

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

(name of congregation)

Sample Accessibility Policy for Presbyterian Congregations

We will use reasonable efforts to ensure that people who have disabilities and who attend worship or participate in any of our programs and services will be treated with dignity.

Assistive Devices

We will ensure that our staff is trained and familiar with various assistive devices that are used by people with disabilities while participating in or attending our services or programs.

Communication

We will communicate with people with disabilities in ways that take into account their disability.

Service Animals

We welcome people with disabilities and their service animals. Service animals are allowed into our worship areas and into most other areas of the church subject to consideration for those with severe allergies.

Support Persons

A person with a disability who is accompanied by a support person will be welcomed to have that person accompany them into the church.

If the church is offering a program where fees are charged [fees will not be charged for support persons] or [insert amount] [will be charged to the support person] for admission to [insert name of congregation]. We will notify congregants and visitors of this through a notice posted on our bulletin boards and [include any other means by which your congregation will notify customers of fee].

Notice of temporary disruption

In the event of a planned or unexpected disruption to services or programs that participants with disabilities usually attend **[list services/facilities], [insert name of your congregation]** will provide notice promptly. This clearly posted notice will include information about the reason for the disruption, its anticipated length of time, and a description of alternative facilities or services, if available.

The notice will be placed at **[list all locations where this notice will be made available]**.