

# Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Resources that nurture inclusive faith communities

**Report to Central District Mennonite Conference - 2020**



ADN supports Anabaptist congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities to nurture inclusive communities.

*So that*

Faith communities are transformed when individuals with disabilities and their God-given gifts  
Enjoy full inclusion  
In the body of Christ.

Barrier-Free Grants help congregations facilitate barrier-free community life, mutual awareness, caring support, and accessibility education.

Applications available at [AnabaptistDisabilitiesNetwork.org](https://AnabaptistDisabilitiesNetwork.org)

## In 2019

- ADN launched the Barrier-Free Grant program with four congregations receiving grants.
- Connections Newsletters published: Hidden Disabilities – Spring 2019, Blessings of Disability – September 2019, Trauma and Disability – November 2019
- Monthly worship bulletin inserts on disability awareness
- Provided accessibility services and suicide prevention workshops at MennoCon 2019.
- Completed expanded staffing plan with three part-time staff in place: Eldon Stoltzfus, executive director; Jeanne Davies, program director; and Emily Hunsberger, office administrator.

## In 2020

ADN will make systematic contacts with individuals, pastors, and congregational leaders to:

- Share and gather stories about removing barriers to belonging in faith communities.
- Provide resources: grants, speakers, books, web-based articles and accessibility surveys.
- Offer consulting and workshops by staff and field associates to build communities of belonging for all.
- Build relationships and connections that will facilitate congregational action, future giving, and communication with ADN.

For assistance with barriers to inclusion in your congregation, please contact us.

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