



ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

**The key to accessibility is that we
—the Church—
become accessible people.**

**Relational barriers are harder to overcome than
physical barriers.**

**Nonetheless, this survey provides some helpful
questions to begin to assess your church's physical
accessibility (as well as relational accessibility) in
hopes that holistic inclusion may occur.**

**Your church may not need all of these
interventions, but these questions are intended to
help you discern what accessibility changes God
may be calling you to make.**



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CONGREGATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Does your church currently advertise or promote that people with disabilities are welcome in your congregation?

Would your congregation welcome and value a person with a (visible) disability?

Is transportation available for those who are disabled or for elderly persons who do not drive?

Do people with disabilities currently attend your church?

Do people with disabilities currently attend outreach events or serve?

Would your church staff/leadership be open to changing current programs to better accommodate those with disabilities? (Example: changing the audio volume during sermons/music, adding adequate lighting)



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Describe the types of disabilities that are currently present in your congregation. Do some individuals exhibit behavioral challenges?

What thoughts or questions does this bring up for you?



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BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY

Do you have an accessible entrance for those who require wheelchairs or other assistive equipment?

Do you have automatic doors or someone present to greet and open the door?

Do you have an accessible parking lot? (How many accessible parking spots do you have? Can you get from a parked car to the church without going up the stairs?)

Do doors have a clear opening of at least 32 inches and can be opened with a single effort?

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Do you have an accessible bathroom? (Is there a stall with turning space at least 5 feet by 5 feet and at least 36 inches wide to accommodate wheelchairs and other assistive equipment? Is the sink wall mounted with 29 inches of clearance from the floor to the bottom of the sink?)



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Is there available space/seating in your sanctuary for those who require wheelchairs or other assistive equipment? What about classrooms and children's rooms?

How many floors does your church have? (Is there a way for those who require wheelchairs or other assistive equipment to access each of these floors? Is there an accessible bathroom on each floor? Does it have an elevator and/or chair lift?)

Is communion accessible for those who require wheelchairs or other assistive equipment?

Does lighting (windows, stained glass, etc.) behind the speaker avoid glare? Can the speaker be easily seen?

Do you have braille signs for wayfinding?

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COMMUNICATION

Are your services available online? Does that include the options of both visual and audio?

Are large print Bibles and/or hymnals available?

Do you have a sign language interpreter, and/or do you provide access to a signed version of Scripture passages or other opportunities for those who are Deaf?

Are amplification aids available to those who are hard of hearing?

Is your church committed to listening to the concerns, needs, and desires of persons with disabilities?

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How will you incorporate a continual habit of prayer into your ministry?

When will you meet with The Banquet Network for coaching?

We are here to help!

**Upon completion of this Accessibility Assessment,
let's discuss next steps and plans for your church to move forward.**

Email us: info@thebanquetnetwork.com