

Appendix A

Examples of Faith Group Statements Addressing Disability and Congregational Inclusion



The following list of actions, resolutions, and statements is not exhaustive. Some faith groups leave individual congregations to decide whether or not to take an official position on societal issues; others endorse the statements issued by other denominations and organizations.

Faith group and web addresses	Statement title
American Baptist Churches, USA http://www.abc-usa.org	<i>Resolution on the Church and Persons with Disabilities</i> (1978, 1994, 1998) <i>Resolution on Employment of Persons with Disabilities</i> (1983, 1994, 1998) <i>Resolution on Mental Illness</i> (1991) <i>Resolution on Ministry to the Handicapped</i> (1959)
Assemblies of God http://www.ag.org	<i>Ministry to People with Disabilities: A Biblical Perspective</i> (2000)
Baha'i http://www.bahai.org	<i>Human Rights and Disability</i> (1988)

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| <p>Catholic Church
 http://www.usccb.org</p> | <p><i>Conclusions of a Vatican Conference on the Family and Integration of the Disabled (1999)</i></p> <p><i>Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Framework for Access and Inclusion: A Statement of the U.S. Bishops (1998)</i></p> <p><i>Resolution on the Tenth Anniversary of the Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities (1988)</i></p> <p><i>Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities (1978)</i></p> |
| <p>Central Conference of American Rabbis
 http://www.ccarnet.org</p> | <p><i>Resolution Adopted by CCAR On Persons with Disabilities (1983)</i></p> |
| <p>Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 http://www.disciples.org</p> | <p><i>Substitute Resolution Concerning Ministry to Children with Special Needs and Their Families (1992)</i></p> <p><i>Resolution of Concern for Persons with Conditions of Impairment (1985)</i></p> <p><i>Resolution Concerning Large Print Hymnals for the Visually Impaired (1979)</i></p> |
| <p>Christian Reformed Church
 http://www.crcna.net</p> | <p><i>Toward Full Compliance with the Provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act in the Christian Reformed Church of North America (1993)</i></p> <p><i>Resolution on Disabilities, Acts of Synod (1985)</i></p> |
| <p>Church of England
 http://www.cofe.anglican.org</p> | <p><i>People with Learning Difficulties (1984)</i></p> |
| <p>Church of the Brethren
 http://www.brethren.org</p> | <p><i>Conference Resolution: Americans with Disabilities Act (1994)</i></p> <p><i>Church and Persons with Disabilities (1981)</i></p> |

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| <p>Episcopal Church
 http://www.episcopalarchives.org</p> | <p><i>Adopt NCC Statement on Disabilities (2000)</i>
 <i>Re-establish a Resource Center on the Disabled (1997)</i>
 <i>Authorize Continuation of the Task Force on Accessibility (1994)</i>
 <i>Commend Passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act (1991)</i>
 <i>Commend the Task Force on Accessibility and Encourage Sensitivity to Persons with Disabilities (1988)</i>
 <i>Encourage Opportunities Within the Church for Persons with Disabilities (1985)</i>
 <i>Establish a Task Force on Disabled and Handicapped Persons (1982)</i>
 <i>Require That Church Produced Video Tapes Be Captioned</i></p> |
| <p>Evangelical Covenant Church
 http://www.covchurch.org</p> | <p><i>Resolution on Concern for People with Disabilities (1997)</i>
 <i>Resolutions on Disabilities (1987)</i></p> |
| <p>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 http://www.elca.org</p> | <p><i>Ministry with Persons with Disabilities (1991)</i>
 <i>Ministry to the Deaf Community (1991)</i>
 <i>Accessibility Sunday (1991)</i></p> |
| <p>Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 http://www.lcms.org</p> | <p><i>To Improve Services to Persons with Handicaps (1977)</i></p> |
| <p>National Council of Churches
 http://www.nccusa.org</p> | <p><i>Disabilities, the Body of Christ and the Wholeness of Society (1998)</i>
 <i>No Barriers for Deaf People in Churches (1997)</i></p> |
| <p>Orthodox Union
 http://www.ou.org</p> | <p><i>Statement on Passage of S.1248, Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004)</i>
 <i>Commending the House Effort to Improve Special Education for America's Children (2003)</i></p> |

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| <p>Presbyterian Church (USA)
 http://www.pcusa.org</p> | <p><i>Living Into the Body of Christ: Towards Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities</i> (2006)
 <i>Resolution on Disabilities: A Celebration of That All May Enter</i> (2000)
 <i>An Ethical Statement of Care</i> (1985)
 <i>That All May Enter</i> (1977)
 <i>The Church and the Mentally Retarded</i> (1970)</p> |
| <p>Reformed Church of America
 http://www.rca.org</p> | <p><i>The Reformed Church and the International Year of Disabled Persons</i> (1982)
 <i>God's Handicapped Children</i> (1980)
 <i>Rights of the Handicapped</i> (1975)</p> |
| <p>Seventh-Day Adventist Church
 http://www.adventist.org</p> | <p><i>Commission for People with Disabilities</i> (1995)</p> |
| <p>Southern Baptist Convention
 http://www.sbc.net</p> | <p><i>Resolution on the Mentally Handicapped</i> (1981)
 <i>Resolution on the Handicapped</i> (1978)
 <i>Resolution on Ministry to the Developmentally Disabled and Mentally Ill</i> (1978)</p> |
| <p>Union for Reform Judaism
 http://www.uahc.org</p> | <p><i>Transforming Congregations Into Inclusive and Caring Jewish Congregations</i> (1999)
 <i>Disabled Persons</i> (1981)
 <i>The Disabled</i> (1978)</p> |
| <p>Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
 http://www.uua.org</p> | <p><i>Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities</i> (1997)
 <i>Persons with Special Needs</i> (1977)</p> |
| <p>United Church of Christ
 http://www.ucc.org</p> | <p><i>Called to Wholeness in Christ: Becoming a Church Accessible to All</i> (2005)
 <i>The Calling of Clergy with Disabilities</i> (1999)
 <i>Calling the People of God to Justice for Persons with Serious Mental Illness</i> (1999)</p> |

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- Concerning the Church and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (1995)*
Resolution on the Full Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the Life of the Church (1985)
- United Methodist Church
<http://www.umc.org>
- United Methodist Implementation of Americans with Disabilities Act (2004)*
Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2000)
Called to Inclusiveness (2000)
Accessibility Grants for Churches (2000)
The Church and Deaf Ministries (2000)
Abusive Treatment Methods for Persons with Mental Disabilities (1996; 2004)
Annual Accessibility Audit (1992, 2004)
Communication Access for People Who Have Hearing and Sight Impairment (1992, 1996, 2004)
The Church and People with Mental, Physical, and/or Psychological Disabilities (1984, 1996, 2004)
- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
<http://www.uscj.org>
- Mezuzah Accessibility (1997)*
Measures for Persons with Disabilities (1991)
- World Council of Churches
<http://www.wcc-coe.org>
- A Church of All and For All (2003)*
Interim Statement on the Theological and Empirical Understanding of the Issue of Disabilities (1997)
The Handicapped and the Wholeness of the Family of God (1975)

