



The Nation's Voice for People with Hearing Loss

Dear Chapter Leader,

Currently, there are thousands of places of worship throughout the United States that have been looped as a result of the advocacy of HLAA Chapter members who are also members of those congregations.

HLAA is seeking your help to increase the scope of the Get in the Hearing Loop (GITHL) Campaign through grassroots participation from HLAA members. We are encouraging you to reach out to your members to suggest their congregations install hearing loops to provide better access to worship services for people with hearing loss. This outreach by members of the congregation will open the door for you and others from your chapter to meet with congregation officials and advocate for their facility to Get in the Hearing Loop.

Recruit chapter members who have and use telecoils with the room loop at your chapter meetings or elsewhere in the community to become your chapter's GITHL advocate. Provide them with an HLAA GITHL Campaign Toolkit so they can learn more about hearing loops and telecoil technology. In addition to learning more about hearing loops, there are also guides, fact sheets, brochures, relevant articles, and a PowerPoint presentation. The toolkit contains a sample letter you can use to enlist involvement from your members in this campaign. (All materials and more can be found on hearingloss.org).

HLAA Chapter members might wish to become an advocate or partner with a GITHL advocate. A chapter member who does not wish to become an advocate might be willing to initiate the process of this campaign by arranging a meeting with congregation officials and the chapter GITHL advocate.

If there are audiologists and hearing care providers who are supportive of your chapter and hearing loop and telecoil technology, enlist their help in working along with the GITHL advocate, especially when the advocate meets to speak with congregation officials.

We hope your chapter will become a partner in this national campaign to encourage all places of worship to Get in the Hearing Loop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Kelley
Executive Director