Vanderbilt University’s Department of Special Education has an exciting new research project focused on making worship more accessible to people with disabilities. They are looking for individuals with disabilities who are willing to share their experiences in their churches and their thoughts on how worship can be approached in more inclusive ways. Their study invitation is below. They hope to interview individuals with a wide range of disabilities and diverse church backgrounds. It would be great to have the deaf and hard of hearing population represented.


Be part of a new research project exploring what it means to design worship services in ways that support the presence and participation of every member—with and without disabilities. The Accessible Worship Project at Vanderbilt University is inviting people with disabilities in Middle Tennessee to share their experiences and recommendations on how churches can enhance the accessibility of their worship practices. The goal of our project is to equip and encourage churches to be places of inclusion and belonging for people with disabilities and their families. Your voice is needed!

To participate, you must:
• Have a disability
• Attend a local church (or desire to do so)
• Be at least 18 years old
• Live in Middle Tennessee

If selected, you will participate in an hour-long interview and receive a $50 VISA gift card. To learn more and sign up, visit www.accessibleworship.org [1] or email Erik Carter, Professor of Special Education at Vanderbilt University, at accessibleworship@vanderbilt.edu [2]

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