Organ Donation and Christian Religions

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Blogging daily in April in recognition of National Donate Life Month. Please register as an organ donor and help to raise awareness about this lifesaving gift.

Most religions, including Christian-based ones, encourage organ donation. Some Christian religions that approve of organ donation or take no official position on it and leave it up to their members:

- African Methodist Episcopal (AME & AME Zion)
- Amish
- Assembly of God
- Bretheren
- Catholicism
- Christian Science
- Disciples of Christ
- Episcopal
- Evangelical Covenant Church
- Greek Orthodox
- Jehovah's Witnesses*
- Lutheran
- Mennonite
- Moravian
- Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)
- Pentecostal
- Presbyterian
- Seventh-Day Adventists
- Society of Friends (Quaker)

- Southern Baptist
- Unitarian Universalist
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist

*“According to the Watch Tower Society, Jehovah’s Witnesses believe donation is a matter of individual decision. Jehovah’s Witnesses are often assumed to be opposed to donation because of their belief against blood transfusion. However, this merely means that all blood must be removed from the organs and tissues before being transplanted.” - From The Gift of a Lifetime

Happy Easter and happy Donate Life Month.

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