



Sign Language

Sign language interpretation is provided.

Congregations meet the criteria for displaying this symbol by providing a qualified sign language interpreter in the sign system of persons who are deaf and already attend that congregation, or by providing **American Sign Language (ASL)** interpretation as an outreach to the Deaf community. Congregations meet the criteria for displaying this symbol by providing a qualified interpreter to assist with communication between deaf people and those who do not know sign language.

Either Criteria 1 or 2 plus Criteria 3 are required and Criteria 4 and 5 are highly recommended.

1. ___ **ASL.** Interpretation in American Sign Language is provided. **OR**
2. ___ **Other sign system.** Interpretation is provided in the following signed English systems.

AND #3 below

Sign language interpretation is provided in the following contexts:

3. ___ **Worship.** Sign language interpretation is provided in at least one main weekly worship service.
4. ___ **Classrooms.** Sign language interpretation is provided in educational settings for persons who need it.
5. ___ **Fellowship.** Sign language interpretation is provided for informal fellowship.



Visual Accessibility

Aids are provided for persons with vision impairment, usually large print.

Basic standards for visual accessibility are met when **Criteria 1** and at least **2 items in numbers 2-8** (the more the better) are met. Number 9 and numbers 13-20 are recommended and 10-12 accompany other accessibility features.

1. ___ **Adequate Lighting.** Provided throughout the worship area (sanctuary).

Large Print worship materials are provided and ushers are educated on their location and use. Large Print should be at least 16-point type.

2. ___ **Large Print Bulletins.**
3. ___ **Large Print Hymnals.** Include song sheets for other music used.

Worship materials are projected on an overhead screen.

4. ___ **Worship Order projected.**

5. ___ **Worship Readings projected.**
6. ___ **Announcements projected.**
7. ___ **Hymns projected.** An alternative to Large Print Hymnals.
8. ___ **Worship Songs projected.**

The following are recommended:

9. ___ **New Hymn Introduction.** New hymns/songs are introduced so that people with low vision can participate more fully during the worship i.e. prior to worship.
10. ___ **Exterior signs visible.** Signs are easily visible near the church entrance indicating location of accessible parking spaces and entrances.
11. ___ **Interior signs visible.** Interior signs are easily visible noting the location of any available accommodations, i.e., accessible restrooms, elevators, Assistive Listening Devices, etc.
12. ___ **Lighting for speakers.** Lighting for the area which speakers use is directed to the front of speakers, toward the face, not from behind the person. This is important for persons who are also hard of hearing or who rely on speech reading.
13. ___ **Glare eliminated** from windows or lights.
14. ___ If **Braille** reader, provide bulletins, signs, and other written material in Braille
15. ___ **Bookstands or lapboards available** if unable to hold hymnals or Bibles.
16. ___ **Special seating** with seat 19" from floor, arm rests, foot stool, and extra wide leg room.
17. ___ A **fragrance free section** available.
18. ___ All **carpeting a maximum** of ½" thick.
19. ___ **Fire alarms, visual and auditory**, 48" inches from floor.
20. ___ **Evacuation plan** for persons in wheelchairs, blind, mentally ill, or others needing help.