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As National Donor Sabbath approaches, the donation and transplant community celebrates a great achievement; nearly 135 million people are now registered as organ, eye and tissue donors in the United States. Though we are grateful to each and every person registered, hundreds of thousands more people are waiting for a lifesaving organ. But each additional donor that registers provides hope to these individuals.

Faith leaders like you can help spread this message of hope by encouraging your congregation to consider the gift of organ, eye and tissue donation. Each person inspired to take action by registering to become a donor, has the potential of saving or improving the lives of over 75 people.

National Donor Sabbath observed November 9 - 11, 2018 is an excellent time to inform and educate your congregation about organ, eye and tissue donation. You can do so by including National Donor Sabbath in your services by having a local volunteer share their personal story about how organ and tissue donation impacted their life, insert bulletin in your program and sharing materials about this important topic. The materials include brochures, pens, Donate Life green bracelets and Donate Life candle. The candle can be lit during service to celebrate life and to be thankful to families and individuals who made the decision...the choice to save lives by being an organ and/or tissue donors and to be reminded that there are people waiting; over 5,300 in our region and nearly 115,000 in the nation.

We pray you will join us in sharing this important message and encouraging all of your members to register as organ, eye and tissue donors with their state donor registry.

Sincerely,		