

1 Disability Awareness Weekend
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3 observance of Disability Awareness Weekend;
4 WHEREAS Disability Awareness Sunday, as defined by the 2016 Book of Discipline: “calls the Church to
5 celebrate the gifts and graces of persons with disabilities and calls the Church and society to full inclusion of
6 persons with disabilities in the community”;
7 WHEREAS there may be an offering received for this purpose to be used in this Annual Conference for
8 ministries as defined by the Discipline: “to promote the work of creating architectural and attitudinal accessibility
9 in local churches”
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11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNYAC establish February 1- 7, or another weekend chosen by the
12 local church, to be designated as Disability Awareness Weekend and that a special offering may be received in
13 local churches for promotion of awareness issues as well as ministries that provide opportunities for fuller
14 inclusion of people with disabilities.
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16 There are materials available at the UMDisability.org website to assist churches in the celebration of this
17 special Sunday.
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19 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that churches who have submitted a collection in support of accessibility
20 Sunday may be eligible to apply for a grant if they have need for funding of projects to make their community
21 more accessible to all people.
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23 For your reference
24 Disability Awareness Sunday is outlined in Pgh. 265.4 in the book of discipline
25 The Annual Accessibility Audit is outlined in Pgh 2534.6 in the book of discipline.
26 WHEREAS the 2016 Book of Discipline (§265.4) requires the Annual Conference to set the date for the
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