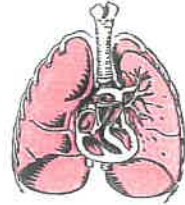
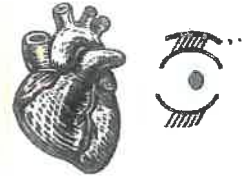


# Back Door Reading From your Health Ministries



Don't take your organs to heaven; heaven knows we need them here!  
**Are You an Organ Donor?**

Any individual can indicate their wish to be a donor. Those under 18 must have parental consent. Medical suitability will be determined at the time of death.



In 1982 the Episcopal Church passed a resolution that encourages members to become organ, blood, and tissue donors as part of their ministry to others.



Every day 74 people receive an organ transplant. Another 18 die because an organ was not available.



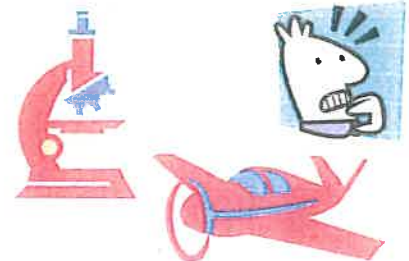
Carry an organ donor card & say yes to the organ donor question on your driver's license. Talk to family members, as they may be asked for consent.



There is no cost to the family or the estate for donating organs. Organs cannot be sold. They are distributed based on tissue match, urgency, and geographic proximity.



What may be donated:  
Heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas, intestines, corneas, bone marrow, heart valves, connective tissue, and/or skin, .



Being an organ donor will not affect your medical care. The transplant team is not called until all hope and medical avenues have been exhausted.



Brain death is not the same thing as a coma. It is possible to wake up from a coma. Brain death is final.