

How To Support This Ministry

We are funded entirely by dues and contributions. Funds are used:

- ♦ to defray costs of periodic meetings where we provide continuing education, conduct advocacy and offer mutual support, including need-based scholarships.
- ♦ to cover costs relating to petitions and other actions that promote the full inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- ♦ to fund other advocacy efforts.
- ♦ to reach out to seminaries and theological schools for inclusion of students with disabilities.

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(Information will be used only to notify you of our activities and renewal dates.)

Annual Dues are \$25.00; \$15.00 for retirees, students, or hardship

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United Methodist Association
of Ministers with Disabilities

Who We Are

The United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities is a denomination-wide caucus. Founded in 1990, we adopted our current name in 2009 to reflect a wider mission, encompassing all disabilities and clergy as well as lay ministry.

We encourage and support men and women (both lay and ordained) who sense the call to ministry, who exhibit the gifts and graces for ministry, and who also live with a disability.



Our task is to alert the denomination and faith communities to the ways attitudinal barriers may discourage entry into ministry, and to ways to overcome such barriers .

We welcome to membership all who are interested in supporting the ongoing efforts, hopes, and goals of this caucus.



What We Do

ADVOCATING

- ◆ Offering dialogue with UMC leadership and legislative petitions to decrease barriers to full participation in ministry.

EDUCATING

- ◆ Helping the church understand how having a disability may be a means of being "otherly gifted" for serving God in ministry, and how our ministries may be enhanced by the everyday challenges we face.

SUPPORTING

- ◆ Joining together in an association and as a community to address the concerns and opportunities that are presented by church and society's response to disability.



Check Out Our Book!

<http://www.umdisabledministers.org/231.html>

What We Believe

That all persons are made in the image of our loving God, and that the wholeness of the Body is dependent upon the participation of all members.

That God calls us as persons with disabilities and sends us into leadership in the ministry of the church.



That we are hosts and agents of hospitality who claim our place with others in reconstructing the table of Christ so that all may approach it together as brothers and sisters in Christ, one Body, united and whole.

"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart . . . we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies."

2 Corinthians 4.1,7-10 (NRSV)