



NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH

November 11-13, 2022

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NETWORK
#DonateLife





Dear Faith Leaders,

National Donor Sabbath is a three-day observance which seeks to engage all major religions in Nevada and across the country to highlight the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation in the faith community. Nevada Donor Network would like to invite you to join this effort from November 11-13, 2022 by sharing inspiring religious testimonies, sharing our message through social media and newsletters and by encouraging your congregation to register as heroes. You have the power to help by sharing the lifesaving message of donation and transplantation. This ready-to-use outreach kit includes social media graphics and suggested content, donation facts and talking points. You have the opportunity to save and heal lives simply by bringing awareness to our cause. When someone says “yes” to donation, it brings hope to the more than 100,000 people across the nation waiting for a second chance. Donation is the ultimate act of generosity and love. Your support is incredibly meaningful and helps honor the heroes who have given the gift of life, grateful transplant recipients and those still waiting. We are grateful for your endorsement of our lifesaving mission!

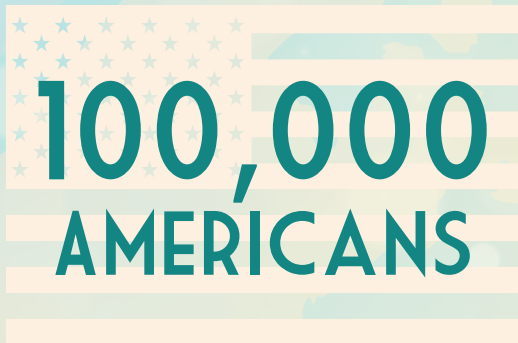
Thanks for your commitment to saving lives,

Nevada Donor Network



THE CRITICAL NEED FOR ORGAN DONATION...

More than

**100,000
AMERICANS**

from all walks of life are on the national transplant waiting list.

A new name is added to the list every

**9
mins.**

Sadly,

17
PEOPLE 

die every day while waiting because an organ is not available in time to save their life.



BE THE LIGHT TO THOSE WHO ARE WAITING...

- Courageous donor families often find comfort in donation
- Many people who have lost a loved one share comfort in knowing that their loved one made a difference in others' lives
- You are never too old or sick to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor. Don't count yourself out!

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ORGAN DONOR
can save up to

8 LIVES



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TISSUE DONOR
can save & heal

75 LIVES



AS A FAITH LEADER, YOU CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY UNDERSTAND THE CONGREGATION'S STANCE ON DONATION

- We encourage adding hymns from your own religious traditions which may inspire the same feelings of charity, hope and strength that the gift of donation makes possible.
- Share an encouraging and thoughtful message about bringing hope to those who wait and the profound impact of one heroic donor.
- Light a candle or hold a special ceremony for those who are connected to donation in some way.
- Plan a virtual event appropriate for the cause.
- Provide support for a patient currently waiting for a lifesaving gift and encourage your members to do the same.
- Start the conversation of donation during your weekend messages, religious studies, congregation gatherings, couples' groups and youth groups.

However you choose to share this powerful message, please know the depth of our gratitude.



RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS

All major religions in the U.S. support or encourage organ donation and view it as an act of kindness and generosity.

CATHOLICISM: Roman Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love. Transplants are morally and ethically acceptable to the Vatican.

CHRISTIANITY: Christian congregations support organ, eye and tissue donation. The decision to donate at the end of life is considered the ultimate act of charity and love.

JUDAISM: Transplantation does not desecrate a body or show lack of respect for the dead, and any delay in burial to facilitate organ donation is respectful of the decedent. Organ donation saves lives and honors the deceased.

BAHÁ'Í: There is no prohibition in the Bahá'í Faith on organ donation. It is a matter left to the individual conscience.

BUDDHISM: Buddhists believe that organ and tissue donation is a matter of individual conscience, and they place high value on acts of compassion. Central to Buddhism is a wish to relieve suffering and there may be circumstances where organ donation may be viewed as an act of generosity. The needs and wishes of the dying person must not be compromised by the wish to save a life. Each decision will depend on individual circumstances.

HINDUISM: According to the Hindu Temple Society of North America, Hindus are not prohibited by religious law from donating their organs. This act is an individual's decision.

ISLAM: Based on the principles and the foregoing attributes of a Muslim, the majority of Islamic legal scholars have concluded that transplantation of organs as treatment for otherwise lethal end stage organ failure is a good thing. Donation by living donors and by cadaveric donors is not only permitted but encouraged. Organ donation should be considered as an expression of the believer's altruism and Islam encourages the virtuous qualities which are supportive of organ donation: generosity, duty, charity, co-operation, etc. Accordingly, the Islamic Code of Medical Ethics stresses that human life is sacred, and it must be preserved by all possible means. It is permissible within the Shariat to remove the organ from one person and transplant it into another person's body in order to save the life of that person on the condition that such a procedure does in no way violate the dignity of the person from whose body the organ was removed.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: "United Church of Christ people, churches and agencies are extremely and overwhelmingly supportive of organ sharing," writes the Rev. Jay Lintner, director, Washington Office of the United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society. Similarly, any organized effort to get the General Synod delegates or individual churches to sign organ donation cards would meet with generally positive responses.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: The United Methodists, as with several religions, believe that organ and tissue donation is an act of charity and that preserving life takes precedence over any beliefs that govern the treatment of the dead.

