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### Special Needs Policy Statement

Children and adults with mental, physical and developmental disabilities are persons of sacred worth whose identity is ultimately defined by the grace of God and not by their diagnosis or behavior. Therefore, we affirm that all children, youth and adults with disabilities are created in the image of God; and we reaffirm our commitment to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to them by sharing his acceptance and respect. Therefore, we will:

Actively invite and welcome all persons with disabilities to attend our worship services, participate in our programs, and receive the sacraments.

Help identify their gifts and enable them to use their gifts in the service of the body of Christ and the larger community.

Receive into full membership all persons with disabilities and adapt the requirements of membership to accommodate their special needs.

Increase the awareness of disabilities and create a knowledgeable church family.

Assist all committees and programs to be accessible to persons with special needs.

Adapt existing and/or offer appropriate alternative forms of Christian education, fellowship and service for persons with special needs.