

Media Advisory



Attention Beat Reporters, Health Reporters, Religion Reporters and Assignment Editors

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION UNITES FAITH LEADERS

World Interfaith Harmony breakfast with Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Lutheran leaders

WHAT: Most major religions support organ and tissue donation because it can save the life of another and that's the message faith leaders want to disseminate during the inaugural UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. In that spirit, Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) will provide a unique opportunity for journalists to discuss with faith leaders the cultural and religious perspectives as well as myths and stereotypes associated with becoming an organ and tissue donor, when TGLN officially launches a new brochure to address the Hindu community. Trillium Gift of Life Network will also offer an update on its outreach to various other faith communities in Ontario.

WHO:

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Congregation Machzikei Hadas and
Board Chair, Trillium Gift of Life Network

Dr. Budhendranauth Doobay, Vishnu Mandir

Rev. Walter Kelly, Coordinator of the Toronto Police Service Chaplaincy Services

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, Beth Sholom Synagogue

Senior Pastor Derek Mathers, The Church of St. Luke - Lutheran

Dr. Moira McQueen, Director, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

Imam Hamid Slimi, President, Faith of Life Network

Dr. Abdalla Idris Ali, Islamic Society of North America

Dr. Frank Markel, President and CEO, Trillium Gift of Life Network

WHEN: February 3rd, 2011
Interview availability from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Trillium Gift of Life Network
522 University Avenue
Second Floor, Sparling Room
Toronto, ON, M5G 1W7

-30-

CONTACT:

Maryse Bélanger, Media Relations Advisor, Trillium Gift of Life Network
416-619-2363 (office) 416-689-7711 (cell.)
mbelanger@giftoflife.on.ca