

**Report of the Commission on Ministry With the Disabled to the 220<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention**

The Commission on Ministry with the Disabled was reactivated in 2002 with eight members after an inactivity of several years. We have met four times this year and have set some goals and objectives. And will continue to meet every two months. We have written a mission statement and have developed a helpful working relationship with the Bethsaida Project that is our counterpart in the Diocese of Newark

We hope to increase the awareness of the special needs of the disabled by submitting articles to the Via Media in which we will also call for new members to enlarge our commission. We hope to send (upon the Bishop's approval) Parish Accessibility Assessment questionnaires to each church in the diocese. We hope to offer to the congregations in our diocese resources for making their worship accessible and at some point to obtain a budget line item in order to give small grants to those churches in need for making their worship accessible. Our general goal is to make everyone in the diocese aware of the needs of people with every kind of disability: physical, mental, emotional, and developmental.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Cynthia E. Carlson, Co-Chair

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