

Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Annual Report 2020



In 2020, Anabaptist Disabilities Network:

- Continued to provide matching funds for congregations to increase accessibility through our Barrier-Free Grant program. Projects have included adaptive playground equipment and restroom renovation.
- Provided food relief for people with disabilities during pandemic in the Madurai district of the Tamil Nadu province in India.
- Offered a webinar in October on *Mutual Care in Difficult Times*.
- Published a new *Mental Health Resource for Congregations*, PDF available for download.

In addition, we published:

- *Connections* Newsletter (Spring – Disability across Cultures, Summer – Aging and Disability, Fall – Disability, Racism, and Privilege)
- *Opening Doors* blog articles

We have 10 field associates (3 new), professionals who bring their wisdom and experience to our organization. *Staff and associates are available for congregational accessibility assessments, consultations, preaching, classes or workshops.*

We said “goodbye” with appreciation to our executive director, Eldon Stoltzfus, who resigned for health reasons.

Jeanne Davies was named our new executive director.

We are looking forward to:

- *Do We Want to Get Well? Healing What Divides Us*, a webinar with Amy Julia Becker co-sponsored with the Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries on January 21.
- *Providing Mutual Support When People Experience Mental Illness*, a webinar with Janelle Bitikofer on June 17.
- Providing accessibility coordination at MennoCon 21

2020 annual budget: \$79,000. We’re grateful for support from individuals and congregations.

We invite congregations interested in increasing their accessibility to consider designating a congregational disability advocate or becoming a partner congregation.