



Special Needs Ministry Resource List

Books

Theology:

- The Bible, Disability, and the Church; Yong, Amos
- Discovering Trinity in Disability: A Theology for Embracing Difference; Tataryn & Truchan-Tataryn; Orbis Books; Maryknoll, NY; 2013 (A little theologically deep, helpful framing ideas... not a “practical” help.)
- Disability and the Gospel; Beates, Michael S.; Crossway; Wheaton, IL, 2010
- Vulnerable Communion: A theology of disability and hospitality; Reynolds, Thomas E.; Brazos Press: Grand Rapids, MI 2008.
- Disability in the Christian Tradition: A Reader; Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI; Brock, Brian and John Swinton, eds.; 2012 (A massive history of how the church has approached disability through the centuries).
- Disability and the Church: A Vision for diversity and inclusion; Hardwick, Lamar; InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL; 2021; Paperback. Written by an American pastor who is both Black and Autistic. GREAT POSITIVE insights into why diversity matters – and how discussions of race AND disability need to involve each other.

Missions:

- Disability in Mission: The Church's Hidden Treasure; Deuel, David C and Nathan G John; Hendrickson, Peabody, MA; 2019 (EXCELLENT - takes seriously including and equipping PWD in ALL aspects of the mission of the church)
- Disabling Mission, Enabling Witness: Exploring Missiology Through the Lens of Disability Studies; Conner, Benjamin T.; IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL, 2018 (Good interdisciplinary study of how these two disciplines can make each other better.)
- Mismatch: How inclusion shapes design; Holmes, Kat; MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 2018; [If you appreciate how church planting & mission work involve “design,” THIS book will absolutely turn your head around. (JB)]



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Church Resources

- Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability; Hubach, Stephanie O.; P&R Publishing; Phillipsburg, NJ, 2006
- Disability and the Way of Jesus: Holistic Healing in the Gospels and the Church; Fox, Bethany McKinney; IVP Academic: Downers Grove, IL; 2019 (Great practical discussion on how naive ideas about “healing” can be harmful to PWD)
- *Every Child Welcome* by Jolene Philo and Katie Wetherbee
- Amplifying Our Witness: Giving Voice to Adolescents with Disabilities by Benjamin T. Conner

Organizations

- The Banquet Network (<https://www.thebanquetnetwork.com/>) The Banquet Network exists to inspire, equip, and resource churches to serve and include people and families affected by special needs and disabilities. / We equip churches through coaching + 1 day WORKSHOPS / WE RESOURCE CHURCHES THROUGH SMALL GRANTS
- Joni and Friends: <https://joniandfriends.org/>
- The Irresistible Church Training Series: <https://joniandfriends.org/church/irresistible-church-training-series/>
- The Guide Light- <https://theguidelight.org/> SOAR Special Needs- <https://soarspecialneeds.org/>



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Articles:

- Jeff McNair| California Baptist University | Ben Rhodes | Joni and Friends International Disability Center - Towards a Christian Model of Disability: The Bible Is for All People - From The Journal of the Christian Institute on Disability (JCID) Vol. 8.1 – Spring/Summer 2019

Curriculum:

- Lessons from the Light & Power Company by Jeff and Kathi McNair
 - The Psalms (Volume 1): <http://bit.ly/45SGJqZ>
 - Romans: <https://amzn.to/3VYGHZM>
 - Hebrews: <https://bit.ly/3LhdkNC>
- *Heart Shapers* by David C Cook
- *Together Small Group Curriculum* by With Ministries
- Awe and Wonder Special Needs Ministry Resource- <https://www.specialneedsministryresources.com/>

Other Resources:

- Protect vulnerable adults from abuse resource <https://ecap.net/ecap-launches-stand-up-campaign-to-protect-vulnerable-adults-from-abuse/>