# Public Transportation

Accessibility Worksheet for greater

inclusion of Disabled UUs in congregations

Full participation in all aspects of congregational life for disabled people 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, and/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 yearly.

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| Educational Links:The ADA & Accessible Ground Transportation https://adata.org/factsheet/ADA-accessible-transportationAda Guide For Rural Demand-Response Transportation Service Providers https://www.nadtc.org/wp-content/uploads/NADTC-ADA-Guide-for-Rural-Demand-Response-Providers.pdf  |
| Checklist | Yes | No | N/A | Action |
| 1. Is public transportation available?
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| 1. Is there a sidewalk from the bus or metro stop to the church building?
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| 1. Does the church own a wheelchair accessible van?
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| 1. Does the church provide transportation for people who are unable to drive?
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| 1. Are public transportation waiting areas well lit?
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| 1. Is public transportation a consideration when planning events in the community?
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| 1. Is the policy and sign-up clearly posted?
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| Notes: |
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Some things to consider:Have you ever wanted to go somewhere and realized you couldn’t get there because your car was in the shop ­­­or someone else was using it? Has anyone told you to use the bus? What was your reaction or what would your initial reaction be? Transportation seems like a given, a rite of passage, to some. To other people, it may seem like a privilege, one they do not have. Read the article, *I am NOT an Afterthought: The Dangers of Everyday Ableism in Our Transportation Systems*. Planning public transportation is one thing but letting people know about that public transportation is another. Read *Making Public Transport Information Accessible to Disabled People* to make sure everyone knows how to visit your congregation.

## Additional Resources:

What is ADA complementary paratransit? https://www.nadtc.org/about/transportation-aging-disability/ada-and-paratransit/

Accessibility and the Canadian Transportation Agency https://www.otc-cta.gc.ca/eng/accessible-transportation

Transit Accessibility for People with Disabilities https://www.nadtc.org/news/blog/transit-accessibility-for-people-with-disabilities/

It Not Always Easy https://dredf.org/no-more-stares/its-not-always-easy/

Transportation Patterns and Problems of People with Disabilities https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK11420/

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