

Keynote Speaker



Lynn Swedberg

For the past eleven years, Lynn has served as a special consultant to the UMC Committee on Disability Ministries. She is the editor/writer of the *VOICE of the Disability Connection* newsletter and author of the *Leader's Guide* for the UMW Mission study on *The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy*. Lynn will be serving as a facilitator this summer for the NIC UMW sessions.

VENDORS

There will be an opportunity to meet with a variety of vendors including those of disability related products & services.

- ◆ Power Door Installers
- ◆ Elevators & Power Lifts
- ◆ Hearing Loops
- ◆ Audio Devices
- ◆ Projectors & Screens
- ◆ Closed Captioning
- ◆ Many NPO Service Providers
- ◆ Lake County Center
For Independent Living

*"Accept one another
just as Christ accepted You"*
Romans 15:7



Accessibility Awareness Conference

LET US GATHER TO LEARN
NEW WAYS TO PROVIDE
ACCESS TO GOD'S HOUSE
FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF
PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL
CHALLENGES. BREAKOUT
SESSIONS, VENDOR
DISPLAYS AND MUCH, MUCH
MORE.

WHEN:
NOVEMBER 8, 2014
WHERE:
BARRINGTON UMC
TIME:
8:30am – 3:30pm

Sponsored by the
NIC Accessibility Ministries Committee

Breakout Session Topics:

Helping Your People to Hear

Dr. Julie E. Kneipm, Au.D. of Hearing Associates, Inc. will lead this discussion. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Audiology and is an expert on the newly discovered link between hearing loss and dementia.

Helping Your People to See

This session will be facilitated by Leah Gerloch of the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision in Wheaton, IL. The Mission of the Institute is to assist both people with vision challenges and the places they go to become better equipped.

Helping Your People with Mobility Needs

Presented by Rev. Tim Casey, Pastor of Good Shepherd UMC in Barlett, IL. Pastor Casey, confined to a wheel chair as the result of an automobile accident, brings a unique perspective on how to make not only a church accessible, but a parsonage as well.

How to Pay for It

Laura Schultz of Partners for Sacred Places & Shelley Sandow from the Retirement Research Foundation's Faith Grant program will discuss the cost of transforming a church building into an accessible environment. This can be a daunting task, especially from a financial perspective. Come and learn what exciting ways these experts have to share to overcome this hurdle.

Worship Time

The day will conclude with a very special opportunity for worship that will be led by the Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Arlene Christopherson.

She will be joined by members of the NIC with special challenges. Music will be provided by the Praetorium Deaf Church/Community Sign Language Choir.

This promises to be a very unique Communion worship.



"All Rise in Body and Spirit"

REGISTRATION

You may register & pay online at www.umcnic.org or by completing this form & sending it along with payment to the Conference program office.

Accessibility Ministries
Northern Illinois Conference UMC
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Registration Form

NIC Accessibility Awareness Conference
Saturday, November 8, 2014
Barrington UMC
98 Algonquin Rd
Barrington IL 60010-6145
847.836.5540

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

District: _____

Payment: \$25.00 (Box Lunch Included)

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