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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Region 6
Louisiana, Mississippi
New Mexico, Oklahoma
Texas, Indian Nations

819 Taylor Street Room 8A38
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6177

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Dear Pastor:

From October through December, there are many fun holidays and celebrations. Sadly, the festivities often end with bad decisions – like drinking and driving. Those reckless, dangerous drivers create an increased risk for traffic crashes for themselves and everyone on the road with them. In 2006, **31 percent** of the African American drivers killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes were alcohol-impaired! Please help us reach out to families in our community with life-saving traffic safety messages, starting with your congregation.

You can help by being a voice for traffic safety, sharing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Safety Clergy Kit of safety messages for October through December with your congregation and community.

In this quarter, the messages emphasize safe holiday travel, with important reminders about young drivers, impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, and other suggestions for responsible driving. Plus, you'll find a Sunday school word find activity for teens.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for October - December 2009
- Pastor Notes for a Traffic Safety Sermon Message
- Weekly Safety Reminders
- Sunday School Activity

If you need additional information or other assistance to help promote traffic safety within your church, please contact Ministers Against Crime Regional Diversity Outreach Liaison Luther Perry at 817-978-0661, or visit www.coremessages.com for downloadable versions. Thank you for your efforts to prevent tragedies in your community!

Sincerely,

Georgia S. Chakiris
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