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### VISION AND MISSION



People with disabilities and their families will have compelling opportunities and supports to develop and express their spirituality, engage in congregational life, and share their gifts and talents in ways that are personally valued and that strengthen communities.

Our mission is to support people with disabilities, their families, and those who support them by providing national and international leadership in the areas of research, education, service, and dissemination related to disability, religion, and inclusive supports.

### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS



### A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES

- This webinar is being recorded and will be posted soon on the Collaborative on Faith and Disability website ([www.faihanddisability.org](http://www.faihanddisability.org)).
- All slides, mentioned resources, and several helpful links will also be posted along with the webinar recording.
- Questions can be submitted in the chat box for discussion after the presentations.
- We will read posted questions to the presenters during the Q&A. All phone lines are silenced.
- Our time is brief and so shall the presenters be as well.
- Information about upcoming webinars and the Collaborative on Faith and Disability will be shared at the end of the webinar.



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Interviewed by Bill Gaventa

## Our Presenters



Liz Weintraub, Senior Policy Specialist, AUCD, Host: [Tuesdays with Liz](#)



Laura Robb, Writer, Blogger, Advocate, <http://lauracrobb.com/>,

## Related Resources by Liz and Laura

"Tuesdays with Liz" broadcast on [Jewish Disability Access Inclusion Month](#)

"[Self Advocacy: How to Thrive with a Disability at your Church](#)" Interview between Laura Robb and Jeff McNair at a That All May Worship Conference sponsored by the Faith Inclusion Network, Hampton Roads, VA.

## Questions for our Discussion

- ❖ *I have said a little about you in the introduction, but can each of you tell us a little more about your religious story and faith tradition?*
- ❖ *Can you tell us more about your work in advocacy? What are the kinds of things you do as an advocate for people with disabilities?*

## Questions for our Discussion

- ❖ *How did you become an advocate? Or What led you to become an advocate?*
- ❖ *What do you enjoy most about being an advocate? What's the hardest part?*

## Questions for our Discussion

- ❖ *How have you been an advocate within your own congregation and in your faith tradition?*
- ❖ *Does your congregation and faith community support your work in public advocacy? If so, how?*
- ❖ *Does your congregation or religious tradition engage in advocacy about issues and needs in your community and nationally?*

## Questions for our Discussion

- ❖ *Do you have favorite stories about disability in the Bible?*
- ❖ *Are there parts of the Bible or your religion where you see God asking people to be advocates or people advocating for others?*
- ❖ *Do you feel like part of your personal calling is to be advocates for and with others /*

### Questions for our Discussion

- ❖ *If a church or synagogue wants to be more inclusive and supportive of people with disabilities and their families, what are the most important things for them to do?*
- ❖ *If a church, synagogue, or mosque asked you how they could help in advocacy with people with disabilities, how would you answer?*

### Questions for our Discussion

- ❖ *What are the key lessons you have learned about being a good advocate? Do you have tips that would help others?*

### Q&A with the speakers

Please post your questions in the chat box

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

May 8, 2019 (1-2pm central)

**Title:** State of the Art Practices in Inclusive Religious Education;  
**Description:** From innovative ideas within intergenerational worship settings, typical children's programming embedded with sensory solutions and great equipment and processes, and setting up support structures around specific children and families, discover what questions congregations are asking and what cutting-edge solutions they have put in place when including children of varied abilities. After listening to Children's Directors and Pastors across North America, discover the current trends and thoughts regarding inclusive religious education and worship.

Presenters: Barbara Newman and Guests (<https://clcnetwork.org>)  
 Register at [www.faihanddisability.org](http://www.faihanddisability.org)

### UPCOMING WEBINAR SERIES for 2019-2020

We would like your suggestions:

- ❖ Topics or Issues
- ❖ Presenters

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