



Collaborative on Faith & Disability

Ways to Stay Connected with Ideas, New Resources, Publications, and Events at the Intersections of Faith, Theology, Ministry and Disability

The level of interest and engagement in disability and its interactions with religion, faith, ministry, spirituality, and theology has been steadily rising in the past decade. A list of new resources is almost out of date the moment you finish it. (Just like this list will probably be.) But here are some suggestions:

Collaborative on Faith and Disability: <http://faithanddisability.org>

An expanding partnership between University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities in the USA, seminaries, faith networks, and service organizations. Memberships available beginning 2018 for individuals and organizations. Explore the website, which includes the plenary videos from the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, other videos, research articles, *Putting Faith to Work*, and more. Enter your own resources into the data base. The listserv for the Collaborative is through the [Spirituality Interest Group of AUCD](#). [Membership in the Collaborative](#) is now available for individuals, organizations, institutions, and networks, with benefits and responsibilities.

The Summer Institute on Theology and Disability.

<http://faithanddisability.org/projects/summer-institute/> Learn about Institute from the webpage. “Like” our Facebook page to receive news about the Institute, new resources, other conferences, articles, things we find out about.
<https://www.facebook.com/theologydisability/>

The Religion and Spirituality Interest Network of AAIDD (American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) www.aaid.org

A multi-faith interest network within an interdisciplinary association. Membership includes an online subscription to the Journal of Disability and Religion. The Interest Network has its own website: <https://aaidreligion.org> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/aaidreligion/> Through the website, subscribe to **Gleanings**, a monthly (approximately) newsletter of resources, events, etc. Send items of interest to bill.gaventa@gmail.com

Look Within Your Own Faith for Organizations and Resource Offices

Many have national resource offices in the US. Some include the Roman Catholics (www.ncpd.org), a number of Protestant and Jewish networks (google Jewish Disability Awareness Month (February) and several Muslim support networks. Visit the [Congregational Accessibility Network](#) for information on many of them. Also see the

Collaborative website, under [Resources for Seminaries](#) and a list of organizations under [Resources](#). If your organization is missing, send in the information.

Related Online Networks: There are multiple Facebook pages, blogs, and websites of organizations devoted to inclusive ministries and faith supports. Some include:

[The Special Needs Ministries and Leadership Forum](#)

Sponsored by Key Ministries. <http://www.keyministry.org> Focused on Christian ministries.

The Disability Ministry Network on LinkedIN:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3856305>

The Disability and Faith Forum.
Based in Ontario, Canada <http://www.disabilityandfaith.org>

The Disability and Spirituality Network out of the University of Aberdeen.
DISABILITY-AND-SPIRITUALITY@JISCMAIL.AC.UK

The Ecumenical Disability Advocacy Network (EDAN) of the World Council of Churches
<http://www.edan-wcc.org> Go to the website to sign up for their Facebook Newsletter.

Places to Publish and Present

- **Send news about new events and resources to any on this list.**
- [The Journal of Disability and Religion](#)
Interfaith, multi-disciplinary
- [The Journal of the Christian Institute on Disability](#)
<http://www.joniandfriends.org/jcid/>
Christian journal
- [The Christian Citizen](#) regularly seeks short articles on disability and ministry. See the website or email Curtis Ramsey Lucas : curtis.ramsey-lucas@abhms.org
- [American Academy of Religion Disability Interest Group](#). Seeks papers each year for the annual meeting.
- Workshop proposals are accepted annually for the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability and the AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Interest Network.
- If you write, don't forget your own faith tradition's magazines and newsletters.

What's missing? Let us know.

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On behalf of the Collaborative on Faith and Disability