



Adventist Possibility Ministries

Accessibility and Belonging Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to assist church leaders in making their church more receptive to those who live with a disability or those who have experienced a loss such as the widowed and orphans. Each member and visitor should not only feel accepted but also have a sense of belonging. Attitudes and the physical building itself can help convey a message of inclusion. Feel free to add other questions that pertain to building inclusion for all.

There are four parts to the questionnaire and each addresses different ways needed to help a person with a disability or a personal loss feel like they belong. They are:

1. Attitudes and Values
2. Communication
3. Inclusive Leadership
4. The Physical Structure

The questionnaire is meant to be an educational tool and a practical aid in communicating acceptance to all who attend the church. The Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM) Leader of the local church may wish to give the entire questionnaire to church members at one time or over a period of time. Secondly, they may wish to give the different parts of the questionnaire to different groups within the church and then have a summary report presented by a representative of each group to the full church. In most cases, change takes time but what a difference it can make for some members and visitors. By becoming aware of needed changes a plan can be developed to help bring a sense of belonging and acceptance.

“I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence. This is God’s test of our character. If we have the true religion of the Bible, we shall feel that a debt of love, kindness, and interest is due to Christ in behalf of His brethren; and we can do no less than to show our gratitude for His immeasurable love to us while we were sinners unworthy of His grace, by having a deep interest and unselfish love for those who are our brethren, and who are less fortunate than ourselves.” — Testimonies for the Church 3:511.

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[Ministries](#). It is one of many tools available online.