

## ISSUE ONE-PAGER: DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE

### The UCC on Disabilities and Mental Health Justice:

- General Synod 20 (1995) “Resolution for the UCC to support the Americans with Disabilities Act”
- General Synod 21 (1997) “Reclaiming the Church’s Ministry of Health and Healing”
- General Synod 21 (1997) “Affirming Health Care Coverage for United Church of Christ Authorized Ministers and Their Families”
- General Synod 22 (1999) “Calling the People of God to Justice for Persons with Serious Mental Illness (Brain Disorders)”
- General Synod 25 (2005) “Called to Wholeness in Christ: Becoming a Church Accessible to All”
- General Synod 30 (2015) “Developing Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged Congregations for Mental Health”
- General Synod 30 (2015) “Dismantling Discriminatory Systems of Mass Incarceration in the U.S.”
- General Synod 31 (2017) “Toward Disability Justice: A Call to the Church and Churches”
- General Synod 32 (2019) “Resolution calling for the Mental Health Network to be an Historically Underrepresented Group in the United Church of Christ
- The UCC serves as a leading organizational force in the birth of the faith-based mental health ministry movement for congregations through the creation of the WISE programming, now seen as a national model.

### Take Action:

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Accessible to All

### Questions for your candidates

- What are you doing to ensure equal rights and political participation, including ensuring voters with disabilities and mental health challenges are accommodated?
- What are your priorities for addressing disabilities and mental health justice?
- How will you work to ensure that people with disabilities have quality, comprehensive, and affordable healthcare?
- How will you address racism’s impact on disabilities and mental health justice for vulnerable communities?

