



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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

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Dear Pastor:

Traffic crashes are an ever-present danger in our community, but we are working to make our community a better, safer place. Seat belt use reached an all-time high last year – a great accomplishment – but that does not mean we can rest. Thousands are injured or killed because of traffic crashes each year. In fact, 3,888 African-Americans were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2008 alone.

But there is hope!

You can help shape the decisions your congregation members make behind the wheel by sharing life-saving tips for traffic safety, helping to prevent tragic crashes that kill too many African-Americans every year.

In this quarter, the messages emphasize distracted driving (texting, cell phones), seat belts, child passenger safety, and sharing the road. In addition, you'll find a Sunday school activity to help teach kids to identify driving distractions.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for April - June 2011
- Pastor/Priest 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 817-475-0515, or visit [www.coremessages.com](http://www.coremessages.com) for downloadable versions. Thank you for your efforts to prevent tragedies in your community!

Sincerely,

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