

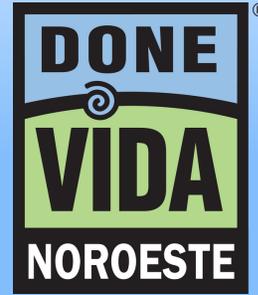
# Faith and Organ Donation

Spirituality and faith are important aspects when faced with the loss of a loved one.

The question often arises, "What is my religion's stance on organ, eye, and tissue donation?"

Donor Sabbath is a national observance taking place every November. It serves as a time for people from all faiths to speak about life-saving organ, eye, and tissue donations within their community.

If you want to engage your community in Donor Sabbath, please visit [www.donatelifenw.org/Sabbath](http://www.donatelifenw.org/Sabbath)



Organ, eye, and tissue donation is a generous act.

Donors give hope to those waiting for a second chance at life.

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# NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH



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hope to those  
who are waiting.



# What's Your Religion's View on Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation?

## African Methodist Episcopal

Organ and tissue donation is viewed as an act of neighborly love and charity.

## Bahá'í

There is no prohibition on organ donation.

## Baptist

There is no official position on organ donation and the matter is of personal conscience.

## Buddhism

Donation is a matter of individual conscience and acts of compassion are strongly valued.

## Catholicism

Donation is viewed as an act of charity and love.

## Christianity

There is community support to heal others with donation and to embrace the needs of others.

## Episcopal

Members are urged to consider the opportunity and make the decision together.

## Evangelical

Regards the donation as an appropriate means of contributing to the health and well-being of the human family.

## Greek Orthodox

There is no objection as long as the organs and tissues are used to better human life.

## Hinduism

There is no religious law prohibiting donation and the act is an individual's decision.

## Islam

Organ donation should be considered as an expression of the believer's altruism.

## Jehovah's Witnesses

The choice is to be made by the individual. If so, all blood must be removed.

## Judaism

Transplantation does not desecrate a body or show lack of respect for the dead. Organ donation saves lives and honors the deceased.

## Lutheran

Donation is entirely up to the individual and family and should not be a cause of guilt or regret no matter what decision is made.

## Mormon

Donation is not opposed; the decision is made in conjunction with family, medical personnel, and prayer.

**Most major religions in the U.S. support donation. However, this isn't a complete list so if you're still unsure, talk to your faith leader about donation.**

## Native American Religions

With a diversity of beliefs, some believe that the body should be left whole for the afterlife and others believe donations will not impede the spirit.

## Pentecostal

The belief is that the decision to donate should be left up to the individual.

## Presbyterian

The life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation is recognized and encouraged.

## Protestant

Most denominations support organ donation, whether motivated by compassion or an act of charity.

## Shinto

Many may not consider donation due to the importance of wholeness of the physical body.

## Sikh

Teachings place great emphasis on the importance of giving and putting others before oneself.

## Unitarian Universalist

Organ and tissue donation is widely supported.

## United Methodist Church

Recognizes the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation, and encourages all members to become organ and tissue donors.