

“HOW WIDE IS YOUR WELCOME?”

in your congregation and communities



Our vision is to continue to provide awareness and sensitivity and understanding about persons with disabilities within the United Church of Christ to include all in our communities. We want to continue to have a dialogue about these issues that affect youth to the elderly.

Ben D. Anderson is commissioned minister of disability education and advocacy for the United Church of Christ since 2016.

He has been a disability advocate, educator and presenter since 1978.

He has degree in vocational rehabilitation and is the CEO and founder of Break Through Inc.

Ben and his wife Dee travel to congregations from their home in Rapid City, South Dakota. We need funding to help continue our message and education within the Tri-Conference areas of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota

Break Through Mission:

"Our mission is one of rehabilitation education and advocacy for and about people with disabilities to encourage and enlighten the public about people with disabilities in that they are people first and have rights and needs and that they also have gifts and talents to bring to the community."

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“No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You are Welcome Here” is one of our United Church of Christ’s statements. Our congregations need their communities to continue to educate about persons with disabilities.

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

WE NEED FUNDING TO BRING EDUCATION TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND WE ARE ASKING YOUR CONGREGATIONS TO HELP SUPPORT WITH ANY AMOUNT YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE.



Break Through received a United Church of Christ Genesis Grant through First Congregational UCC in Rapid City where Ben and Dee Anderson are members. This grant was for United Church of Christ congregations in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota to provide presentations, talks, media on the subject of disabilities and bullying. These were free programs - no cost to the congregation but we need to continue to provide our work beyond this grant.

OUR VISION—

The needs of persons with disabilities are not only architectural. They can include the types of language and expressions used to relate to 56 million Americans who may have a disability.

Discover how your congregation can become more "user friendly" to people with disabilities.

Help educate people about disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Provide recommendations to disability related resources. Unite opportunities for service within the congregation and the community.

Equip youth and adults to care for, counsel, and be supportive of their family, friends, and people with disabilities worldwide.

When "Ben Presents Ben".

He tells it like it is (and was) from the perspective of a real kid growing into adulthood.

He shares how embracing a personal Christian faith changed his life.

He helps build self-esteem, self-confidence, and hope. He shows how important it is to "Never Give Up!"

He helps those who have "been there" to see how they can "get out of their boxes." He helps those who haven't "been there" to learn how to relate more helpfully to those who have.

His purpose is to enlighten in that all people are the same in God's family. Ben has a heart for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He offers encouragement to motivate individuals in meeting the needs of people with disabilities

WHAT WE OFFER CONGREGATIONS

ATTENTION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONS HELP US PROVIDE FREE PROGRAMS

in Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska



PRESENTATIONS CAN INCLUDE:

- Family Nights
- Adult Forums
- Worship Time
- Youth Gatherings
- Adult/Youth Retreats
- Bible Studies
- Council/Committee Meetings
- Pastors/Church Staff Workshops
- Area Schools/Clubs
- Bible Camps
- Staff Development

HOW MUCH WILL HELP?

- COSTS--** special rate for church congregations
- SPEAKING FEE \$500.** (per day)
- TRAVEL COSTS** \$0.35 per mile e.g. round trip of 500 miles **\$175**
- LODGING \$200.** (includes 2 hotel nights)
- MEALS** (for two) **\$80.**
- TOTAL \$955.** (for a one day event) this includes the time of two people (Ben and Dee Anderson) for travel, lodging and meals.

Your help can make a real difference for families of children with disability. If you wish to support Break Through please mail your tax deductible check to :

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