

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Disability Concerns Task Force

**Resource People**

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*Key:*

- 1. Will speak to groups on disability issues*
- 2. Will consult with church leaders, pastors, or church school teachers*
- 3. Will consult with individuals seeking resources on adjusting to life with a disability*
- 4. May need assistance with transportation*

Bebe Baldwin (1,2,3) is a retired minister and member of the leadership team for PDC (Presbyterians for Disability Concerns), our denominational disability awareness organization. She is legally blind.

Special interests:

The Bible and disabilities

Faith and disabilities

Adapting to life with a disability; “healing when there is no cure”

Mental illness and the church

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Louis Bouchard (1,2,3) lives with Asperger Syndrome, is active in the Autism Society of Minnesota, and has been a bus driver for children with special needs. Louis is a member of Rochester Community Presbyterian Church.

Special interests:

Autism spectrum disorders

Advocacy for persons with ASD

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Lynn Cox (1,2,3) is a special education teacher and the mother of an Air Force chaplain. She is co-coordinator/trainer for Befrienders and a member of the Leadership Team for Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PHEWA). Lynn is a deacon and an elder at St. Luke Presbyterian Church.

Special interests:

Special education with children

Mental health issues of military personnel (past and present) and their families

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Roger Ezell is a retired minister and a Vietnam War veteran.

Special interests:

Mental health issues of veterans

Contact Bebe Baldwin

Inez Gantz (1,2,3) lives with bi-polar disorder and has been active in the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota. She is a member of Westminster, Minneapolis.

Special interests:

Advocacy with and for people who live with mental illness

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Lorie Ludwig (1,2,3) is a hymn writer and a music therapist with a neurological condition that prevents her from singing. Lorie is a member of Westminster, Minneapolis.

Special interests:

Music with patients in long-term care

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Don Milloy (2,3,4) is a retired minister with impaired mobility.

Special interests:

Mobility issues –making churches accessible

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David Moseman (1,2,3,4) David Moseman is a physician who left clinical medicine due to legal blindness. He has been active with accessibility and in the American Council of the Blind of Minnesota. He no longer drives but is willing to speak, or resource churches on the spirituality and health, or on forming an inclusion team. David is an elder at North Como Presbyterian Church.

Special interests:

Living with blindness

The Bible and disabilities

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Manley Olson (1,2,3) served as chair of disability committees for the Presbyterian church at presbytery and national levels. As a college dean he helped to establish an extensive program for students with disabilities. He is an elder at North Como Presbyterian Church.

Special interests:

Determining accessibility needs

Helping to find creative ways to meet accessibility needs

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Julie Nygren (1,2,3) is a retired staff member of the Alzheimer's Association and a retired nurse. Julie is a member of Westminster, Minneapolis

Special interests:

Alzheimer's and other dementias

Concerns and needs of caregivers

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Joanne Shingledecker is the Director of Christian Education at Presbyterian Church of the Way. She is the liaison between the Disability Concerns Task Force and the Presbyterian church educators and the Resource Center for Churches.

Special interest:

Consulting with churches using the Congregational Audit of Disability Accessibility and Inclusion (found at: [www.pcusa.org/phewa/pdc](http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/pdc))

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Cathy Smith (1,2,3) lives with mental illness and is the mother of a child with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (a neuro muscular disorder). Cathy is an elder at Westminster, Minneapolis.

Special interests:

Living with mental health/mental illness

The church and mental illness

Developing an IEP (Individual Education Plan) with the church school

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Tom Swedien (1,2,3,4) lives with impaired mobility because of West Nile disease. He has been involved with the Kenny Institute and the Courage Center. He is a member of Westminster, Minneapolis.

Special interests:

- Life change with a disability
- Coping with a disability
- Concerns of caregiver/spouse
- Traveling with assistance

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Linda Wold (1,2,3) teaches classes for adults with developmental disabilities. Linda is an elder at Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Special interests:

- Teaching adults with developmental disabilities (will demonstrate)
- Adapting/writing curriculum for adults who are developmentally delayed

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*Note: Several speakers are prepared to facilitate discussion of The Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities. This is a 26 minute DVD with 10 vignettes that give helpful hints for comfortable communication with people who have limited mobility, speech, hearing, or vision. Solid information is presented in a way that is clear, respectful, and humorous. This DVD is available through the Church Resource Center. Contact Bebe Baldwin for speaker information.*