite 800, Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 984-3839 or mgoldberg@jfgh.org.

- **Someone is Listening.** Signed video about a Deaf boy learning Hebrew prayers in sign language for his Bar Mitzvah, with instructions on 30 Jewish signs. 28 min. $10. United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. (212) 533-7800.
XV. AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES: VIDEOS AND MOVIES

Most of these are listed in the previous sections. For rental, check with Faith Group Resource Offices, or, with videos like "The Ten Commandments" and others whose primary focus is not religious or spiritual themes, check with local agencies to see what videos they have for loan or rental. For collections for videos from "secular" companies, see Program Development Associates, Fanlight Productions, and Terra Nova Films in the Address Appendix.

These are listed alphabetically.

- **Able to Laugh.** Six professional comics interpret the world of disability, the awkward ways that people with and without disability relate to each other, and ways that humor can remove barriers of fear and misunderstanding. Fanlight Productions. 27 min.

- **A Guide to the Shabbat Morning Torah Service.** Open captioning and audio descriptions of traditions of the Torah Service, with User's Guide, Glossary, Torah Blessings, etc. $25.75 plus $3 S/H from Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

- **All Eyes on Jesus.** Focuses on involvement and assimilation of people with disabilities. Chaplaincy Services Office, Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.

- **All God’s People.** Virginia District of the Church of the Brethren. 14 minute video, including real life stories of the way congregations have reached out to include people with developmental disabilities in the life of the church. $7.50 plus shipping/handling. Association of Brethren Caregivers, Church of the Brethren, Phone: (800) 328-4648; Website: [http://www.brethren.org/abc/index.htm](http://www.brethren.org/abc/index.htm).

- **A Little History Worth Knowing.** On the history of attitudes and services faced by people with disabilities, and new perspectives on civil rights. Excellent for start, but covers a lot of complex ground fairly simply. Program Development Associates.

- **The Amici Dance.** Integrated dance theater which includes mentally and physically handicapped persons working as equals with professional partners. Franciscan Communications. Rental from AAIDD Religion Division, $10.

- **And Then Came John.** About a young man with Down Syndrome and his contributions to the life of a community. Telesis Productions, P.O. Box 948, Mendocino, CA 95460.

- **And Then I Heard My Savior Say.** Adult study and awareness resource. 58 min. Martin Luther Home Society, Inc.

- **Autism is a World.** Nominated for an Academy Award, this excellent documentary chronicles the personal experience and perspective of a 26-year-old woman with autism. This is a helpful resource for teachers and others who need and want to better understand the intricacies of Autism Spectrum Disorder and demonstrates how technology can facilitate communication with persons with ASD. Available on VHS and DVD for $99.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program

- **Autism: The Musical.** This documentary features The Miracle Project, a theatre and film arts program for children with special needs and their typically developing siblings and peers. To purchase the documentary, please visit the Docurama Films website at http://www.docurama.com/productdetail.html?productid=NV-NNVG109471. A portion of the proceeds from the sale will benefit The Miracle Project. For more information on The Miracle Project, please visit their website at www.themiracleproject.org

- **Baptism: A Promise to Disabled People.** (16 min.) Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities. University of Dayton.

- **Best Boy.** Academy Award winning documentary about older family coping with who will care for son with mental retardation who has been living with them at home. 59 min. The sequel is Best Man following Philly and his sister and cousin, and, in the last third of this video, shows Philly going through his Bar Mitzvah at age 70. There is also a briefer version that combines the two. Order from Only Child Motion Pictures. For more information, contact Ira Wohl at bestboy@earthlink.net.

- **Believing, Belonging, Becoming. Stories of Faith Inclusion.** A new 12 minute video by the DD Council of Wisconsin, focusing on four stories of congregational inclusion, with a short resource booklet and guide to accompany the video. An excellent resource for congregations. Available on DVD and video for $10 from the Boggs Center. To order, please contact the Boggs Center at (732) 235-9300, or at http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter. This would be a great video for an agency to own to lend to area congregations.

- **Beyond Boundaries.** 15 min video about inclusive outdoor YMCA experience involving 53 kids of differing abilities. Comes with brochure to guide discussion. $9.95 from Harriet Kohn, Center for Children with Chronic Illness and Disability, C3ID, Box 721, 420 Delaware St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

- **Blessed Be.** (Video and film.) 8 min. The Beatitudes, as lived out in the lives of some young people with developmental disabilities. Paulist Productions.

- **Body Talk: The New Video From Cheryl Marie Wade.** Performance artist, dramatist Cheryl Marie Wade. Award-Winning Video. $20-45. Sliding Scale. CM Wade, 1613 5th St., Berkeley, CA 94710.

- **Breathing Lessons,** Oscar award-winning documentary about life and work of Mark O'Brien, a poet living in an iron lung. 35 min. Mouth Magazine Resources, or Fanlight Productions.

- **Breaking the Silence: Postpartum Depression and Families of Faith.** Produced by Mental Health Ministries, this 44-minute program contains facts, stories, and insights on how faith communities can respond to those experiencing postpartum depression. For more information or to order, please visit the Mental Health Ministries website at http://www.mentalhealthministries.net/mhm_resources/dvd_resources/postpartum_depression.html
• **Bridges to Faith.** Video about a community ministry in Massachusetts featuring “faith companions” who facilitate participation by adults with developmental disabilities in congregational life. Excellent for training of congregations and agencies. $10. For more information or to order, please contact Rev. Denise Soares, coordinator, at [www.bridgestofaith.org](http://www.bridgestofaith.org), by email at [bridges_to_faith@bettercommunity.com](mailto:bridges_to_faith@bettercommunity.com), by phone at 508-999-4300, ext. 62, or by mail at Bridges to Faith, c/o InterChurch Council, 412 county Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

• **Bridging the Differences.** Stories of 4 people with different disabling conditions, for whom faith community has been very important. Franciscan Communications.

• **Canvas.** This is the story of a family member with schizophrenia and the impact on the family. Directed by Joe Greco. For more information or to order, please visit the movie’s website at [http://www.canvasthefilm.com/](http://www.canvasthefilm.com/)

• **Catechetical Process: Special Religious Education.** Series of ten training sessions, two per videotape, for training special religious education program teachers. Session 7 is a demonstration lesson with mentally retarded adults. Session 8 is an excellent discussion "Parent and Family Concerns." From Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

• **Changing Attitudes.** Interact Theatre Company (including actors with developmental and other disabilities) turns those tired old attitudes about disability inside out! See the darkly comic view of stereotypes like the eternal child, the menace to society, the object of pity and ridicule, the “patient,” and others. 20-minute video includes participatory exercises, facilitator’s manual, tips, and more. $149.95. High Tide Press & Cherry Hill Bookstore, 2505 E. Washington St., Joliet, IL 60433. (708) 206-2054. [www.hightidepress.com](http://www.hightidepress.com).

• **Claiming the Promise.** About clergy with disabling conditions. EcuFilm.

