

PRIORITY FAX

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From: (Insert Name of Religious Organization & Correspondent Here)
Subject Your Congregation s Needed Participation in National Donor Sabbath

Dear (Insert Title and Name of Clergy Here):

The horrifying events of September 11, 2001 have reminded all of us of the preciousness of life, the uncomprehending suddenness of death, and the difficult experience of loss and mourning. The absolute disregard for life that the terrorists exhibited have left so many of us feeling helpless and looking for a way to support life-giving efforts.

There is a wonderful way and you and your congregation can play a key role in saving life, the greatest of blessings. Here s how

In November, from Friday, November 9 through Sunday, November 11, faith communities throughout the nation will observe a special time as they unite for National Donor Sabbath to increase awareness of the critical need for organs and tissues and the miracle of transplantation.

Your place as a respected religious leader in your community offers you the opportunity to lead your congregation by *simply including* organ and tissue donor awareness in your regularly scheduled Sabbath services (insert date and date here). As a religious leader you can participate in discussions of donation with congregants and affirm the choice to be an organ and tissue donor, which offers the opportunity to share the greatest blessing of all the gift of life.

More than 76,000 American men, women and children are on the organ transplant waiting list. Last year more than 22,000 organs were transplanted. Yet an average of 15 people a day now die because the healthy organ was not available.

In Southern California, Transplant for Life, an organization affiliated with Temple Kol Tikvah in Woodland Hills, California increased confirmed participation in National Donor Sabbath from less then 10% to over 90%, representing the four main branches of Judaism. We intend to utilize their system in assisting us to accomplish these same results.

Your participation, of course, may vary from simply announcing this special event and making literature available to including comments about organ and tissue donation in your sermon. Or you may wish to invite a speaker about the issues involved. For any or all of these efforts, we are eager to assist you.

To receive assistance and to confirm your commitment to have your congregation included in National Donor Sabbath, just fax the completed NDS Assistance Response Form to (insert fax number). Or you can call us directly at (phone number). A packet including various rituals, sermons, etc is yours by just clicking on to transplantforlife.org and downloading this information. *Please return your completed your form without delay.*

Sincerely,

