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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

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Dear Pastor:

In the United States, 42,000 people are killed each year in traffic accidents! But there is hope—approximately 1,300 African American lives could be saved if more people would buckle up, and you can help.

Enclosed is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Quarterly African American Traffic Safety Clergy Kit for April through June. We appreciate your continued support in spreading safety messages to your congregation, and by working together we can help reduce traffic crashes.

In this quarter, traffic safety messages highlight teen driving as well as safety belt and child safety seat use. We are also stressing the importance of taking personal responsibility on the roadway, paying particular attention to motorcycles, bicycles, pedestrians, and children.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for April through June 2008
- 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.

Sincerely,

Georgia S. Chakiris
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