



Northwestern Ohio Synod

...Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are signs of and participants in the
inbreaking Reign of God in Christ Jesus...

February 3, 2012

Dear Pastor and Congregational President,

RE: *NWOS Disability Accessibility Award*

The NWOS *Disability Awareness Taskforce* is inviting your congregation to apply for the **NWOS Disability Accessibility Award**. This award will be in the form of a \$100 grant.

Successful grant applicants will be churches who have made significant efforts in making their church accessible for all people with disabilities.

Disabilities may include, but are not limited to, physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, or medical conditions that prevent people from participating in traditional worship or activities.

We will be awarding two \$100 grants to the two most successful applicants. The winners of the **NWOS Accessibility Award** will then become eligible to compete in the ELCA Churchwide Accessibility Award. The ELCA award will be a \$1,000 grant.

We have divided the applications into two categories: Churches with an average attendance of **100 or less**, and churches with an average attendance of **100 or more**.

Winners of the **NWOS Accessibility Grant** will be announced at the NWOS Spring Assembly in May. The **NWOS Disability Awareness Taskforce** will make this presentation.

Deadline for submitting application is: **March 31, 2012**

Completed applications should be mailed to: Northwestern Ohio Synod ELCA
Attn: **Disability Awareness Taskforce**
621 Bright Road
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Or email: sherri.wagner@nwos-elca.org

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: March 31, 2012

Name of Congregation: _____

Weekly worship attendance: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I. Physical accessibility of the building/assistive materials

a. Disabled Parking available? Yes _____ No _____

b. Wheelchair Accessible Entrance? Yes _____ No _____

c. Wheelchair Accessible Restrooms? Yes _____ No _____

(For Multi-level buildings) Elevator or lift to all levels? Yes _____ No _____

d. Braille Worship Materials? Yes _____ No _____

e. Assisted Hearing devices Available? Yes _____ No _____

f. Large print material available? Yes _____ No _____

g. Tape or radio ministry? Yes _____ No _____

h. Educational materials on disabilities? Yes _____ No _____

i. Pre-printed sermons available? Yes _____ No _____

j. Power point presentation of sermons? Yes _____ No _____

II. Programs and resources

- A. Describe any programs specifically offered by your congregation for persons with disabilities.

- B. Describe the ways in which your congregation reaches out to persons with disabilities in your community.

- C. What improvements have you realized in your programming during the past two years?

III. Shared Ministry

- A. Describe how persons with disabilities participate in the life and leadership of the congregation.

- B. Describe how your congregation welcomes and includes people with disabilities as part of its mission.

IV. Grant usage

- A. If you win the grant, how do you plan to use the money? We may contact you for a follow up.

- B. What other information would you like us to know about your disability awareness efforts?

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