

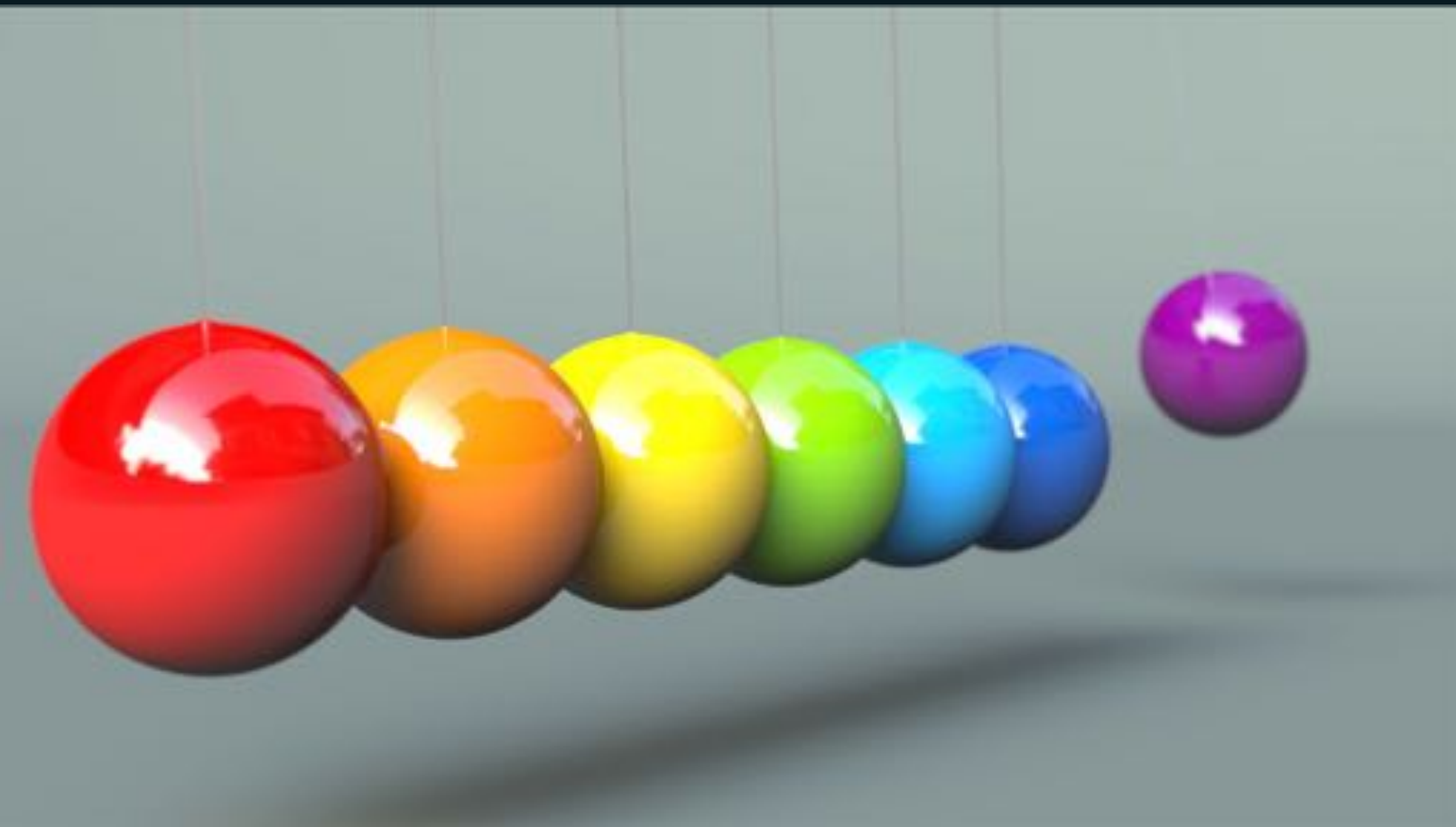


# Growing the Disability Movement

OPPORTUNITIES IN LEADERSHIP NETWORKING

# The Disability Movement

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*Churches  
reflecting diverse  
gifts and unique  
families helps to  
give the world a  
living picture of  
the coming  
Kingdom!*

# Networking Advantages

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- Encouragement
- Learning
- Shared and tested ideas
- Answered questions
- Identification of best practices
- Collaboration
- Career opportunities
- Increased awareness
- Prayer for each other
- Making Christ known to all

**An interdenominational leadership community  
helping people of all abilities encounter Christ  
and experience belonging in the church.**



**MNDMC.ORG**

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# HISTORY: Evolution of MDMC

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JAF Communication  
Date and Time  
Frequency  
Agenda  
Community Table  
Lending Library  
Online Discussion Group

# REFINING: A Clear Goal

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“Support group” for DM leaders that strengthens the Church for people of all abilities.

Strengthening the Church **with** people of all abilities.

