

# Anabaptist Disabilities Network

## Annual Report 2022

### ADN in the Community:

#### **MC USA Accessibility Resolution approved – May 2022**

"We, the members, congregations and organizations of MC USA, resolve to deepen our understanding of barriers for people with disabilities, to take action to make our community life and facilities accessible and welcoming to all, and to discern and affirm the gifts of each person for our common good."

#### **Accessibility Services at Denominational Conferences**

Mobility aids, hearing assistance devices, slide transcriptions for screen readers, sensory rooms, and more.

**Workshops and Trainings:** Staff and Field Associates are available to consult, preach, and teach.

- **Mutual Care for People with Disabilities** at Church of the Brethren Annual Conference
- **A Place for Everybody** to youth and adults at Church of the Brethren National Youth Conference

### New Resources for Congregations:

- **Believing and Belonging**, an Anabaptist membership curriculum for adults written at a third-grade reading level
- MC USA Accessibility Resolution Study Guide
- **Online Congregational Assessment Survey** congregations audit their accessibility and receive support from ADN in addressing concerns that arise.
- **Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming Every BODY** address issues of accessibility in the church and care for one another. (Created in partnership with MC USA)
- **Mental Health Guide** for Congregations
- **Connections Newsletter**
  - Disability and Employment, Winter 2022
  - Dementia and Congregations, Summer 2022
  - Autism and Faith, Fall 2022
- **Opening Doors blog** on disability inclusion
- **Webinars**
  - Disabilities and Estate Planning (with Everence)
  - Dementia and Congregational Care (with Discipleship Ministries, Church of the Brethren)
  - Accessible Print and Digital Communication (with Anabaptist Communicators)
- **Barrier Free Grants:** up to \$500 for any project that increases the accessibility of your congregation.



"Anabaptists Now," by Dona Park, from **Believing and Belonging**



Noise-reducing headphones, fidgets, and other sensory items at CoB National Youth Conference

### Be Involved:

**Become a Partner Congregation.** Designate a **congregational disability advocate** who will work with church leaders to make your church a place where everyone belongs, and everyone serves. Support ADN with a **congregational donation**, giving \$500 or \$1000 annually.

**Become a Building the Future Partner:** As an individual, donate \$1000 per year for 3 years. Or give what you can; small donations make a significant difference.