

# 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.

Hannah Thompson was hired as program director and will begin January 5, 2021.

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 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.

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