

## **Suggestions for helping persons with disabilities share their gifts in the PC(USA)**

- Treat people with disabilities like you would like to be treated.
- Ask if your help is needed.
- When asked – give clear directions. Pointing won't help a person who is blind.
- Keep aisles and stairwells clear for walking – move out of the way for conversation.
- Keep doors open or closed – not partly open for someone to bump into.
- Keep the line of vision open in worship for those who cannot stand.
- Wheelchairs and walkers are extensions of someone's body –not footrests for others.
- Keep accessible stalls in the restroom free for people with disabilities when they are present.
- Service animals are working and should not be distracted.
- Leave outside spaces open in the dining area for persons with disabilities.
- Use adult conversation, speak clearly, and be your friendly self.
- Respect each person's space and pace.



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