

RampUp newsletter
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“People with disabilities
at home in the church”



DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY - 28 August 2016

*"I wish I could really **belong** in the church like others that play a helpful role there. But it feels to me the church focuses on my limitations and I don't get a chance to exercise my talents.*

Because I'm in a wheelchair, they think I can't help myself, let alone helping anyone else!"

Your church is invited to take part in the inclusion of people with disabilities in churches.

The theme for 2016 is '**Belonging in the Body of Christ**'.

On the RampUp website, you will find a [pamphlet](#) with fresh ideas for the 2016 celebrations. A good starting point can also be to host a discussion group on the following questions:

- What are the experiences of persons with disabilities in our church?
- What are the reasons why few or no persons with disability attend our church?
- In what ways can we enter into conversation with persons with disability, in order to listen to their experiences?
- What would real inclusion and belonging mean for a person with disability?
- In what practical ways can we enhance inclusion and belonging in the Body of Christ?

At www.rampup.co.za you will also find lots of other information that can be utilised for an active and ongoing program of enhancing the belong of persons with disability in your church.

Kindly send questions and feedback to Erna Möller erna@tlm.co.za .

