



## How to Start a Rejoicing Spirits Ministry Guidebook Order Form

**Rejoicing Spirits** is an innovative and inclusive ministry which reaches out to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities along with their families, friends and the local supportive community. This is done by offering a meaningful and adapted Christian worship service and fellowship time. The **Rejoicing Spirits** worship service is uplifting ... an environment that is welcoming to *all* children of God. And although the service is modified to more readily engage individuals with developmental disabilities, it remains inspiring and meaningful to everyone who attends.

The worship service includes lots of music and joyous singing; brief, concrete and meaningful messages; and plenty of opportunities to both participate and serve. The *"no shushing policy"* gives worshippers the freedom to worship as God has intended them to do so. It also has been gaining popularity as a great worship opportunity for all families, especially those with young children, since it has lively music; hand-held instruments; and a free, expressive environment.

Rejoicing Spirits can meet the spiritual needs of individuals in one of three ways:

- Serves as a *stepping stone* for those wanting to take the first step into a faith community.
- Offers *complementary* worship & fellowship opportunities for those who already belong to a faith community.
- Provides an inclusive & welcoming faith community that may *fully* meet the current needs and desires of some worshippers.

Faith communities who choose to offer a **Rejoicing Spirits** ministry benefit since the congregations become aware, educated and accepting of individuals with developmental disabilities. Attitudinal barriers are removed allowing us to truly be one body united together in Christ.

A guidebook entitled *"How to Start a Rejoicing Spirits Ministry"* was developed to encourage Christian congregations of all denominations to start a **Rejoicing Spirits** ministry. The guidebook outlines all the key topics including; setting up an initial feasibility review committee, launching the first worship service and follow-up activities. It includes examples of invitations, letters to provider agencies, newsletter articles, press releases and a sample worship bulletin. The goal is *"that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other."* 1 Corinthians 12:25. Also included with the guidebook is a DVD which tells the Rejoicing Spirits story.

*Suggested Donation: \$55 (includes shipping and DVD) payable to Rejoicing Spirits Ministry.*

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