• **The Collector of Bedford St.** Wonderful 28 minute video about Larry and his community on Bedford St. in New York City, and the way the community rallies to make sure he is included and supported to be part of the community. Excellent for thinking about issues of intelligence, community, and service to others. Alice Elliot, Director. Welcome Change Productions. 107 Bedford St., New York, N.Y. 10014. 212-924-7151.. [Collector of Bedford St.](http://www.newday.com/films/CollectorofBedfordSt.html) is now available on DVD for institutional or personal purchase. There are three study guides on the website, including one for using the video/DVD in congregational programs. The DVD may be purchased through [http://www.newday.com/films/CollectorofBedfordSt.html](http://www.newday.com/films/CollectorofBedfordSt.html) and download the Study Guides from [http://www.thecollectorofbedfordstreet.com/outside/discussion_guides.htm](http://www.thecollectorofbedfordstreet.com/outside/discussion_guides.htm)

• **Community Church Integration.** Videotape about program that involves residents of an institution in Pennsylvania in surrounding community congregations. A related tape focuses specifically on involvement in the black church community. Send blank videocassette to Rev. Roger Peters, Chaplaincy Service, Selinsgrove Center, Box 500, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

• **Credo of Support.** A video with music and words only, outlining Norman Kunc’s Credo of Support, a powerful statement about what it means to support rather than help or serve people with disabilities. Five minutes. $25. Axis Consultation and Training, Ltd.
• **Diagnosis Asperger’s: Nick Dubin’s Journey of Self-Discovery.** By Nick Dubin. This inspirational and educational DVD is appropriate for older teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), parents of children on the spectrum or with other learning disabilities, mental health practitioners, teachers, and spouses of individuals with ASD. It is also extremely useful for colleges and universities in preparing their students to work with children or adults with ASD. Visit [http://www.thegraycenter.org/store/index.cfm?currentpage=3&fuseaction=category.display&category_id=3](http://www.thegraycenter.org/store/index.cfm?currentpage=3&fuseaction=category.display&category_id=3) for more information or to order.

• **Disability Etiquette—How to Relate to People with Disabilities.** 30-minute video of presentation describing appropriate interactions with people who are blind, mobility impaired, deaf, speech impaired, or have mental retardation. Simple, straightforward "how-to." $30 plus $4 shipping. Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities. Phone orders from (513) 229-4325.

• **Emma’s Gifts.** A story of love, hope and possibility. Documents the story of Emma, a girl with Down Syndrome, her twin sister Abigail, and their parents. The family discovers Emma’s differences are precious gifts that take them on a journey. Excellent resource for parents and early intervention and inclusive classrooms. 46 minutes. $49.99. Endless Horizon Productions, P.O. Box 5494, Charlotte, NC 28299. Website: [www.endlesshorizonproductions.com](http://www.endlesshorizonproductions.com). Visa/MC accepted. 704-492-0020.

• **End the Silence.** A video with other resource books and guides to assist victims and witnesses with disabilities in the criminal justice system. The video is $20, a curriculum for lawyers ($24), a curriculum for law enforcement officers ($24), sexual abuse training for self advocates ($25), and a Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Accessibility Survey ($10). The total kit is $125. From the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, 1301 Cecil B. Moore Ave., Room 423 Ritter Annex, Philadelphia, PA 19122. Phone: 215-204-1356.

• **Enhancing Religious Supports for People with Disabilities and their Families.** Videotape of presentation by Ginny Thornburgh, followed by panel of clergy, lay people, parents, and people with disabilities discussing experiences in their faith communities. Includes several talking about circles of support in congregational settings. Two videotapes. 2 1/2-3 hrs. $30 purchase. Rental for one week: $7.50. University Affiliated Program of New Jersey.

• **Eugene.** Hour long video about young man with multiple disabilities who uses a trilingual computer to fulfill requirements for his Bar Mitzvah. See previous section, Jewish resources. Excellent for many audiences, including congregations of other faiths.

• **Everyone Counts.** 20-minute video from Mennonites. Highlights ways that five congregations are including people with developmental disabilities. Highlights gifts, enrichment, and growth that churches experience when including people with disabilities. $15.00. Mennonite Mutual Aid.

• **Faith and Light.** Two-part video describing international association of Christian communities for people with mental retardation. First is 13 minutes, second is 10 minutes. Information and ordering from Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities, University of Dayton.

• **Forbidden Wedding.** Story of a paraplegic man who is forbidden to marry by the Catholic Church in Brazil because of his impotence. The film unfolds into a gentle love story about human sexuality, the

- **Fred's Story.** Award winning 27-minute video about, and narrated by, a man who spent 40 years in a state institution, now living in the community. Includes discussion guide. Program Development Associates.

- **Gahanna Bill.** This documentary presents the life of Bill Withrow, a middle-aged man with disabilities, and his relationship with his community. Bill’s story is a classic example of how community inclusion benefits both people with disabilities and the community they live in. This documentary is available on VHS and DVD for $69.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [http://disabilitytraining.com/gbid.html](http://disabilitytraining.com/gbid.html) or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

- **Getting it Right: Etiquette Tips.** This training program is designed to teach staff in any organization how to interact and relate to people with disabilities. Produced by Program Development Associates. For more information or to order, please call (800) 543-2119 or visit [www.disabilitytraining.com/gird.html](http://www.disabilitytraining.com/gird.html).

- **Give It Away.** 17-minute video about the Friendship communities using the Friendship religious education series. Friendship Ministries, Christian Reformed Church.

- **Give Me Strength: Spirituality in the Medical Encounter.** Renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson moderates this award winning 27 minute film designed to educate physicians and other health care professionals about issues concerning Spirituality and Health. Copies of the video can be ordered through Jeanne McCauley, MD, MPH, FACP, John Hopkins Community Physicians, at jmccaul@jhmi.edu. Phone: 410-338-3580. The Boggs Center has one copy that can be loaned to members of the Coalition of Inclusive Ministries. The video is an excellent resource for an adult education discussion.

- **Growing Together in Faith.** Good teaching practices for an inclusive Sunday School class. National Christian Resource Center, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services.

- **Hi Buddy: The Developmentally Delayed Individual with Alzheimer's Disease.** This video introduces Roger, a 53 year old man with Down's syndrome and a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease. Observing Roger at home, at work and at a doctor's appointment demonstrates areas in which Roger is still independent and areas where he now requires assistance. Interviews with his family caregiver, his physician and his work counselor provide essential information for family and professional caregivers working with older individuals with developmental delay and dementing illness. This film is available on VHS for $159 (rental: $50). For more information or to order, please visit Terra Nova Films, Inc., at [www.terranova.org](http://www.terranova.org).

- **How Come You Walk Funny?** This 47-minute video explores the challenges, surprises, and inspirations that confront participants in an early childhood education program that includes children with and without disabilities. Available on VHS ($179), this video can be ordered online at [www.fanlight.com](http://www.fanlight.com), via fax at (845) 774-2945, or by mail at Fanlight Productions Media Library, P.O. Box 1084, Harriman, NY 10926.
- **I Belong Out There.** 25-minute video featuring Clyde, a young adult with Down Syndrome, talking to his alter ego. One is a couch potato, the other out and involved in all aspects of community life. Program Development Associates.

- **If I Can’t Do It.** The story of Arthur Campbell, a man with cerebral palsy who spent the first 38 years of his life sheltered at home in an isolated area of Kentucky, then became an advocate and activist. Winner of several awards. Fanlight Productions. 57 min.

