

DISABILITY RESOURCE TEAM
Open Roof Award Application

“Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.” Mark 2:3-4 NIV

Biennially at the Western Iowa Synod Assembly, the Disability Resource Team presents a plaque to a congregation that has found ways to make their church and its ministry more accessible for people with disabilities. To be eligible for this award, please fill out the following application and send it to:

Western Iowa Synod ELCA
PO Box 557
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Applications, which are also available on the Western Iowa Synod website at www.wisynod.org, may be accompanied by pictures or a video. You may use additional space to tell about what your congregation is doing . The application deadline is December 31, 2008.

Name of Congregation _____
Address _____
Town _____
Phone _____ email _____
Congregational Liaison _____

1. How has your congregation made improvements to your church building to make it more accessible for persons with disabilities?

2. What services do you provide for individuals with disabilities? (Examples would be sign language, assisted hearing devices, large print bulletins, adapted Sunday School lessons and Bible Studies, grape juice and gluten free wafers, etc)

3. How are persons with disabilities involved in the ministries and leadership positions of your congregation?

4. How has your congregation acted like the four men in Mark 2:3-4?