



[California State Voluntary Certified Access Specialist \(CASp\) Program](#)

The CASp Program is designed to meet your church's & the public's need for experienced, trained, and tested architects you can hire to render opinions as to the compliance of buildings and sites within both the California codes and regulations on accessibility and accommodation to people with disabilities thru the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

[NCNC Accessibility Assessment Assistance Grant](#)

[Suggested deadline to apply: November 1 2014](#)

Accessibility Assessment Assistance (AAA) fund designated by your Conference Council to assist you to pay for a Certified Access Specialist. The AAA grant managed by the CITF will be for 10% it shall cost your church to hire a CASp to assess & render advice/opinions on structural accessibility improvements. Contact the [CIST Chair John Alex Lowell](#) for application information.

[Independent Living Resource Center Directory](#)

Find local organizations and independent living resources for persons with disabilities.

[Californian Independent Living Centers for People with Disabilities](#)

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[Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living for People with Disabilities:](#)

[Sources Within UCC for Further Fund of Accessibility 2 All Projects](#)

[Neighbors in Need Grants](#)

Up to \$3000 per congregation given from UCC Justice & Witness Ministries to churches with a Conference Council endorsement to initiate justified structural changes on accessibility improvements to meet the witnessed need of people with disabilities:

<http://www.ucc.org/nin/resources/Grant-Application-Guidelines-2-9-11.pdf>

[UCC Cornerstone Fund](#)

The UCC Cornerstone Fund offers fee-free loans to local churches wishing to undertake new construction or make renovations, including accessibility upgrades:

<http://cornerstonefund.org/wp-content/uploads/CF-Loan-Application-v1113.pdf>

[UCC Resources for Assessment of Church Accessibility](#)

[“Any Body, Everybody, Christ’s Body”](#) (www.uccdm.org/A2A/anybody.pdf) is a congregational guide for becoming Accessible to All (A2A)

Local Church Evaluation Guide
To Engage Accessibility to All (A2A)
Ministry to People with Disabilities

Provided by the Conference Inclusion Task Force – NCNCUCC

The questions below are offered as guidelines to determine some points of improvement of accessibility of your local facilities to people with disabilities:

- 1. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being very low and 5 being very high), how cognizant is your congregation about the A2A movement within the UCC and NCNC to provide accessibility and hospitality to people with a disability to a worship space?**
- 2. In the last three years, what are some of the things your congregation has done to raise A2A awareness among church members and friends, such as observing the annual *UCC Access Sunday* in October and *UCC Mental Health Sunday* in May?**
- 3. Can all persons with disabilities access all parts of your sanctuary, including the pulpit?**
- 4. What are the greatest barrier(s) that make it difficult for your church to become ever more fully A2A?**
- 5. Does your congregation make an effort to accommodate various dietary restrictions in fellowship meals and communion service in worship including gluten-free bread?**
- 6. Do you have resources for people with impaired vision i.e. large print hymnals & bulletins or for people who are blind i.e. compatible with computer screen readers?**
- 7. Does your congregation have educational opportunities about the needs of people with disabilities including special training for ushers, greeters, and teachers?**
- 8. Does your church have at least one accessible restroom conveniently located on each level of the church?**
- 9. Do you know the numeric factors needed for the completion of a “to code” county construction qualified ramp for people with mobility disabilities?**
- 10. Throughout your church campus, do you have adequate signage, lighting, and walking surfaces that promote Accessibility to All (A2A)?**