



✧ Promoting Inclusion for People
With Developmental Disabilities
In their Faith Communities

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Dear Friends:

It is my privilege to introduce the **Multi-Faith Inclusion Network**, dedicated to ensuring respect and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities in the faith community of their choice, and to encourage their faith communities to be receptive and appreciative of their contributions.

People with differing abilities have a hunger for accessibility, acceptance and involvement in faith communities. **MUFFIN** is committed to eliminating this hunger by fostering relationships with organizations, agencies and places of worship (synagogues, churches, mosques and temples) and by sensitizing congregants, their leaders and other community members to their needs as well as the gifts they bring. **Please know that the lines of communication are open. We are enthusiastic, energized and growing and would welcome ideas and suggestions from you to promote inclusion in your faith community.**

Should you be aware of families struggling to find a welcoming place of worship, please contact us and we will problem-solve together. Conversely, if you are aware of a welcoming faith community, or would like to become one, please contact me (**Arlene Margolese**), either by telephone (**905-889-2690 ext. 2111**) or e-mail (**amargolese@reena.org**) or my co-chair, (**Carol Chung**, telephone number **416-630-5533 ext. 227**, or e-mail at **cchung@marycentre.com**).

We look forward to your support and involvement in ensuring that individuals of differing abilities of all faiths enjoy a life of dignity, meaning and inclusion in a caring community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arlene Margolese".

Arlene Margolese
Chair