



**Ohio Conference • United Church of Christ**  
**Tom Paton Award Accessibility Checklist**  
*Is Your Church Accessible?*

**Communication**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-print hymnals, bulletins, Bibles | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language provided                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Braille materials                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate lighting                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sermons or entire services on tape     | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed sermons                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amplifying sound systems               | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio loops and other assistive listening devices |

**Parking and Paths**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curb cuts to sidewalks and ramps to entrances      | <input type="checkbox"/> Level resting space around doors                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways at least 48" wide, sloped no more than 5% | <input type="checkbox"/> Marked accessible parking close to accessible entrances |

**Ramps and Stairs**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stairs with rubber treads   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stairs with handrails on both sides, 32" above the step and extending 1' beyond the top and bottom of the stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ramps 36" wide, minimum, extending 1' in length for every 1" of rise (1:12 ratio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly raised abrasive strips on top steps to warn people with limited sight where stairs begin                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handrails on at least one side of ramp, 32" above surface                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection from rain and snow over ramps; non-skid ramp surfaces                  |   |

**Bathrooms**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> At least one accessible bathroom   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair turning space, 5' x 5'                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grab bars on each side of accessible toilet  | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel dispensers no higher than 40" from floor   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sink with 29" clearance from floor to bottom of sink   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lever-type faucet controls and hardware on doors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One toilet stall 36" wide with 48" clear depth from door closing to front of toilet and a 32" door that swings out |   |

**Water Fountains**

- Mounted with basin no more than 36" from floor, easily operated from wheelchairs

**Elevators and Lifts**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Handrail on at least one side, 32" from floor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Braille plaques on elevator panels   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevators or chair lifts to ensure access to the sanctuary and all major program areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Controls placed 54" or less from the elevator floor, reachable from a wheelchair |

**Worship Space**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered spaces or "pew cuts" for wheelchair users                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir area allowing wheelchair users to participate                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seating spaces with extra leg room for people using crutches, walkers, braces or casts | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate lighting directed on the face of the speaker for those who read lips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area with lectern and microphones accessible to those with mobility impairments        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstands or lap boards available for those unable to hold hymnals or Bibles |

**Doors and Doorways**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lever handles or push bars   | <input type="checkbox"/> Door openings 32" wide or more                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doors that can be opened by exerting 81 pounds of pressure or less | <input type="checkbox"/> Doors that can be opened electronically by pushing a button |

**Other Improvements**

In the space below, share with us the things you have done which are not covered by this checklist. Add extra pages if needed.

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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This form must be completed and returned by April 1 to your Association office if you and your church wish to be considered for the Tom Paton Award this year. Thanks for taking the time to complete this form.

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