

## **National Donor Sabbath: Ten Ways Clergy Can Help**

1. Encourage discussion about organ and tissue donation in your community now. It is much easier for families to make a decision to donate before they face a crisis.
2. New life arising from death is a common religious theme. When appropriate, talk about donation in your sermons and messages.
3. Lead prayer to remember those families who suffered loss through death, yet offered life through organ and tissue donation. Include the thousands of men, women and children who continue to wait for desperately needed organs and tissues to save or improve their lives.
4. Work with community groups, religious organizations and families to promote public awareness of donation and transplantation.
5. Lead by example: Let your congregation know that you have registered as a donor and discussed the decision with your family.
6. Schedule educational presentations for your congregation's professional organizations. Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network is happy to assist you.
7. Distribute donation information in your community through bulletins and newsletters.
8. Invite a donor family member or transplant recipient to speak during a service, youth class, or adult ministry group.
9. Celebrate National Donor Sabbath with thousands of other congregations throughout the country in November. Contact Gift of Hope for materials.
10. Register as an organ/tissue donor and tell your family and/or congregation today.