



FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) about ADNet

1. Question: What is ADNet?

Answer: ADNet is a nationwide network of individuals, families and friends touched by disabilities of any kind, including mental illness. ADNet is an inclusive network, formed to serve persons from an Anabaptist perspective. (This includes Mennonites, Amish, Brethren, and related groups.)

2. Question: Where is ADNet?

Answer: ADNet is very consciously a **national** network. Thanks to a generous partnership with College Mennonite Church in Goshen, the **office** of ADNet is currently located in its Peace Center.

3. Question: Who is ADNet?

Answer: ADNet is a network of members--individuals, families, and churches who support the Network with their time, gifts, experiences, and finances. Currently, we suggest at least \$10/year for individuals and families and \$50/year for churches and other organizations to become members.

4. Question: What kind of resources and services does ADNet provide?

Answer: ADNet offers print resources, including a newsletter, audiovisual resources on loan, people resources for building connections, links to support groups, resources the Internet resources, a quarterly accessibility evaluations, and workshops and seminars.

5. Question: Do you have to be a member to receive services from ADNet?

Answer: No. The Network tries to help anyone who comes to us. Some of our resources are free; other resources have a modest cost associated with them. Many of our resources are available online and/or through the mail. Persons from many denominations and faith perspectives utilize these resources.

6. Question: Who gives leadership to ADNet?

Answer: A national **Board of Directors** is chosen from persons nominated by ADNet members. Paul D. Leichty is half-time Network Director. Volunteers help with office and administrative tasks.

7. Question: Why is ADNet needed? How are you different from other disabilities ministries?

Answer: There are a number of fine **local service provider organizations** around the country affiliated with Mennonite and related churches in the area it serves. ADNet is a **national education and advocacy** organization. Local ministries provide **direct services to individuals** in this area; ADNet focuses on **supporting families and equipping the church** throughout the country. Local organizations focus on particular issues such as developmental disabilities or mental health; ADNet's concerns cover a wide spectrum, including physical disabilities, mental illness, and the disabilities connected with aging.

8. Question: Where does ADNet come from?

Answer: ADNet began in late 2002 and was recognized as non-profit corporation in 2003. It is a successor to advocacy ministries begun in the 1960's. Both ADNet and local service providers have roots in a larger movement among Mennonites and related groups stemming from the experiences of conscientious objectors in World War II. Persons who served in large state-run institutions, along with church families experiencing disabilities and mental illness, spurred the church into a compassionate corporate response to these needs.

9. Question: How can I get more information about ADNet?

Answer: Write to Box 959, Goshen, IN 46527 or adnet@adnetonline.org, phone (574) 535-7053 (local) or 1-877-214-9838 (toll free voice mail), or visit ADNet Online at www.adnetonline.org.