# Parking

Congregational Worksheet on Accessibility

for greater inclusion for Disabled UU’s

Full participation in all aspects of congregational life for people with disabilities is the aspiration for UU congregations. This is a big undertaking and one that is ongoing. **Accessibility is only one part of this, but it is essential. Here, we cover one of the many areas within congregational accessibility.** As new technologies emerge, this list will change. Additionally, the brief accessibility checklist is not complete or specific to you. This checklist is meant to start the conversation. Your building, grounds, or policies are unique to your congregation. We encourage everyone to participate, either through a survey created for your congregation, or helping with or giving input, on accessibility projects.

Each worksheet has four sections and should be revisited for updates.

1. Links to EDUCATIONAL RESOURCESwith detailed information.
2. CHECKLIST:
   1. Check **Yes or No** as it applies at this moment even if you have plans to add this accessibility in the future.
   2. Mark **NA** if it does not nor ever will apply. For example, an elevator would never be installed in a single-story building with no basement.
   3. In the **Action** column, note what needs to happen next. Does another committee need to be involved? If so, what committee? Would this item be best handled by someone on the staff? Use the **Notes** for additional space.
3. SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER poses questions to start conversations on dismantling ableism in your congregation.
4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES are articles, blog posts, activities, and other information that is current and will be revised every three months.

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| Educational Links: Accessible Parking Dimensions <https://www.ada.gov/restriping_parking/restriping2015.html>  US Access Board <https://youtu.be/AQUINJ-NNIo>  Accessible Parking Fact Sheet <https://adata.org/factsheet/parking> | | | | |
| Checklist | Yes | No | N/A | Action |
| 1. Are 1 in 25 spaces accessible? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Is at least one of those spaces is accessible parking for a van? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Are the accessible spaces closest to the accessible entrance? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Is there adequate lighting in the parking areas so that people can see and use their equipment? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Is it possible to get from the parking area to the building and vice versa without using stairs? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. If there are stairs, do they have a slip-resistant surface? |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Is there a clearly marked drop-off space? |  |  |  |  |
| Notes: | | | | |
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Some things to consider: Have you ever pulled into a parking lot and found that the only open spaces were marked accessible? Have you told yourself that parking somewhere was ok because you’ll only be gone for a couple of minutes? Accessible parking spaces are all the same, right? This video shares a familiar scene for many wheelchair users, [*Save My Spot*](https://youtu.be/MZlHHBozUBc)*.* The terminology used for accessible parking has changed, too, but rather slowly. Read [Why Did ‘Disabled’ Replace ‘Handicapped’ As the Preferred Term?](https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/69361/why-did-disabled-replace-handicapped-preferred-term) for historical context. Using [*Let’s Make Parking More Accessible*](https://www.parking-mobility.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/0551_IPMI_AccessiblePark_2019_Interactive.pdf) as a guide, read through page 25 for ways to get involved in your community.

## Additional Resources:

US Access Board on Parking Spaces <https://www.access-board.gov/ada/guides/chapter-5-parking/>

Stop Assuming I’m Not Disabled Just Because I Don’t “Look Disabled” <https://rootedinrights.org/stop-assuming-im-not-disabled-just-because-i-dont-look-disabled/>

The Ultimate Guide to ADA Compliant Parking Lots <https://theasphaltpro.com/articles/ultimate-guide-ada-compliant-parking-lots/>

Making Parking Lots Disability Friendly, Top 5 Tips <https://www.mantapm.com/post/making-parking-lots-disability-friendly-top-5-tips>

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