

ASSISTIVE LISTENING IN A HOUSE OF WORSHIP

THE INVISIBLE DISABILITY

Hearing loss is known as the invisible disability, because unlike other disabilities, it can't be seen. One out of five American adults has some degree of hearing loss. Imagine one out of five people in your house of worship who can't connect to the messages they want to hear. Many people with hearing loss feel frustrated, disconnected, and isolated, and, as a result, they stop attending worship services, because they can't hear.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING

Assistive listening systems help people with hearing loss in difficult listening environments. Houses of worship can be hard to hear in due to background noise, reverberation, HVAC systems, and other noise.

Providing an assistive listening system in a house of worship can:

- Make sure that everyone hears inspiring messages and music,
- Increase the attendance and sense of community,
- Help people with hearing loss feel less isolated.

THREE TYPES OF ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS

Radio Frequency (RF)



- Works like a radio to deliver sound to a congregant's receiver
- No line-of-site issues; covers wide area indoors and outdoors
- Typically the least expensive assistive listening system

Infrared (IR)



- Uses light like a TV remote control to deliver sound to a congregant's receiver
- Biggest advantage is privacy—light cannot travel through walls
- Great for simultaneous broadcasts and language interpretation

Hearing Loop



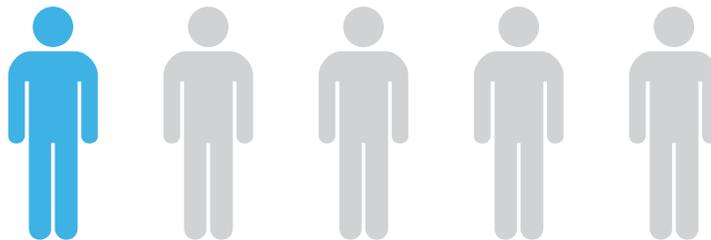
- Congregants can use their own telecoil-equipped devices as receivers
- Provides discreet and personal listening experiences
- Can be used with other types of receivers, as well as for people without telecoils

CREATING INSPIRATIONAL LISTENING EXPERIENCES

Sound has the power to move us; it connects us to more positive human experiences like the inspirational words and music heard inside a house of worship. When you take away words from a sermon or notes from a choir, you diminish that inspirational connection. Providing people with assistive listening in a house of worship creates inspirational listening experiences and allows people with hearing loss to participate more fully in the things they love to hear.

Did You Know?

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Assistive Listening Helps People Listen to Inspiration



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Three Types of Assistive Listening Systems Which One is Right for You?



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