

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Inclusion In Worship Newsletter

Mark Your Congregation's Calendar for Inclusion Awareness Day!

The date for Inclusion Awareness Day has been set for the weekend of **September 28, 2008**. Contact your faith community's leadership team and request that the date be placed on your congregation's calendar.

Start planning now to welcome worshippers of all abilities on Inclusion Awareness Day!

Visit www.inclusioninworship.org for an Inclusion Awareness Day bulletin cover and workbooks of planning materials for Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Jewish congregations. Use the workbooks to generate ideas for your congregation's participation. Determine deadlines for submitting items in your bulletin and watch our website for new 2008 planning materials to be posted on August 1st.

Plan now to provide accommodations so that worshippers of all abilities can

participate on Inclusion Awareness Day and every day of the year. Accommodations need not be costly. Assistive listening devices can be added to your sound system to allow those who have difficulty hearing to be a part of worship services. Automatic door openers can be installed on existing doors to assist worshippers in wheelchairs to enter your worship space easily and independently. Large print worship aides and bulletins can be produced in house by enlarging the font to fourteen point bold.

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Contact your sound system provider to inquire about adding assistive listening units to your congregations' sound system.

ABOUT PATHWAYS AWARENESS FOUNDATION

Pathways Awareness Foundation was established in 1988 to raise awareness about early detection and therapy for infants with motor delays and the importance of inclusion in all aspects of life. The Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Program provides information and educational materials about inclusion in worship. For more information please call 1-800-955-2445, write to 150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60601 or visit www.inclusioninworship.org.

Open Hearts Awards Deadline Extended to August 1st

Pathways Awareness Foundation is now accepting nominations for the Chicago area and the National Open Hearts Awards and Junior Open Hearts Awards. **Deadline for nominations has been extended to August 1, 2008.** Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to congregations for the purpose of expanding their inclusion efforts.

To apply for the grants, congregation members must submit a completed nomination form, along with a description of the congregation's inclusion efforts and a request for funding for a specific planned project. Awards will be announced on Inclusion Awareness Day, September 28, 2008. Call 1-800-955-2445 or visit www.inclusioninworship.org for nomination forms and guidelines.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INCLUSION AWARENESS DAY

Weekend of September 28, 2008

Congregations are invited to celebrate their access and inclusion efforts!

PATHWAYS 24TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Monday, November 17, 2008

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, IL

OPEN HEARTS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, November 14, 2008

"Creating the Inclusive Faith Community" Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell, Chicago, IL

Inclusion Tip

Make sure that local hotels know that travelers with disabilities are welcome at your house of faith by providing them with a written list of your worship services and the accommodations you provide. Use access symbols available at www.inclusioninworship.org to help.

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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Inclusion Awareness Day September 28, 2008**
- **Awards Deadline Extended to August 1**