**Helping people of all abilities encounter Christ  
and experience belonging in the church.**

# Our Essentials

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- Coffee and water
- Devotions
- Prayer
- Announcements
- Discussion/Learning
- Relaxed connections
- Community table
- Annual Surveys





# Turning Points for MDMC

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- Panel Discussion
- Media Visit
- Guest Speakers
- Logo
- Community Event Collaboration

# Developments & Enhancements

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- Speakers (e.g., Lunch & Learn)
- Reach building
- Newsletter
- Single table to multiple rounds
- Community conversations



# Challenges

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- Marketing
- Length of announcements
- Very broad topic base of interest
- Finding the ideal day and frequency
- Time chronically gets squeezed
- Mission “hijackers”

# Future Opportunities

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- Ministry Fair
- Conference
- Financial Partnerships
- Vision orientation
- Like-minded community partnerships
- Resource to new groups

# Cautions

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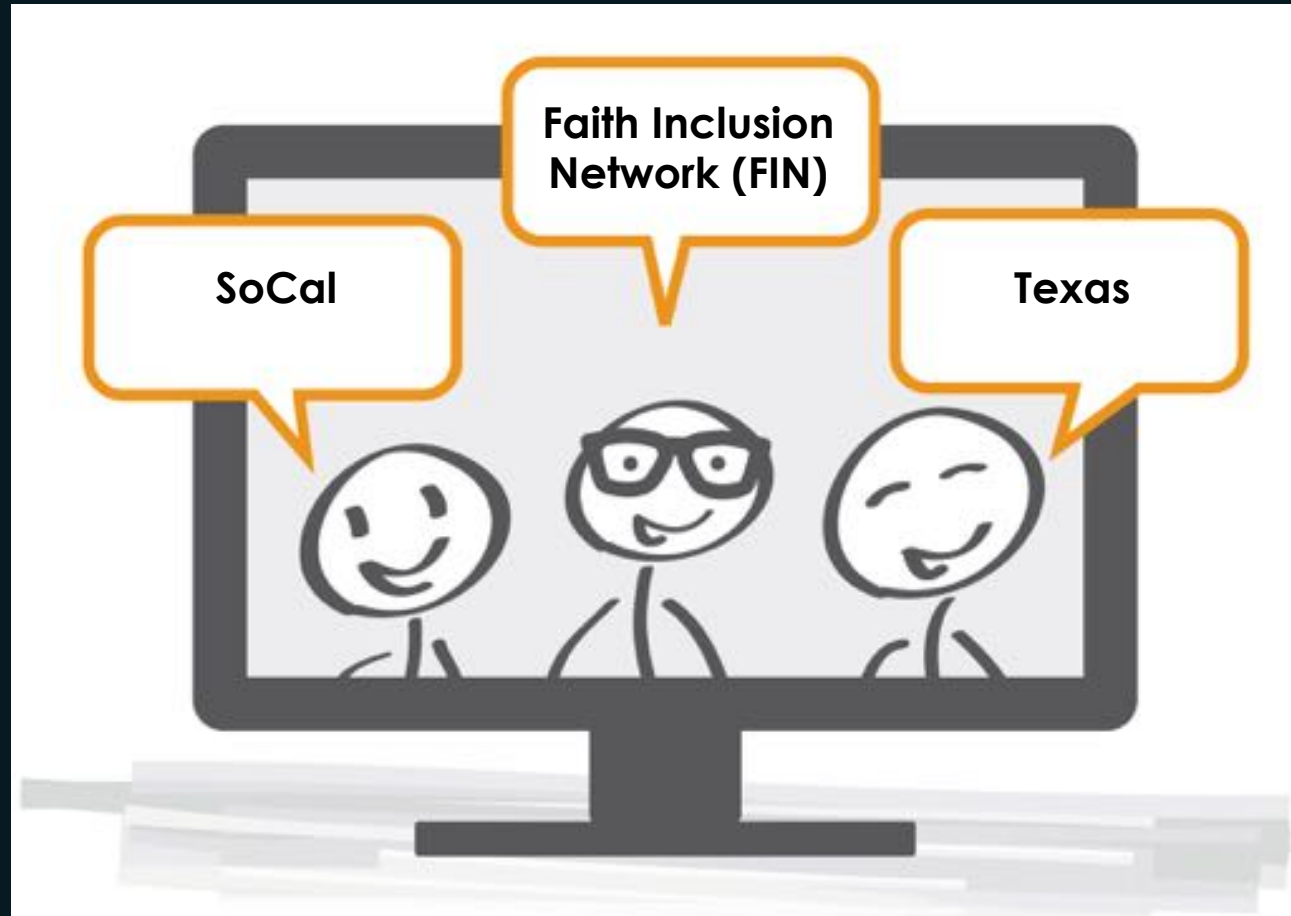
- Confidentiality
- Maximize collaboration and avoid duplication
- Focus on the essentials
- Delegate
- Keep it meaningful and encouraging
- Leave sufficient room for spontaneous needs
- Protect your mailing list



# Nationwide & Online Networks

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**Special Needs  
and Disabilities  
Ministry Leaders  
Forum**  
(Key Ministry)





Q&A

# Start with a step of faith

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1. Explore MNdmc.org
2. Join Key Ministry's leader networking group on Facebook
3. Find one or more interested collaborators in your area
4. Get together for coffee and prayer
5. At "just the right time," establish an official schedule
6. Ask for ideas and help
7. ***Anticipate the surprises of God's love!***



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