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Jesse White Joins Various Religious Organizations to Show Support for National Donor Sabbath



Secretary of State Jesse White joined with Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh faith leaders to show religious support for organ/tissue donation and recognize National Donor Sabbath, an interfaith campaign aimed at educating religious communities about organ donation. During the weekend of November 13-15, faith communities in Illinois and across the country recognize National Donor Sabbath. Faith leaders and congregations participate in services and events to show religious support and increase awareness of organ and tissue donation.

White is at podium, pictured from left to right: Kevin Cmunt, CEO Gift of Hope; Ed Young of SGI USA Buddhist Center; Bishop Lance Davis, of the New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton; Rev. Father Chrysanthos Kerkeres, senior priest at St. George Greek Orthodox Church; the Most Reverend Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, representing Archbishop Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; Reem Hobeldin of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago; Pastor Myron McCoy, senior pastor at First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple; Rabbi Michael R. Zedek of Emanuel Congregation of Chicago, a senior rabbi, scholar, teacher and civic activist; S.S. Shiva Singh Khalsa, a Minister of Sikh Dharma International and President of the Spirit Rising Foundation.