

COUNTDOWN TO TEAM W Month

Use the checklist below to plan for TEAM W Month:

- Review the TEAM W Month Workbook for your faith tradition. Mark ideas you would like to do.
- Meet with your pastor to discuss TEAM W Month activities. Use the month of August or choose an alternate month for your congregation's events.
- Start a TEAM W Ministry and introduce the ministry team to the congregation during TEAM W Month. Use handouts at www.team-w.org to get started.
- Plan a series of bulletin articles about welcoming parishioners of all abilities. See the TEAM W Month Workbooks for articles.
- Plan a special worship service for TEAM W Month. Use the TEAM W Month Workbook for your faith tradition for ideas, prayers and homily hints.
- Download the [sheet music for "Open Doors"](#) and ask your music director to use it during TEAM W Month and for services throughout the year.
- Invite members of your congregation who happen to have disabilities to begin a liturgical ministry on TEAM W Month. Provide any accommodations needed and make sure their participation continues throughout the year.
- Invite members of your congregation who happen to have disabilities to speak at a worship service about what participation in your congregation means to them.
- Survey your congregation on TEAM W Month to find out the needs of your members. Print our Survey of Congregant Needs and place in pews with golf pencils for congregants to complete. Collect and tabulate surveys.
- Draw up an action plan based on the survey results and take steps to create a caring, accessible and inclusive faith community.
- Submit a TEAM W or Junior TEAM W Award application for up to \$1,000 to help fund an access project at your religious school or house of faith. Deadline is October 1st.