

## Resources Related to Disability Issues

- A Healing Homiletic by Kathy Black (buy it for your pastor) Addresses a way of preaching the healing narratives in a way that honors those with disabilities
- Vulnerable Communion: A Theology of Disability and Hospitality by Thomas E. Reynolds. Takes some effort but is worth the read if you want to go deep.
- Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities by Erik W. Carter. A good resource for churches who really want to get serious about inclusion. Text book
- The Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Theology of Disability by Nancy Eiesland. A little deep theologically but readable and will help explore the theme “Made in the image of God” and what that means for those affected by disability.
- Speaking Out: Gifts of Ministering Undeterred by Disabilities edited by Robert L Walker. This is a compilation of personal experiences of United Methodist Clergy affected by disability.
- A Good and Perfect Gift by Amy Julia Becker. A transforming and engaging true story of a family affected by disability as told by a mother of a child born with Down Syndrome.
- A Place for All: Ministry for YOUTH with Special Needs by John E. Barone and the Monarch School. This is a how to do it resource.
- Beyond Suffering: A Christian View on Disability Ministry by Joni Eareckson Tada and Steve Bundy (An extensive study program on Disability Ministry practice. Includes DVD with downloadable resources.
- Autism and Your Church by Barbara J. Newman. Excellent new resource on inclusive practices to support those of us affected by autism.
- Special Needs Smart Pages created by Joni and Friends. Includes a lot of reproducible materials and a CD with downloaded resources. This is a great resource to help you not have to reinvent the wheel to begin including those among us with disabilities.
- Disability Awareness-Do It Right! By Mary Johnson, Editor. Gives a lot of tips, handouts and practical information to help have a successful Disability Awareness Day.
- The Gift of Presence by Bishop Joe E. Pennel Jr.: A guide to Helping Those Who Suffer. A great resource that helps you come alongside those who are suffering as a non anxious presence.
- Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church’s Mission by Amy Simpson. A good resource to help the church minister to and with those affected by mental illness.
- Adam, God’s Beloved by Henri J. M Nouwen. This is a wonderful book that teaches the value of those of us who are viewed by the world as less than.

- Dementia: Living in the Memories of God by John Swinton. A fairly deep read but offers a very valuable perspective on Dementia
- Autism and Alleluias by Kathleen Deyer Bolduc. The personal stories of the mother of a now adult son who has Autism. A must read for anyone who wants to journey with those affected by autism
- Deaf Ministry: Make a Joyful Silence by Peggy A. Johnson and Robert L. Walker. A careful look at the daily difficulties faced by those of us who are Deaf and information on Deaf Ministries.