- **Jesus' Bicycle.** 21 minutes. The story of two people—six-year-old Emily and Dirk, a young man with both mental and physical disabilities. After her mother reads her a story based on Jesus’ love for children, Emily is left with lots of time to play and explore before dinner. Her curiosity carries her farther and farther away from home. Soon, she becomes lost and begins to be frightened. Dirk, alerted by Emily’s worried mother, comes to rescue Emily on his special three-wheeled bicycle. Together they have a dramatic adventure as they make their way back to Emily’s home. Stewardship Education Center of Mennonite Mutual Aid. 800-348-7468.

- **Johnny the Bagger: A True Story of Customer Service.** This film explores how a young man with Down syndrome makes an unforgettable impression each day in the grocery store where he works as a bagger. Google the title and you should be able to download it. Otherwise, very expensive.


- **Look Who's Laughing.** 55-minute video from a PBS special, featuring six nationally known comedians with disabilities. Great humor, and wonderful conversation with them on the ways they integrate their disability into their humor. Program Development Associates.

- **Love is the Answer.** Video series on disabilities, study and discussion guide, sermon, worship resources. Martin Luther Home Society. They also produce several related videos for adult education including *And Then I Heard My Savior Say* and *The Weaver*.

- **Ma's Motors.** VHS video about mentally handicapped young man in Taiwan who lands a job in a garage. Maryknoll World Productions. P.O. Box 308, Maryknoll, New York 10545.

- **Mental Health Mission Moments.** This is an ecumenical DVD resource from Mental Health Ministries. Includes 2-3 minute clips taken from other resources on VHS. These clips include “Coming Out of the Dark,” “Mental Illness and Families of Faith,” “Where is God in the Darkness?” and “Creating Caring Congregations.” $24.95. For more information on this and other excellent resources, or to order, please visit www.mentalhealthministries.net

- **Mother Tiger, Mother Tiger.** 10 min. Dramatic film/video about one parent dealing with the question of "Why, God?" in the birth and diagnosis of her multiply disabled child. Franciscan Communications. May be out-of-print. Limited rental from AAIDD Religion Division.

- **My Uncle Joe.** VHS Documentary about man who has moved back into a community from a residential facility. Coruway Film Institute.
• **Music Within.** This movie chronicles the true story of Richard Pimentel, a brilliant public speaker with a troubled past, who returns from Vietnam severely hearing-impaired and finds a new purpose in his landmark efforts on behalf of Americans with disabilities. For more information on the film, visit [http://www.musicwithinmovie.com](http://www.musicwithinmovie.com). To show this movie in your hometown, call (800) 445-4641, or emailjpapier@mgm.com. Find out more about Richard Pimentel at [http://www.miltwright.com/c_princip.htm](http://www.miltwright.com/c_princip.htm).

• **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.** 20 min. video featuring Joseph Cardinal Bernardin and Father Nouwen at a conference on inclusive congregations in the year before both of their deaths. $21.95. Pathways Awareness Foundation.

• **Enhanced DVD versions of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.** Released by Pathways Awareness Foundation, this DVD set is appropriate for all denominations and is available in English, Spanish, Polish, captioned, and descriptive versions. This program features Joseph Cardinal Bernardin teaching about practical ways to include worshippers of all abilities, plus the full video of The Vulnerable Journey with Father Henri Nouwen sharing his personal journey of faith and experience of persons with disability. For more information or to order, please visit the Pathways Awareness Foundation’s website at [http://www.inclusioninworship.org/](http://www.inclusioninworship.org/), or call 1-800-955-2445.

• **Our Invisible Neighbors.** Sub-titled "Discovering Ministry Partnerships With Persons with Disabilities." 30-minute video about inclusive ministries, with seven chapter manual. Augsburg.

• **Outsider: The Life of Judith Scott,** by Betsy Bayha. This 26-minute film takes us on an intimate journey into the life of an eccentric but talented and compelling individual who has Down syndrome, is deaf, and does not speak. She has flourished in the face of daunting odds and has created a name for herself as a gifted artist. Available on VHS ($199) or DVD ($229), this film can be ordered online at [www.fanlight.com](http://www.fanlight.com), by fax at (845) 774-2945, or by mail at Fanlight Productions Media Library, P.O. Box 1084, Harriman, NY 10926

• **Parish Advocacy.** 37-minute videotape encouraging congregations to develop structured group to facilitate inclusive ministries. Free on loan, or $10 to purchase, from National Christian Resource Center, Bethesda Lutheran Home and Services.

• **Planting the Seeds in Students with Special Learning Needs.** A 30 minute video and resource guide to help congregations recognize the importance of preparing teaching staff and congregation members for inclusive ministries. From Jesus Cares Ministries, 2949 N. Mayfair Road, Milwaukee, WI 53222. Phone: 877-505-3675. Email: jcm@wlim-jcm.wels.net.

• **The Potato Video: A Look at Misguided Effort.** This popular 3-minute video looks at Misguided Efforts in working with people with disabilities and delivers a powerful message on how attitudes about "difference" drive interactions and services for people with disabilities. This video is perfect orientation and ongoing staff training for human service professionals, support staff, as well as residential and vocational service organizations and congregations. Available on VHS and DVD for $49.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [http://disabilitytraining.com/pvad.html](http://disabilitytraining.com/pvad.html) or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.
• **Praying with Lior.** I. Trachtman, I. (2007). United States: Ruby Pictures, Inc. This motion picture introduces Lior Liibling, also called "the little rebbe." Lior has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he’s also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." For more information, please visit [http://www.prayingwithlior.com](http://www.prayingwithlior.com). The DVD also has a ten minute documentary, featuring inclusive services in a church, synagogue and mosque: Making Room in G-d’s House.

• **Praise and Nurture.** Demonstrates alternative worship format. Chaplaincy Services Office, Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.

• **Prophets of Peace.** This is a collection of two 15-minute programs presenting the lives of two men with disabilities. The first, entitled “In God’s Hands,” is the story of Michael Barrett, who was born with Cerebral Palsy. The second, entitled, “Where’s Your Home,” is the story of John Smeltzer, who was born with Down Syndrome. For more information, please contact Deiren Masterson, president of Masterworks Productions, via email at deiren@deiren.com.

• **The Puzzle Club: Brain Injury Survivors Talk.** This award winning play discusses what it is like to live with a brain injury from the survivor's perspective by sharing the stories of thirteen survivors from Western Montana who have formed a weekly support group called "The Puzzle Club". The play is available on DVD for $109.95. The DVD also includes a documentary about the creation of the play. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [http://disabilitytraining.com/pzcd.html](http://disabilitytraining.com/pzcd.html) or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

• **Ramp of Hope.** 5 minutes. Highlights contrast between attitudes that pity and vision of possibilities for people with physical impairments. Program Development Associates. Great for beginning a discussion.

• **Raymond’s Portrait.** Video about Raymond Hu, a young artist with Down Syndrome who is famous for his art work, particularly paintings of animals. Fanlight Productions. 30 min.

• **Reasons of the Heart.** 57-min. video about Jean Vanier and the L’Arche communities. Palisades Home Video, P.O. Box 2794, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2794. 1-800-989-8576. See Section V for other AV Resources on Jean Vanier and L’Arche.

