



Service & Support Animals Policy – Approved April 25, 2025

Faith Journey Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for people who participate in ministry activities. Please review our policy regarding both service and emotional support animals. This policy complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Service Animals

The ADA defines a service animal as a dog or miniature horse that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the service animal must be directly related to the person's disability.

Emotional Support Animals

An emotional support animal (also known as a comfort animal) provides reassurance just by being with a person. Dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, and many other species can serve as emotional support animals. However, they do not qualify as "service animals" under the ADA.

ADA Policy Regarding Animals and Places of Worship

All religious institutions and organizations, (churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship) are specifically *exempt* from the ADA policy. All 50 states, including Minnesota, adhere to this exception.

Faith Journey Church Policy

Our organization has chosen *not* to allow service animals or emotional support animals on our premises. With regards to our small church building and age of our congregation, the risks of allowing animals outweigh allowing any and every person the prospect of bringing their animal into the building. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you or your family.

Elders of Faith Journey Church

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