



## Congregational Assessment Survey Introduction and Summary

Welcome to the **Congregational Accessibility Network (CAN)**! This sheet is an introduction and summary of CAN's primary tool, the **Congregational Assessment Survey**. The complete survey can be found online at <http://www.accessibilitynetwork.net>. A print copy can be ordered by calling 574-383-9398.

Filling out the survey generates the **CAN Accessibility Seal** and awards an emblem for congregations that meet certain criteria in any of the following accessibility areas.



**Mobility.** Accessibility to the building and grounds including parking, entrances, restrooms, and worship space for wheelchair users and others.

- \_\_\_ *Are accessible parking spaces provided, leading to at least one accessible building entrance?*
- \_\_\_ *Do doors and faucets have accessible handles? Are there accessible drinking fountains?*
- \_\_\_ *Are accessible restrooms provided? Do they allow for family or caregiver assistance?*
- \_\_\_ *Are the following areas accessible? Halls? Worship area? Classrooms? Fellowship area?*



**Hearing.** Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) and other aids are provided for persons who are hard of hearing.

- \_\_\_ *Is there a clear audible sound system, equipped with adequate microphones?*
- \_\_\_ *Are Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) available for persons who are hard of hearing?*



**Sign Language.** Sign language interpretation is provided to enable communication between hearing persons and those who are deaf.

- \_\_\_ *Is sign language interpretation provided?*



**Vision.** Visual aids are provided for persons with vision impairments.

- \_\_\_ *Is there adequate lighting in the worship area?*
- \_\_\_ *Are large print materials provided? Bulletins? Hymnals? Song Sheets?*



**Support.** The congregation supports inclusion of persons with disabilities through awareness-raising, education, support groups, and provision for individual differences in gifts, behavior, and learning style.

- \_\_\_ *Is your congregation aware of disabilities issues? (Thru' sermons? Awareness events? Education?)*
- \_\_\_ *Are there settings, resources, and training opportunities available to help include persons with intellectual disabilities and mental illness?*
- \_\_\_ *Does the gift discernment process include consideration of persons with disabilities?*
- \_\_\_ *Are there individual and family supports such as emergency funds and caring circles?*