Local Church Accessibility Survey

Is your church accessible and welcoming to all people?

This survey helps trustees find strengths and areas to improve. Walk through your buildings and grounds and check each item. Many items also reduce slip, trip and fall hazards.

Church name	GNJ ID #	Completed by	Date

Entrances and halls

	YES	NO
Is there a ramp or level entrance to the church?	☐	☐
Do ramps have handrails on both sides?	☐	☐
Are there signs directing people to accessible entrances?	☐	☐
Are there signs showing where to go after entering the building?	☐	☐
Is there a directory or map to the office, sanctuary and meeting rooms?	☐	☐
Are there handrails at entrances and in halls?	☐	☐
Are braille signs and easy-grip door hardware provided where appropriate?	☐	☐
Are drinking fountains, bulletin boards and similar items at wheelchair height?	☐	☐
Are fire extinguishers and similar items recessed so they do not block halls?	☐	☐
Are snow and ice removed promptly from walkways?	☐	☐

Comments - entrances and halls

Parking

	YES	NO
Are accessible parking spaces clearly marked?	☐	☐
Are accessible spaces wide enough, with access aisles?	☐	☐
Is there a level route from parking or the street to the building?	☐	☐
Is the parking lot well lit at night?	☐	☐
Are snow and ice removed promptly from parking areas?	☐	☐
Is there security or a safety plan for the parking lot at night?	☐	☐

Comments - parking

Restrooms

	YES	NO
Do restrooms have grab bars?	☐	☐
Are restrooms wheelchair accessible, including stalls and sinks?	☐	☐
Are mirrors, soap and towels within reach of a person using a wheelchair?	☐	☐
Are accessible restrooms near the sanctuary, classrooms and meeting rooms?	☐	☐

Comments - restrooms

Doors

	YES	NO
Are exterior and interior doors easy to open?	☐	☐
Do doors swing without blocking wheelchairs?	☐	☐
Do doors have lever handles or push bars rather than round knobs?	☐	☐

Sanctuary

	YES	NO
Can the sanctuary accommodate wheelchairs, with a choice of seating locations?	☐	☐
Is there good lighting on the speaker's face to help with lip reading?	☐	☐
Is there adequate lighting for reading in all pews?	☐	☐
Are large-print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins available?	☐	☐
Is an assistive listening system available?	☐	☐

Church life and leadership

	YES	NO
Do people with disabilities serve on councils, committees and boards?	☐	☐
Are time of day, communication methods and accessibility considered when planning programs?	☐	☐
Are services recorded or streamed for homebound members?	☐	☐
Do people with disabilities take part as greeters, ushers, liturgists, choir members, teachers and leaders?	☐	☐

Comments and action items