



Suggested Reading List

MNA Special Needs Ministries **Updated: November 2008**

Key Reading: General Disability and the Church

Carter, Erik. *Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families and Congregations* (Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing, 2007).

Featherstone, Helen. *A Difference in the Family: Living with a Disabled Child* (New York, NY: Penguin Books, 1981).*

Hubach, Stephanie. *All Things Possible: Calling Your Church Leadership to Embrace Disability Ministry* (Agoura Hills, CA: Joni and Friends, 2007).

Hubach, Stephanie. *Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishers, 2006).

Lillo, Debbie. *Responding with Compassion: Ministry Models for Families Affected by Disabilities* (Agoura Hills, CA: Joni and Friends, 2007).

Tada, Joni Eareckson, and Gene Newman. *All God's Children: Ministry to Disabled Persons* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993).

Tada, Joni Eareckson, and Steve Estes. *When God Weeps: Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002).

Tada, Joni Eareckson, and Steve Jensen. *Barrier Free Friendships: Bridging the Distance Between You and Your Friends with Disabilities* (Grand Rapids: MI, Zondervan, 1997).

Webb-Mitchell, Brett. *Dancing with Disabilities: Opening the Church to All God's Children* (Cleveland, OH: United Church Press, 1997).

Key Reading: Ministry to Children with Special Needs

Breeding, MaLesa, *Let All the Children Come to Me: A Practical Guide to Including Children with Disabilities in Your Church Ministries* (Colorado Springs, CO: Cook Communications Ministries, 2006).

Newman, Barbara J., *Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2006).

Newman, Barbara J., *Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities* (Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2001).

Pierson, Jim, and Pat Verbal and Louise Tucker Jones. *Special Needs Special Ministry* (Loveland, CO: Group Publishing, 2004).

Pierson, Jim. *Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities* (Cincinnati: OH, Standard Publishing Company, 2002).

Rich, Cynthia Holder, and Martha Ross-Mockaitis. *Learning Disabilities and the Church: Including All God's Kids in Your Education and Worship* (Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2006).

Verbal, Pat. *Give Them Jesus: Evangelizing Children with Special Needs* (Agoura Hills, CA: Joni and Friends, 2007).

Verbal, Pat. *Practical Pathways: Reaching and Training Volunteers for Ministry with Special Needs Children* (Agoura Hills, CA: Joni and Friends, 2007).

Resource Manuals: Disability Ministry Development

Building a Developmental Disability Ministry. Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. Available through www.faithaliveresources.org.

Through the Roof: A Guide to Assist Churches in Developing an Effective Disability Outreach. Joni and Friends. Available through www.joniandfriends.org

Note: * indicates valuable resource *not* written from a distinctively Christian perspective