



TELECOIL

by Administrative Ministry

A wonderful feature available on many hearing aids is called the "telecoil." It's also referred to as a "t-switch", "t-loop", or "t-coil." Some hearing aids are telecoil-equipped. The t-coil is nothing more than a tiny coil of wire around a core that will induce an electric current in the coil when it is in the presence of a changing magnetic field. Normally, a hearing aid "listens" with its microphone, then amplifies what it "hears." But with a telecoil used as the input source instead of (or in addition to) the microphone, the hearing aid can "hear" a magnetic signal which represents sound.

FPC Session, though not required by code to provide Assistive Listening Systems, has decided to add this availability during our Sanctuary Rejuvenation. Each seating section within our sanctuary has been looped with a special wire to aid those with the properly equipped hearing aids to receive that extra help they need to hear. Those who need hearing assistance but currently do not have hearing aids will be able to borrow for worship special devices which will also utilize this improved telecoil technology.

Telecoils are available (and not very expensive) on most BTE hearing aids and on some ITE hearing aids. A few ITC aids may also have telecoils, but normally, CIC aids do not. Ask your hearing health care provider about telecoils if you think they might help you. Don't always count on your provider to suggest it. The symbol at the left above indicates that a facility has installed t-coil for your convenience.