For more religious viewpoints, please visit:
www.nvdonor.org/faith



SUGGESTED BULLETINS

· To think of others during our own grief and sorrow is compassionate and selfless. Our congregation supports the gift of life and health made possible through organ, eye and tissue donation. We consider it the ultimate act of love and generosity. Share your wishes with your family and friends. Register today at www.nvdonor.org

· How do we respond to the blessings God has bestowed upon us? By acting as HE would. By thinking of others rather than ourselves. In doing so, we praise God not only with our lips, but with our actions. Consider giving the gift of HOPE, STRENGTH and LIFE to those in need. Sign up as an organ, eye and tissue donor today at www.nvdonor.org

· There are 100,000 people around the nation – including over 600 Nevadans – waiting for a second chance at life. These are mothers, uncles, children, friends and people from all walks of life. Consider how one simple act could change the lives of those in desperate need. By registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor, you are showing your willingness to offer hope to others. Register as a donor during your next visit to the DMV or online today at www.nvdonor.org

· What if you learned tomorrow someone you love would need an organ transplant to live? No one expects this news – and yet, more than 100,000 people around the nation are currently waiting. Their loved ones pray every day their gift will come. Be their light of hope in a time of darkness. Register as an organ, eye and tissue donor today at www.nvdonor.org

· Organ donation and transplantation could have an impact on our family. Organ failure could affect us all. We should all consider being a registered organ, eye and tissue donor. Be the change you wish to see. Register today and provide hope for those who desperately wait at www.nvdonor.org

· After the service we encourage you to consider today's message. Register as a hero and share your wishes with those you love." Also the rest of the bullets, direct them to the website, so consider adding the CTA of "to learn more about donation or to register today, visit www.nvdonor.org



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Our team has prepared several ready-to-use social media graphics and content to make sharing them quick and easy. You can post as a way of showing your support for National Donor Sabbath and your partnership with Nevada Donor Network. Visit www.nvdonor.org/faith to download the images! Do not use the images in this packet- please download full resolution images at www.nvdonor.org/faith. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

1) Kickoff Graphic (Suggested Content) :
National Donor Sabbath is here. Each year, two weekends before Thanksgiving, a three-day observance is held to include the days of worship for major religions practiced in the United States. Religious leaders of many faiths, donor families, transplant recipients and donation professionals come together during National Donor Sabbath to educate the community about the lifesaving and healing gift of donation. We are proud to partner with @Nevada Donor Network to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation. Bring hope to those waiting for their second chance by registering as a hero today at www.nvdonor.org/faith #DonateLife #DonorSabbath #BeAHero #UltimateGift



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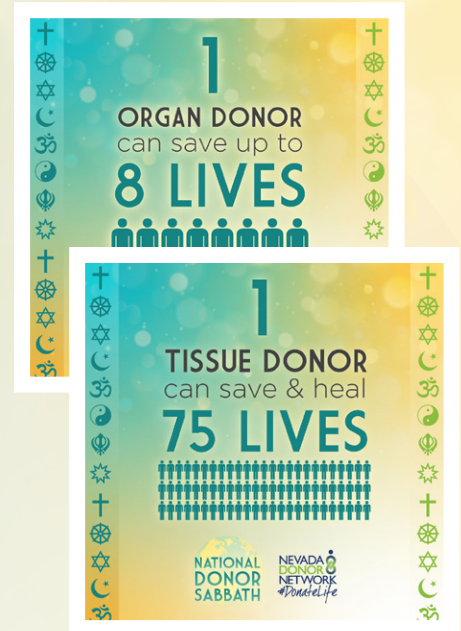
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2) The Power of 1 (Suggested Content) : One heroic donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and heal 75 more through tissue donation. This decision is the ultimate act of charity and love. It's also the ability to leave a legacy and bring hope to those waiting. The power of one. @Nevada Donor Network and our congregation encourage you to learn more and register today at www.nvdonor.org/faith #DonateLife #DonorSabbath #BeAHero #UltimateGift



3) Organ Donation Myth vs. Fact (Suggested Content) :

Have you heard this MYTH? "My religion doesn't support organ, eye and tissue donation." Thank you to @Nevada Donor Network for sharing the FACT that all major religions in the United States support or encourage organ, eye and tissue donation. It's viewed as a person's final act of generosity and love in the world. Learn more about your religion's position on donation at www.nvdonor.org/faith #DonateLife #DonorSabbath #BeAHero #UltimateGift

