## The United Methodist Church and Disability: Essays and Practical Tips for Churches, Clergy, and People with Disabilities

#### This volume includes:

- -A basic introduction to the theology of disability
- -Advice for churches who would like to become more accessible
- -Ideas for inclusive worship
- -Practical tips for clergy and other professionals who are dealing with sight loss
- -Relationship and career advice for people with disabilities -Analysis of ways that a possible split in the United Methodist Church may impact clergy with disabilities

https://www.amazon.com/United-Methodist-Church-Disability-Disabilities/dp/1073381986

# Hilarious and heartwarming stories that will empower you to make space for the other and discover the extraordinary, welcoming heart of God.

Author and Instagram star Heather Avis has made it her mission to introduce the world to the unique gifts and real-life challenges of those who have been pushed to the edges of society. Mama to three adopted kids--two with Down Syndrome--Heather encourages us all to take a breath, whisper a prayer, laugh a little, and make room for the wildflowers. In a world of divisions and margins, those who act, look, and grow a little differently are all too often shoved aside. *Scoot Over and Make Some Room* is part inspiring narrative and part encouraging challenge for us all to listen and learn from those we're prone to ignore. Heather tells hilarious stories of her growing kids, spontaneous dance parties, forgotten pants, and navigating the challenges and joys of parenthood. She shares heartbreaking moments when her kids were denied a place at the table and when she had to fight for their voices to be heard.

https://www.cokesbury.com/9780310354833-Scoot-Over-and-Make-Some-Room

#### The Spiritual Art of Raising Children With Disabilities

Are you there, God? You have to show me how to raise this child. Because the skills I've learned over the years just aren't working here. I'm helpless, Lord. I can't do this on my own!

Statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau report that 2.8 million children in the United States have a disability. That means more than 5 million parents, grandparents, and caregivers have probably offered up a prayer like this. Raising a child with a disability is hard work. Where do you go for solace? For rest, refreshment and renewed joy? We know where to go for our kids, but where do we go for ourselves?

The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy

This book, which will build awareness in the church regarding issues of disability, calls the church to provide full accessibility to services and opportunities and promotes advocacy for justice for people with disabilities. Unlike other categories of human experience, disability crosses all lines of gender, orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic position, age and culture A disability can happen at any time to anyone This book will encourage you to identify ways that your church can do more to be inclusive.

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### **Deaf Ministry: Make a Joyful Silence**

The entrance into deaf ministry was a challenge for Rev. Peggy Johnson, but her fascination and spiritual calling provided her with perseverance, which enables her to have a future in deaf ministry. A truly inspirational and educational reading.

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