• **Recollections of the Institution.** This is a two-part program that presents first-hand accounts of life in institutions for individuals with mental retardation. Part One consists of interviews with former residents of institutions. Part Two presents the perspectives of parents who chose to place their children in institutions. Each part is available on DVD for $89.95 per part, or they can be purchased together for $149.00. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at [www.disabilitytraining.com](http://www.disabilitytraining.com) or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

• **Religion and Disability.** Video in both shortened and complete version of three scholars giving presentations at national conference held by the Center on Ministry with People with Disabilities. Dr. Donald Senior addresses Biblical perspectives on sickness, healing, and disability in "Beware the Canaanite Woman" (26 min.), Dr. John McQuarrie looks at the meaning of being human in "Theological Perspectives on Disability" (25 min.), and Dr. Stanley Hauerwas explores "The Church
and Mentally Handicapped Persons: A Continuing Challenge to the Imagination." Single sessions are $15 each plus $4 shipping, or all on one tape for $30.

- **Revel in the Light.** 12 minute video and DVD about Rebecca Beayni and her spirit that “bursts in and through the seams of a physical disability,” and her skills in creative dancing. $25 US through The Ubuntu Initiative, 23 Beverly Glen Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1W 1V7


- **Same Spirit...Different Gifts.** 10-minute video from the Association of Interfaith Ministries, depicting ways that several congregations of varying sizes have involved people with developmental disabilities in worship and congregational life. Excellent concrete examples. $10.


- **Setting the Butterfly Free.** Video about ministries with persons with developmental disabilities, from Advocates with the Developmentally Disabled (A.D.D.), Orange County, California. Study guide included.

- **Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness.** This documentary is produced by Mennonite Media and is available in both VHS and DVD formats. Topics covered in the documentary include history and deinstitutionalization, media images and stigma, criminal justice system and mental illness, rehabilitation and recovery, health insurance, faith community’s involvement, and family support and hope. For more information or to order, please visit [www.ShadowVoices.com](http://www.ShadowVoices.com).

- **Shattered Temples.** Disability Awareness Program with video from Joni and Friends Ministries. $25.

- **Shining Soul: Helen Keller’s Spiritual Life and Legacy.** This documentary tells the story of how Helen Keller was influenced in the latter part of her life by the works of Emmanuel Swedenborg. 57 minutes. Available on DVD for $24.95. For more information or to order, please visit [www.swedenborg.com](http://www.swedenborg.com).

- **Shorty.** A film about a man with Down Syndrome who is a team trainer at Hampton Sydney College in Virginia. From Revolution Earth Productions, 65 Rutherford Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070. Website: [www.revearth.net](http://www.revearth.net).

- **Small Differences.** Produced and narrated by children with disabilities. Good for kids and adults. Award winning video. 20 min. Program Development Associates.
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- **Spirit of Inclusion.** From Archdiocese of Milwaukee on inclusive congregational ministries.

- **Stories That Make Us Unique.** Keynote addresses by Parker Palmer and Nancy Chaffee at Dialogue 88, Minneapolis, on issues in ministries with persons with disabilities. Veranda Communications, 1200 Delor Ave., Louisville, KY 40217.

- **Straight to the Heart: The Life of Henri Nouwen.** Produced by Windborne Productions, Karen Pascal Producer, Howard Baer, Original Score. *Straight to the Heart* is a thoughtful and thought-provoking look at the life of this unassuming, charismatic scholar who went from teaching in seminaries to living, writing, and working from Daybreak and the L’Arche communities. This new documentary features Nouwen’s own input gleaned from videotaped conversations shot just a year before his death, augmented by excerpts from interviews with key friends, prominent colleagues and family members. 50 minutes. Daybreak Publications. 11339 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada L4S 1L1. (905) 884-3454, ext. 234. FAX: (905) 884-0580. Or 1-800-853-1412. Email: pubs@larchedaybreak.com.

- **Surprising Grace: People, Disabilities, Churches.** 15-min. video showing people with variety of disabilities actively serving their churches, interviews on how people feel welcomed. Study Guide. $5.00 (Priced to move!), and while from a Presbyterian source, it is useful for many Christian congregations. PDC Video, PHEWA, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

- **Teaching Religion to Students with Mental Retardation.** Dr. Roberta Weaver. Teacher Inservice Training Video from Center on Ministry with People with Disabilities. $30 + $4 S/H.


- **The Ties that Bind.** A documentary produced by the National Film Board of Canada that chronicles the life of a family and a child with a disability. For more information on the film and on ordering copies, please visit [http://www.tiesthatbind.ca/](http://www.tiesthatbind.ca/).

- **This is Your Right.** Two-part video in news magazine style format, with humor, and all reporters people with disabilities. 2 30 min. video. Closed captioned version as well. Program Development Associates. $139.

- **Toward a Spirituality of Inclusion.** Lecture by Dr. Don Saliers at 1996 Conference at Candler Theological Seminary on "Human Disability and the Service of God." CST Media, Emory University. $10 made out to "Emory University."

- **Visions of Community: Supporting One Person at a Time.** Individual support stories of five people. @25 minutes. $35 plus $3.50 for S/H. Community Vision, Inc., 1750 SW Skyline Blvd., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97221. (503) 292-4964.

- **Waddie Welcome: A Man Who Cannot Be Denied.** 26-min. video about man who chooses to live outside a nursing home within his chosen community, with help of a circle of support. Program Development Associates.
Wake Up Call. Developed as a staff training video, this film addresses the ways that people with disabilities want their caregivers to treat and interact with them. Produced by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.ucpnyc.org/publications/ucpvideos.cfm#1.

Waiting for Ronald. This film tells the story of a 34-year-old man with a developmental disability who leaves the institution where he has spent most of his life and ventures out into the world to start a new life. Available on VHS and DVD for $89.95. For more information or to order, please visit the Program Development Associates website at http://disabilitytraining.com/wfrd.html or call PDA at (800) 543-2119.

We Are One Flock. Ten-minute videotape celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Statement on Handicapped People. $10. Excellent. Order from National Catholic Office On Persons with Disabilities.

We Watch the City: Stories in the Shadow of 9/11. This is a documentary exploring the stories of New Yorkers with developmental disabilities and those who support them in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. It explores how a number of people who worked in and around the World Trade Towers were impacted by that day, and the ways they have responded to others impacted by 9/11. VHS video and companion booklet, $30. From Publications Office, Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota, 109 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillbury Dr., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Website: http://ici.umn.edu.

Welcome One, Welcome All: Teaching the Gospel Around Children with Differences. Story of St. Luke's Church, Beavercreek, Ohio, who has included 26 children with special needs in regular religious education classes. $30. Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities, University of Dayton.

What the Silenced Say: An Evening with Jonathan Mooney.” A self-advocate who struggles with dyslexia and hyperactivity describes his experience. Available on VHS and DVD from PEAK Parent Center. For more information or to order, please visit http://www.peakparent.org/subcategories.asp?id=2.

When Billy Broke His Head. Award winning documentary about and by Billy Godfus, a man who woke up after a head injury to encounter the world and history of disability rights in an unusually creative way. 54 min. Mouth Magazine Resources or Fanlight Productions.

White Hair, Grey Hair. This program chronicles five families each dealing with the challenge of ensuring the well-being of their mentally disturbed child. The program takes an inside look at a residential home for adults with disabilities where the residents are respected and encouraged to participate in their care and in daily activities. French with English subtitles, this film is available on VHS for $135 (rental: $50). For more information or to order, please visit www.terranova.org

The Widening Circle: Involving Physically Challenged People in the Full Life of the Church. Story of two Methodist congregations with innovative ministries to and with people with handicapping conditions. Audiovisual package also has leader's guide. EcuFilm.
• **The Wild Dream Team.** Follows lives of ten high school students with mental challenges as they work with parents, teachers, and friends over the course of a year to plan for transition from school to adult life. 59 min. Program Development Associates.

