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Congregational Disabilities Advocate

ADNet strongly encourages the appointment of a **Congregational Disabilities Advocate** in each church congregation. The Advocate role is most effective when it is **lodged with a particular person** and **within the unique structure** of each congregation. For example, the Advocate could be a pastor or elder, a member of an existing committee or mission group, or linked to an existing role such as the MMA Congregational Advocate.

Responsibilities of the Congregational Disabilities Advocate

- Promote the inclusion of all persons, regardless of abilities or disabilities, into the life of the church.
- Become aware of persons within the church and their disabilities.
- Receive information and potential resources from Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) and pass it on to appropriate persons within the congregation.
- Communicate with ADNet about the congregation's journey with disabilities. This includes:
 - Stories of how the congregation is including persons with disabilities.
 - Issues that the congregation is facing.
 - Resources and consultation needed to include persons with specific disabilities.
 - Resources the congregation would have to share with others in the network.

Congregations are encouraged to update their Congregational Disabilities Advocate listing yearly. Please fill out this the form below or online at www.adnetonline.org/GoAdvocates

Church Name _____	Advocate Name _____
Address _____	Group/Committee _____
_____	Advocate Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____	_____
Email _____	City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Email _____
Contact Pastor/Leader _____	Phone _____

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