

# Local CHURCH Accessibility SURVEY

Is your church accessible and open to all persons?  
Are you concerned that you might inadvertently be keeping some people from participating fully in the spiritual and social life of your congregation?

This brief survey form will help you identify your strengths and weaknesses. Take a few minutes to walk through your church building. What do you see?

(Check all questions that apply to your local church facilities.)

## CHURCH ENTRANCE & HALLS

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| ❖ Is there a ramp or level entrance to the church door?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are the sides of ramps adequately protected with handrails?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are there directional signs that clearly direct persons to ramps and accessible entrances?         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are there directional signs so people know where to go upon entering the church building?          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Is there a church directory to help visitors find the church office/sanctuary/meeting rooms, etc.? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are there handrails at the church entrance?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are there handrails in the church halls?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are Braille signs and textured doorknobs provided at appropriate places?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are water fountains/payphones/bulletin boards, etc., accessible to persons in wheelchairs?         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are fire extinguishers/water fountains/payphones, etc., recessed so as not to create obstacles?    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Is snow and ice adequately removed from walkways during the winter months?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are ramps protected from rain and winter icing or snow?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ❖ Are open stairs fitted with a means of warning the blind, e.g., slightly raised abrasive strips?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARKING

- ❖ Are there parking spaces marked “Handicapped Parking”?  Yes  No
- ❖ Do you provide valet parking service?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are handicap parking spaces 1.5 times the usual width?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is there a level approach to the church building from the parking area or street?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is the parking lot well lighted at night?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are snow and ice adequately removed from parking areas during winter months?  Yes  No
- ❖ Do you provide security patrol in the parking lot at night?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### RESTROOMS

- ❖ Do restrooms (especially toilet areas) have handrails?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are restrooms wheelchair accessible?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are toilet stalls large enough to accommodate a wheelchair?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are the sinks wheelchair accessible?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are faucet controls easy to operate, requiring no difficult finger or hand action?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are mirrors, soap, and towels accessible to persons in wheelchairs?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are restrooms accessible to church sanctuary?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are restrooms accessible to classrooms and meeting rooms?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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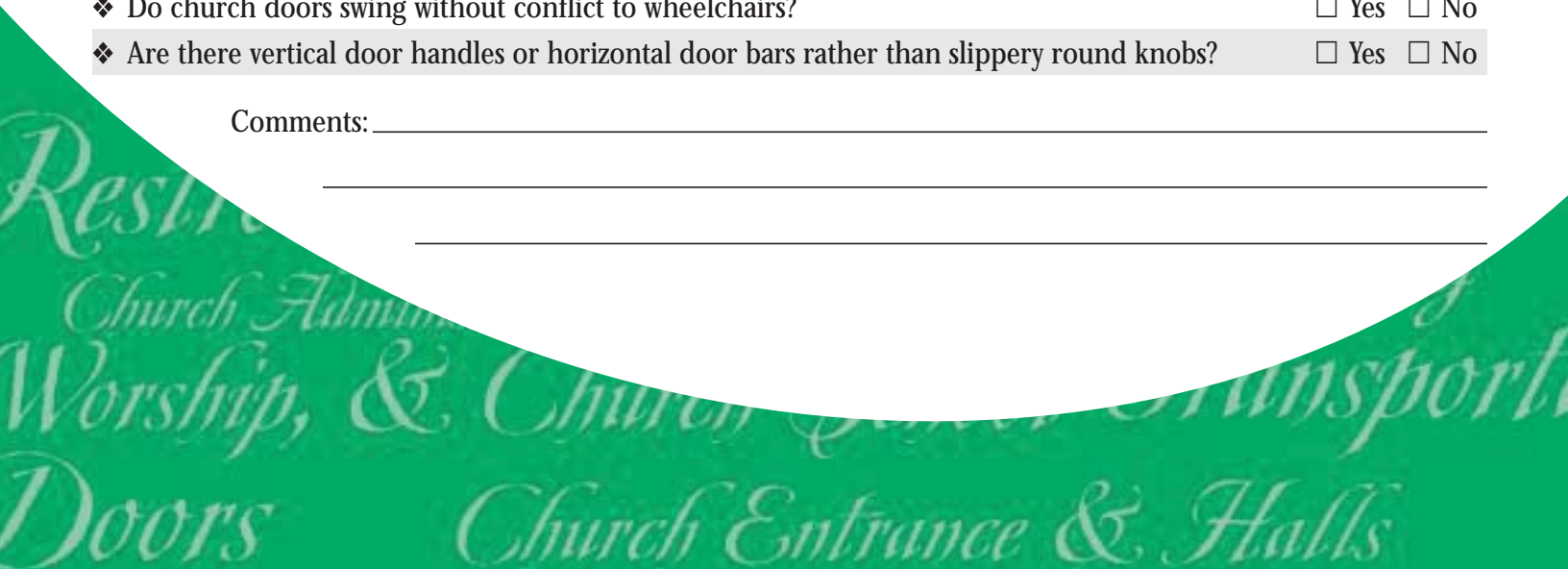
### DOORS

- ❖ Are exterior and interior doors easy to open?  Yes  No
- ❖ Do church doors swing without conflict to wheelchairs?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are there vertical door handles or horizontal door bars rather than slippery round knobs?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SANCTUARY

- ❖ Can the sanctuary accommodate wheelchairs?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are several places for wheelchairs provided so that wheelchair users have a choice of seating?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is there adequate lighting on speaker's face to facilitate speech/lip reading?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is there adequate lighting for reading in all pews?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are large print Bibles available?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are large print Hymnals or Song Books available?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are large print worship materials (bulletins, etc.) available?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is the sound system of good quality and without dead spots?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is there a sound amplification system for the hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are individual hearing devices for the hearing impaired available?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is sign language provided during worship services?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are pews cushioned for added comfort?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are guide dogs permitted in the church sanctuary?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is there a temperature controlled heating and cooling system?  Yes  No
- ❖ Is the altar and chancel area open and without steps for persons receiving the sacrament of holy communion?  
 Yes  No
- ❖ Is the altar and chancel area open and without steps for persons receiving the sacrament of holy baptism?  
 Yes  No
- ❖ Is the altar and chancel area accessible for all leadership during the worship service?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ELEVATORS

- ❖ Is there an elevator or chair lift in the building?  Yes  No
- ❖ Does the elevator have buttons low enough for wheelchair reach?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are Braille signs utilized and placed 4.5 to 5.5 feet from the floor?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRANSPORTATION

- ❖ Does the church provide transportation for worship and church-related activities?  Yes  No
- ❖ Does the church have a van capable of transporting persons in wheelchairs?  Yes  No
- ❖ Does the church have arrangements in place to help transport persons with disabilities?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHURCH ADMINISTRATION, LEADERSHIP, WORSHIP, & CHURCH SCHOOL

- ❖ Do persons with disabilities participate in and provide leadership for any of the following:
  - Church Council?  Yes  No
  - Committees and Boards?  Yes  No
- ❖ Does your church take seriously the following:
  - Time of day in planning programs?  Yes  No
  - Effective communication techniques?  Yes  No
  - Style of program presentation and content of material?  Yes  No
  - Accessibility issues when holding a program or event?  Yes  No
- ❖ Are worship services and other special programs recorded and provided for the use of homebound and other members?  Yes  No
- ❖ Do persons with disabilities participate in worship and church school as:
  - Greeters and ushers?  Yes  No
  - Liturgists or lay readers?  Yes  No
  - Choir members/soloists?  Yes  No
  - Lay speakers?  Yes  No
  - Church school teachers?  Yes  No
  - Class officers/leaders?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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