

## DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

25 AUGUST 2019

**"That His house may be filled."**



In the Bible passage Luke 14:16-23, a man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. However, many who were invited had excuses and refuse to come. Therefore, he invited those townspeople who usually would not receive an invitation to a feast. His generosity was astonishing, he wanted his house to be full! Specifically, persons with disability were to be included, before the feast could begin.

On 25 August 2019, South African churches are invited to honour 'a full house' by specially inviting persons with disability to celebrate their role in the Church. Ideas for this feast could include the following:

- Enable persons with disability to take a leading role in the worship service, e.g. preaching, sharing a testimony or do the Scripture reading in Braille.
- Arrange a meal where disabled and non-disabled people could interact in a relaxed way to share some of their life-experiences.
- During the meal, arrange an opportunity for children to play a game with children with disability. Ensure that the interaction is spontaneous.
- Take a walk around the church building and all its facilities and let persons with disability share their difficulties in getting around the terrain.
- Allow an opportunity for disabled persons to offer their talents to the church and together find ways to really implement it.
- Find ways to continually expand the number of persons with disability who are actively participating in church projects.

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