• **Without Apology** is a documentary about the filmmaker's (Susan Hamovitch) lifelong relationship with her brother and has recently been released on DVD. This film deals with the past fifty years in the history of mental retardation from a very personal perspective. Issues of "blaming the mother" and sibling disaffection -- and sibling devotion -- as well as the institutional debacle are all brought home through the story of this all too "typical" family. A free study guide will soon be available to download on the film’s website. For more information or to purchase the DVD, please visit [www.withoutapology.com](http://www.withoutapology.com) or contact the filmmaker directly at oneeyedcatprod@aol.com.

• **To Whom Shall We Go?** Features four Lutheran congregations each working with people with developmental disabilities in different ways. $14.95. Board of Human Care, Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

• **Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide.** A video also available on DVD, with four session study guide. Five families and their stories. Narrated by Judy Collins. 44 min. From website: [www.fiercegoodbye.com](http://www.fiercegoodbye.com).

**AUDIO-TAPES, CDS, MP3S**

• **Talking Bible™.** This is a CD/MP3 made to look like a Bible. The Talking Bible™ is very portable and lightweight at just 5”x7”x1”. Headphones, 4AA batteries, and an A/C adapter are included. The above units have the NIV installed. Spanish is also available. For more information or to order, please call 1-866-77WORLD. Cost is $29.95.

• The Bible on Cassettes. Aurora Ministries provides free copies of audio-tape sets of any book of the Bible, or the whole Bible. Available in 52 languages. Contact them at P.O. Box 61, Bradenton, Florida 34206. (941) 748-3031. FAX: (941) 748-2625.

**TRAINING VIDEOS**

• Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services produces, sells, and rents an extensive collection of videos from their staff training and education. For a brochure which lists them, contact them at 600 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, WI 53094. Or 1-800-369-4636, ext. 3541. Email: ncrc@blhs.org.

**Drama**

• The Boys Next Door (Hallmark Theater, TV).

• Life Goes On.

**Comedy**

• Whoopi Goldberg. Video of a HBO presentation in 1985 includes a segment with Whoopi playing a person with a physical disability, and her insight from that on what it means to be human. Order from Vestron Video, PO Box 4000, Stamford, CT. 06907.
Books

- **Movie Stars and Sensuous Scars: Essays on the Journey from Disability Shame to Disability Pride** is a collection of autobiographical stories about living with a disability, scholarly essays about disability rights and disability culture, and profiles of disability rights leaders, in the context of a world-wide disability rights movement by Steven E. Brown, Ph. D., Co-Founder, Institute on Disability Culture. Available from People with Disabilities press at [www.disabilitiesbooks.com](http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com).


Movies

For congregational awareness programs or other educational programs, also remember movies that have been made into videos. Movies may illustrate negative stereotypes but can be used for positive and effective discussion. The Association on Higher Education and Disability also has a list at their site: [www.ahead.org/alert/0504/11.html](http://www.ahead.org/alert/0504/11.html).

Some include:

- My Left Foot
- Rainman
- Born on the 4th of July
- Children of a Lesser God
- MASK
- Charley
- Forest Gump
- Of Mice and Men
- What's Eating Gilbert Grape?
- Edward Scissorhands
- The Elephant Man
- Mr. Holland's Opus
- Regarding Henry
- Elephant Man
- Nell
- Shine
- Antonia's Line
- Coming Home
- Simon Burch
- The Mighty
- The Other Sister
- Door to Door
- Benny and Joon
- King of Hearts
- The Snake Pit
- Bedlam
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Usual Suspects
- Three Faces of Eve
- Harold and Maude
- The Fisher King
- Sybil
- The Sound and Fury
- Dominic and Eugene
- Dream Team
- Whose Life Is It Anyway?
- Disney Films: Dumbo, Beauty and the Beast, The Theory of Flight
- I am Sam
- Hunchback of Notre Dame
- Dance Me to My Song
- Louisiana Sky
- Pumpkin
- Mozart and the Whale
- The Eighth Day

Also see this website for a list of articles and resources related to media and disability: [http://www.media-disability.net/](http://www.media-disability.net/)
XVI. NATIONAL FAITH GROUP RESOURCE AND CONSULTING OFFICES

Many of these are listed in the address list that follows, but they are listed here for the sake of access by denomination and/or faith group. Many serve as interdenominational and interfaith resource offices as well.

- Autism and Faith Task Force, work group and network in New Jersey based at The Boggs Center. For more information, contact Bill Gaventa at bill.gaventa@umdnj.edu.

- AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Division. For membership and information, contact AAIDD, 444 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 846, Washington, D.C. 20001. 1-800-424-3688. Also see information on AAIDD website: www.aaiddreligion.org. For additional information on the Religion and Spirituality Division, contact Division leadership listed on the Website, or Bill Gaventa, Executive Secretary, The Boggs Center, P.O. Box 2688, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Phone: 732-235-9304. E-mail: gaventwi@umdnj.edu. Information on conferences, resource persons from our membership around the country, and membership. Certification process for chaplains and lay ministers. Members receive quarterly division newsletter, AAIDD newsletter and publications, and discount on the Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health. Annual conference at the end of May/early June.

- American Baptist Churches, USA, Educational Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. Ms. Aundria Alexander. 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2430. Email: aundria.alexander@abc-usa.org.

- Association of Jewish Special Educators. Contact c/o Jewish Heritage Program, Special Education Center, Board of Jewish Education, 426 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019.

- BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914. BASIS offers a support system for bereaved parents and training for the church and community. Part of BCM International. Web: www bcmintl.org/Ministries.htm.


- Center for the Study of Religion and Disability. Dr. Jeff McNair. Email: jmcnair@calbaptist.edu.

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- CCFH Ministries. P.O. Box 9869, Knoxville, TN 37940. (865) 546-5921. Fax (865) 525-2282. Website: www.ccfh.org. Email: info@ccfh.org. Dr. Jim Pierson, President.


- Christian Science, Twelveacres, Inc. Marlie Brooks, Admin., 595 Millich Dr., Suite 104, Campbell, CA 95008. Phone: (408) 341-0400, FAX: (408) 341-0411; Email: info@twelveacres.org; website: http://www.twelveacres.org.


- Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. (Mormons) Special Curriculum, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 24th Floor, Church Office Building, 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 (801) 240-2477.

- Church of the Nazarene. Ms. Patty Hall, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 (816) 333-7000.


- Evangelical Covenant Church. Rev. James Swanson, Evangelical Covenant Church, 2747 Turnbull Cove Drive, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168. (954) 718-0224 or (954) 472-2860. Email: jimbeve@netzero.com or contact Covenant Resource Center, 3200 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60625, 1-800-338-IDEA.

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Rev. Lisa Thogmartin-Cleavor, Director of Disability Ministry, Division of Social Ministry Organizations, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631. 800-638-3522, Ext. 2692 or (773) 380-2692. Email: lcleaver@elca.org. Website: http://www.elca.org/dcs/epr/disability. Or Rev. Duane Steele, 7725 Snake Creek Road, Hillsville, VA 24343; (276) 398-2684. Email: gladesboro@tcia.net.

