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Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Congregational Disabilities Advocate

Anabaptist Disabilities Network encourages the appointment of a **Congregational Disabilities Advocate** in each church congregation. The Advocate role is most effective when it is **lodged with a particular person** and **within the unique structure** of each congregation. For example, the Advocate could be a pastor or elder, a member of an existing committee or mission group, or linked to an existing role such as the Everence Congregational Advocate.

Responsibilities of the Congregational Disabilities Advocate

- Promote the inclusion of all persons, regardless of abilities or disabilities, into the life of the church.
- Become aware of persons within the church and their disabilities.
- Receive information and potential resources from Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) and pass it on to appropriate persons within the congregation.
- Communicate with ADNet about the congregation's journey with disabilities. This includes:
 - Stories of how the congregation is including persons with disabilities.
 - Issues that the congregation is facing.
 - Resources and consultation needed to include persons with specific disabilities.
 - Resources the congregation would have to share with others in the network.

Congregations are encouraged to update their Congregational Disabilities Advocate listing yearly.

Print and mail in the completed form below or sign up online at <http://adnetonline.org/AdvocatesPartners>

Church Name _____

Advocate Name _____

Address _____

Advocate Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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Email _____

Email _____

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