

Community For All

Interfaith Disability Inclusion Weekend and Conference



Community for ALL Interfaith Disability Inclusion Weekend 2021

Tips to Celebrate During a Pandemic

Whether your congregation is meeting virtually or in person during this particularly strange and trying season, we hope you will keep the inclusion of people with disabilities and their families in mind. Many people are experiencing feelings of isolation due to separation from extended family, friends and people in their communities and congregations, The Community for All Weekend may be the most important time to reach out to individuals and families affected by disability to express solidarity and understanding of how isolation and exclusion feel.

As you plan to participate in the second annual Community for ALL Interfaith Disability Inclusion Weekend, here are a few ideas to get started during this pandemic.

1. Invite members of your congregation to participate in our [Community for ALL Conference](#). (Individual and group rates are available). If working as a group, you can choose one or two presentations to watch and schedule a Zoom call with your group to discuss. If you have questions about how this might work, contact Karen Jackson at faithinclusionnetwork@gmail.com
2. Invite a guest speaker (many C4A Conference Presenters are available to virtually join your worship time) to share about disability inclusion. If you do not know someone, we can help to connect you with a speaker who is a part of your denomination.
3. Add new accessibility accommodations such as captioning or ASL Interpretation to virtual worship time. Include an accommodation request in your communications about worship schedules inviting people to contact you if they require an accommodation to participate. Although you may not know for sure that someone is tuning in who needs these kinds of accommodations, not providing them may exclude some from worshiping with you. When you provide these accessibility supports you are telling people that yours is an inclusive place to worship.
4. Invite someone who lives with disability from your congregation to share their story and how the pandemic has affected them.
5. Share the video of the original song, [“We All Belong.”](#) written by K. Jackson and arranged by Robert Shoup. The free five minute video is available on the Faith Inclusion Network Youtube Channel.