- Faith and Light, USA. National Coordinators: John and Diane Griffin, 2243 Palm Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. (719) 599-3035. Part of international network of worship, religious education, and fellowship communities based on model established by Jean Vanier and L’Arche communities.
• **Friendship Ministries.** Nella Uitvlugt, Executive Director. 2850 Kalamazoo Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49560; 1-800-333-8300; FAX: (616) 246-0834. Email: friendship@friendship.org; Website: [http://www.friendship.org/](http://www.friendship.org/). Friendship Ministries is an international and interdenominational organization that focuses on consulting and training churches as well as a program of mentoring and Bible Study. Ministerio Amistad—Spanish version of Friendship used in Latin America. Contact: Elizabeth Rodriguez Waterfield. Email: waterfie@crcna.org. Website: [www.ministerioamistad.org](http://www.ministerioamistad.org).

• **Handi*Vangelism.** 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914. Handi*Vangelism offers resources and training for churches, Christian camping and hospital ministries for individuals with disabilities and support for families of individuals with disabilities.

• **Interfaith Disability Network.** 828 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 304, Atlanta, GA 30308. Rev. Mark Crenshaw. (404) 881-9777. Email: mark@aapd.org.

• **Joni and Friends.** P.O. Box 3333, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. (818) 707-5664. Joni Eareckson Tada, Lisa Garcia. Email: resource2@joniandfriends.org. Also have established some regional offices. Website: [http://www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org).

• **Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.** 1333 South Kirkwood, St. Louis, MO. 63122. (314) 965-9000. Also contact Bethesda Lutheran Home.

• **Lutheran Services in America Disability Network.** [www.lsa-dn.org](http://www.lsa-dn.org). (651) 969-2348. Chair: Jeri Schoonover. jschoonover@lssmn.org. Part of Lutheran Services in America.

• **Lutheran Special Education Ministries.** Ephphatha Center, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit, MI 48234-2983. (313) 368-1220. FAX: (313) 368-0159.

• **Mennonite Church.** Anabaptist Disabilities Network. Paul Leichty. P.O. Box 959, Goshen, IN 46527. Phone: (877) 214-9839. FAX (877) 214-9838. Email: paul@adnetonline.org, Website: [www.adnetonline.org](http://www.adnetonline.org).

• **National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry.** P.O. Box 218, Riverdale, Maryland. 20738-0218. Barbara Lampe, Executive Director. Phone: 301-699-9500. 1-800-736-1280. Fax: (240) 220-8374. Web: [www.nafim.org](http://www.nafim.org). Email: qnafim@aol.com.

• **National Association for Christians in Special Education.** New organization begun in 2004. ([http://nacsped.com](http://nacsped.com)) For information, contact Jeff McNair., jmcnair@calbaptist.edu

• **National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities.** 415 Michigan Avenue, N.E. Suite 240 Washington DC 20017-4501. (202) 529-2933. Ms. Jan Benton, Executive Director. Email: ibenton@ncpd.org. Website: [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org). They have an order form for resources available from their office, including a number of books, guides, and videos from other publishing houses and resource organizations.
National Council of Churches of Christ, USA. Committee on Disabilities, c/o Ministries in Christian Education, Room 848, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115. Rev. Garland Pierce, Associate Director. Phone: (212) 870-2267, email: gpierce@ncccusa.org. Provides a number of excellent resource listings. Website: http://www.ncccusa.org/nmu/mce/dis/. If your faith group would like to be a member of the NCCC Committee and network, contact her.

National Jewish Council for the Disabled. 333 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001 (212) 613-8235. FAX (212) 613-8333. Email: levenson@ovorg.com.


New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries. c/o The Boggs Center, P.O. Box 2688, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. (732) 235-9300. Email: gaventwi@umdnj.edu. Newsletter, meetings, workshops, educational events.

Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Nancy Troy, Executive Director, Presbyterian Church Health, Education, Welfare Association, 100 Witherspoon St., #4617, Louisville, KY 40202-1396. (502) 569-5794. Email: ntroy@ctr.pcusa.org. Website: www.pcusa.org/phewa.

Reformed Church in America. Office for Education and Faith Development. 4500 60th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512-9670. (616)-698-7071.

Seventh Day Adventist. Rosemary Graham, 294 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW, Morris Brown Station, Box 92447, Atlanta, GA 30314-0447. (404) 892-3355. FAX: (404) 792-7817. Email: sacdmc2001@yahoo.com.

Society of Friends. Quaker. Peggy Dunn. P.O. Box 622, 8 Wilson St., Berwick, Maine 03901. (207) 698-5995. Email: pwdunn1@msn.com.


Special Touch Ministry, Inc. P.O. Box 25. Waupaca, WI 54981. (715) 258-2713. www.specialtouch.org, email ministry@specialtouch.org Parachurch ministry organization with an endorsement from The Assemblies of God.


**United Church of Christ.** United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1100. Margaret Slater. (216) 736-3838. Email: slatermm@ucc.org, or The Rev. David Denham. Email: revbaseball@aol.com.

**United Methodist Church**
- SEMAR, Inc., P.O. Box 128, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745. (704) 452-2881.

**Canada**
- Mennonite Central Committee. Mental health and Disabilities Program, 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9 (204) 261-6381. FAX (201) 269-9875. Email: mcc@mennonitecc.ca.


**United Kingdom**
- **The Center for Spirituality, Health and Disability, University of Aberdeen.** This center has a dual focus on the relationship between spirituality, health and healing and the significance of the spiritual dimension for contemporary healthcare practices, and the theology of disability. The center aims to enable academics, researchers, practitioners and educators to work together to develop innovative and creative research projects and teaching initiatives. Website address: [http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cshad/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cshad/)

- **The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities** has a national research project on spirituality and disability, with researchers and providers working from a number of locations. For more information, contact the Foundation at 20-21 Cornwall Terrace, London, NW1 4QL. Phone: 020 7535 7400. [www.learningdisabilities.org.uk](http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk).


- **Causeway.** Network of local groups of Christians and persons with mental retardation who meet for Bible study and worship, and does work in congregational awareness. Causeway. P.O. Box 351, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 7AL, UK.

- **Church Action on Disability.** Publishes **All People.** John Pierce, Charisma College, Dreisteignton, Exeter EX6 6QR.
**Letters of L'Arche.** Quarterly Journal of International Federation of L'Arche Communities. Contact Letters of L'Arche, 14 Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9NH.

**Brothers of Charity Services.** Lisieux Hall, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, Lancashire PR6 7DX Publish the SPRED Newsletter for Great Britain.

**INTERNATIONAL LISTSERV:** John Swinton, at the University of Aberdeen, in Scotland, coordinates an international listserv on disability and spirituality. Contact him at [j.swinton@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:j.swinton@abdn.ac.uk)

**WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: EDAN NETWORK**
150 Route De Ferney, P.O. Box 2100, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland. Phone: 022-791-61-11.

Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network. A program of the World Council of Churches’ Work on Persons with Disabilities. Executive secretary: Samuel Kabue. Address: P.O. Box 22, 00300, Nairobi, Kenya. Telephone: 254-20-4445835. Email: [skabue@edan.or.ke](mailto:skabue@edan.or.ke). Website: www.edan.oikoumene.org.

**EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY AND DISABILITY**

An organization founded in 2007, with conferences every two years. For information, contact Hans Reinders ([j.s.reinders@th.vu.nl](mailto:j.s.reinders@th.vu.nl)) or John Swinton ([j.swinton@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:j.swinton@abdn.ac.uk))
XVII. Interfaith Perspectives

This section is just beginning with the 2009 edition of Dimensions and needs much, much work. It has not been researched extensively. But there are more and more materials coming out, and we in the West, in particular, need to know about the work that other faiths have done in this area. So, help wanted!

Buddhism


Understanding who you are can be a lonely and difficult process following the diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome (AS). Asperger's Syndrome and Mindfulness illuminates this experience as an empowering path of discovery through the teachings of Buddhism. Chris Mitchell draws parallels between the experience of his own journey towards personhood through AS and the spiritual tenants of Theravada Buddhism, as outlined through the Eightfold Path, a guideline to personal development. Worry and anxiety, confusing desires or negative thoughts are among the everyday hindrances a person with AS faces. This book takes the reader through the key beliefs of Theravada Buddhism, such as Mindfulness and the Four Noble Truths, showing how practices such as Insight Meditation can lead to a positive resolution of these feelings.

Islam

Islam and Disability: Perspectives in Theology and Jurisprudence. Mohammed Ghaly. Coming in October, 2009 from the Routledge Islamic Studies Series. This book explores the position of Islamic theology and jurisprudence towards people with disabilities. It investigates how early and modern Muslim scholars tried to reconcile the existence of disabilities in life with the concept of a Merciful God. It examines also how these scholars envisage the possibilities of leading a dignified and productive life, for people with disabilities, within an Islamic context.

http://improvinginclusion.blogspot.com/ is a new network connected to the Islamic Society of North America. They have suggestions for helping make your masjid and community center more inclusive, and some online videos on inclusion of Muslims with disabilities. For information, contact faaida1@gmail.com.

Interfaith Resource

The documentary, Praying with Lior, is excellent for interfaith settings, and it also has a ten minute documentary as an “extra,” entitled “Making Room in G-d’s House.” It features a church ministry (Rejoicing Spirits), a synagogue, and a mosque. Order the DVD from www.prayingwithlior.com
If you are involved and/or interested in ministries or religious services with people with developmental disabilities and their families, and you want or like to write, there are a number of options now for publication. They include:

- For short reflections, opinions, ideas about new programs, summaries of new resources, etc., think about the newsletters related to your denomination or religious tradition, and its program offices responsible for ministries with people with disabilities. Also submit to Religion and Spirituality Division, AAIDD for its quarterly newsletter. Go to www.AAIDD.org and the Web pages on the Division for current officers and newsletter editors. Seminary professors can receive a complimentary subscription to the newsletter.

**STORIES AND ARTICLES**

You may want to first think about "mainstream" magazines in your denomination or faith group, or magazines such as Guideposts. But there are now a number of magazines and journals which seek articles and stories related to ministries with people with developmental disabilities:

- **National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry Quarterly Publication:** Journal of the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry. It is read by people such as family members, religious educators, chaplains, and service providers who are concerned with the spirituality of persons with cognitive disabilities. It offers articles of enrichment, education, and professional development. NAFIM is primarily Roman Catholic, but the Quarterly publishes articles from a variety of Christian perspectives. Categories include special religious education, theology, personal experience, integration, ethics, programs, professional development, research, parent and family concerns. It is now an online journal. Contact Dennis McNulty, Editor. dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

- **Special Education Today.** Quarterly magazine published by Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. For family members and church leaders who meet the special needs of persons with handicaps and disabilities. Includes forum for sharing ideas and success stories, music and recreation ideas, articles written by persons with disabilities, poetry, and resource/church leadership information. Ellen Beene, Editor. Lifeway Christian Resources, Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37234. (615) 251-2044.

- **Exceptional Parent.** Magazine for parents and families. Interested in articles that address "how to" issues for their readers, illustrating how they bring about the kinds of changes needed in their communities. This is not a "religious" magazine, so articles should have an ecumenical or interfaith perspective. As of 2008, they are doing a quarterly article on spirituality supports. For other guidelines or inquiries, write Rick Rader, M.D., Exceptional Parent Magazine, 65 East Route 4, River Edge, NJ 07661. Phone: (201) 489-4111. or Laura Apel (lapel@eparent.com). For the series, you may also contact Bill Gaventa, who serves as an advisor for it: bill.gaventa@umdnj.edu.
Journals

First, we would encourage you to think about "mainstream" journals, such as the AAIDD's Intellectual and Developmental Disability or the Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling, or other journals with a broad readership in the area appropriate to your paper in the fields of disability services, pastoral theology, religious education, etc. See journal copies for copies of submission guidelines.

Second, there is a journal now focusing on issues relating to religion and disability. It is:

- **Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health.** (Formerly the Journal of Religion in Disability and Rehabilitation. First issue in 1993. Focused towards professionals in religious services and those in secular services to create an inter-disciplinary, interfaith, and multicultural forum. It also aims to focus the attention of traditional academic disciplines within religion, such as ethics, sacred literature, theology, philosophy, and liturgics, on the phenomena of disability and rehabilitation. Has resource sections on books, audio-visuals, technology, and human relationships/sexuality. Articles are sought that include research, theory, and practice-based articles. This is a refereed journal. It is now published by Taylor and Francis, Inc., which took over Haworth Press. Write gaventwi@umdnj.edu for Submission Guidelines. Electronic submission preferred. The Journal also welcomes proposals for theme issues of the Journal. If selected and approved, a Guest Editor will work with the current editor and Associate Editors to produce and publish a theme issue.

- And there may be more! If you know of them, please send the information about the kinds of articles or papers wanted to:

  Religion and Spirituality Division, AAIDD  
c/o The Boggs Center  
P.O. Box 2688  
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2688

  For **Professional Presentations**, we encourage you to also think about presenting in organizations or associations with which you are connected. The Religion and Spirituality Division of the AAIDD also reviews and accepts proposals for presentations for the annual AAIDD National Conference. Proposal formats and deadlines can be obtained on the website, www.aaidd.org.

  In the AAR/SBL (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature), there is a Study Group on Religion and Disability Studies. Papers are presented in sessions at the annual AAR/SBL meeting in November, the weekend before Thanksgiving. The two organizations did meet together, are separate for several years, but will return to side by side meetings in the same city at the same time. For information, contact Deborah Creamer, dcreamer@illiff.edu.
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Ability Center of Greater Toledo, 5605 Monroe Street Sylvania, Ohio 43560. (419) 885-5733 (V/TTY). (419) 882-4813 (Fax). (866) 885-5733 (Toll Free). Email: sitemap@abilitycenter.org. Website: http://www.abilitycenter.org/webtools/links/religionresources.html.


Accelerated Marketing, 47 Runway Road, Levittown, PA 19057, Phone: (800) 821-8312. Website: http://www.accelerated-marketing.com

ACTA Publications. 4848 North Clark St., Chicago, Illinois 60640; Email: actpublications@aol.com; Website: http://www.actapublications.com


Allyn and Bacon Publishers, 75 Arlington Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02116, Phone: (800) 666-9433; Website: http://www.abacon.com.


American Baptist Churches, USA. Educational Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. Ms. Aundria Alexander. 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2430. Email: aundria.alexander@abc-usa.org.


American Foundation for the Blind, 11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300, New York, NY 10001. Phone: (212) 502-7600, FAX: (212) 502-7777, E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net. (800) 232-5463; Website: http://www.afb.org.


Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), US Department of Justice, (800) 514-0383; Website: http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm.
Amherst Wilder Foundation. 919 Lafond Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104. (651) 642-4000
Anabaptist Disabilities Network. (ADNET) Paul Leichty. P.O. Box 959, Goshen, IN 46527. Phone:
(877) 214-9839. FAX (877) 214-9838. Email: paul@adnetonline.org, Website:
ARC of Multnomah County, 619 SW 11th Ave. Suite 234, Portland, Oregon 97205-2962
The Arc of the United States, 1010 Way Avenue, Suite 650, Silverspring, MA 20910.
ARCH (Access to Respite Care and Help), National Network and Clearinghouse, 800 Eastowne Drive,
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 (919) 490-5577; FAX (919) 490-4905; (800) 473-1727.
Archdiocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Michigan
8226. (313) 237-5900.
Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Office of Religious Education, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio
45202, Phone: (513) 421-3131; Website: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/.
Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003; email:
DBQCAF@impresso.com. Website: http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/.
Archdiocese of Milwaukee, c/o Theresa Johanek, 3501 S. Lake Drive, P.O. Box 07912,
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912; Website: http://www.archmil.org/.
Archdiocese of Portland, Office of Persons with Disabilities. 2838 E. Burnside, Portland,
Oregon. 97214. (503) 233-8399. FAX: (503) 234-2545. Email: dcoughlin@archpdx.org;
Website: http://www.archpdx.org/opd/.
Association of Brethren Caregivers, Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120; Phone:
(847) 742-5100 ext. 300, Fax: (847) 742-5160; Email: abc@brethren.org. Website:
Association for Interfaith Ministries (AIM), 1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.
(517) 773-7921, ext. 4004. FAX: (517) 772-5093; provides care for Mt. Pleasant Ctr.,
Website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/residential.
The Attainment Company, P.O. Box 930160, Verona, WI 53593-0160. (800) 327-4269.
Email: info@attainment-inc.com; Website: http://www.attainmentcompany.com/.
Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education, Mandell Education Campus, 7607 Old York
Road, Telephone Number: (215) 635-8940, FAX: (215) 635-8946; Website:
http://www.acaje.org/.
Augsburg Fortress Publishers, P.O. Box 1209, Minneapolis, MN 55440-1209. Phone Orders:
(800) 328-4648. FAX Orders: (800) 722-7766. General: (800) 426-0115. Website:
Aurora Ministries, Beth Eriksen, P.O. Box 621, Bradenton, Florida 34206. (941) 748-3031.
FAX:(941) 748-2625. email: beriksen@auroraministries.org; Website:
Ave Maria Press, P.O. Box 428, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-0428. (800)282-1865. Ext. 1.
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Axis Consultation and Training, Ltd., 340 Machleary St., Nanaimo BC V9R 2G9 Canada.
(250) 754-9939. FAX: (250) 754-9930; email: normemma@normemma.com; Website:
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BASIS, 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914; Website: http://www bcmintl.org/ Ministries.htm.

Beach Center on Disability, The University of Kansas, 1200 Sunnyside Ave., 3136 Haworth Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045-7535, Phone: (785) 864-7600; FAX: 785-864-7605; email: beachcenter@ku.edu; Website: http://www.beachcenter.org.

Beacon Press, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108-2892, Phone: (617) 742.2110, FAX: (617) 723-3097; Website: http://www.beacon.org/home.html.

Bethesda Lutheran Home and Services, Inc. 600 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, WI 53094. 1-800-369-INFO, ext. 4449; Website: http://www.blhs.org.

Bible Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 621, Bradenton, Florida. 34206. (941) 748-3031. FAX: (941) 748-2625; Website: http://www.careministries.org/ba.html.

Bible Centered Ministries International. 309 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 249, Akron, PA 17501-0249. (717) 859-6404 or (888) BCM-INTL. FAX: (717) 859-6914; Website: http://www bcmintl.org/.

Board of Jewish Education of Greater Washington, Special Needs Department, 4928 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852. (301) 255-1952. FAX: (301)230-0267. Email: lenore@bjedc.org.

Board of Human Care, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1333 South Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122-7295. (314) 965-9000; Website: http://humancare.lcms.org/.

Board of Parish Services, The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, 1333 S.Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122; Website: http://dcs.lcms.org/.

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Bridge Ministries for Disability Concerns, 520 Sixth Street South, Kirkland, WA 98033-6717, Phone: (425) 828-1431, FAX: (425) 828-1436; email: bridge@bridgemin.org; Website: http://www.bridgemin.org.

Bridge Resources, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202. (800) 524-2612. FAX: (502) 569-8020.

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Capabilities Unlimited, 2495 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45208. (513) 871-2181. FAX: (513) 871-5893.

Cardinal Stritch College Bookstore, 6801 North Yates Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 53217. Phone: (414) 410-4035, FAX: (414) 410-4159; Email: csu@bkstr.com; Website: www.csu.bkstr.com.

Cathedral Foundation Press, 880 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 777, Baltimore, MD 21201. (888) 768-9555. FAX: (443) 524-3155; Email: mail@catholicreview.org.


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Center for Community Inclusion, University of Maine, Room 114, 5717 Corbett Hall, Orono, Maine 04469-5717. (800) 203-6957. FAX: (207) 581-1231. Email: cci@umit.maine.edu; Website: http://www.umaine.edu/cci/.

Center for Religion and Disability. Education, Research and Training for seminaries and congregations about disability. A 501(c)(3) educational organization, chartered 2001. 1780 Indian Hills Road, Pelham, Alabama 35124. Rev. Robert Anderson, Director. Phone: (205) 987-1622 Email: abilities@religionanddisability.org; Website: www.religionanddisability.org.


Center for the Study of Religion and Disability, Dr. Jeff McNair, Professor, Special Education Department, 5500 University Parkway San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397, Phone: (909) 880-5685, FAX: (909) 880-5459; Email: CSRD@jeffmcnair.com; Website http://www.jeffmcnair.com/CSRD.

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Chaplaincy Services Office, Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, 10650 Road 256, Terra Bella, CA 93270. (800) 835-0485; Website: http://www.gslh.org/.


Christian Board of Publication, 1221 Locust St., Suite 1200, St. Louis, MO 63103 (314) 231-8500; FAX: (314) 231-8524; (800) 366-3383; Website: http://www.cbp21.com/.

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Website: [www.crcdisabilityconcerns.org](http://www.crcdisabilityconcerns.org).

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Church of the Brethren, Association of Brethren Caregivers, Jacki Hartley, Coordinator of Church and Persons with Disabilities Network, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, Illinois 60120. (800)-323-8039. (847) 742-5100, ext. 304. FAX: (847) 742-6103. Email: [jhartley_abc@brethern.org](mailto:jhartley_abc@brethern.org). Website: [http://www.brethren.org/abc](http://www.brethren.org/abc).

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 50 East North Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84150; Website: [http://www.lds.org/](http://www.lds.org/).

CJJ Enterprises, 566 Wantagh Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756; Website: [http://arcark.org/burke.html](http://arcark.org/burke.html).

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Covenant Resource Center. 3200 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL 60625. (800) 338-IDEA. Email: [resource.center@covenantchurch.org](mailto:resource.center@covenantchurch.org). Website: [http://www.covchurch.org/cov/resourcectr/](http://www.covchurch.org/cov/resourcectr/).

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