

10 Ways to Communicate with a Deaf Person at Your Church



1. Learn basic sign language (i.e., hello, nice to meet you, spell your name)
2. Wave HELLO! Hello in sign language looks the same as waving hello in spoken languages.
3. Use your phone or paper/pen to communicate: “It’s nice to see you here today. Glad you came! Or, Hello my name is _____. Nice to see you.”
4. Make and keep direct eye contact with the Deaf person while communicating.
5. If an interpreter is available, Introduce yourself through the interpreter and maintain eye contact with the Deaf person.
6. Ask the interpreter to interpret your conversation (instead of asking the interpreter to say hello for you).
7. Sit in the Deaf section.
8. Immerse yourself into your Deaf church community and get to know the Deaf members.
9. Approach Deaf church members with respect, open-mindedness and a genuine desire to connect.
10. Never Give Up! Deaf people are like everyone else and love meeting new people. Introduce yourself with confidence.

Inclusion is part of God's plan for all!

Commit to change so that all Deaf people will know that they are a welcome member of the body of Christ!

Connect with our team to learn more at info@deafmillennial.com