

COUNTDOWN TO TEAM Belong Month

Use the checklist below to plan for TEAM Belong Month:

- Review the TEAM Belong Month Workbook for your faith tradition. Mark ideas you would like to do.
- Meet with your pastor to discuss TEAM Belong Month activities. Use the month of August or choose an alternate month for your congregation's events.
- Start a TEAM Belong Ministry and introduce the ministry team to the congregation during TEAM Belong Month. Use handouts at www.teambelong.org to get started.
- Plan a series of bulletin articles about welcoming parishioners of all abilities. See the TEAM Belong Month Workbooks for articles.
- Plan a special worship service for TEAM Belong Month. Use the TEAM Belong 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 Belong Month and for services throughout the year.
- Invite members of your congregation who happen to have disabilities to begin a liturgical ministry on TEAM Belong 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 Belong 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 Belong or Junior TEAM Belong 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.