

# 45,000 DIE EVERY YEAR DUE TO LACK OF HEALTH INSURANCE

A recent study by Harvard Medical School found that almost 45,000 people die prematurely every year because they do not have health insurance. 4,675 of those untimely deaths occurred in Texas.

As people of faith we continue to remember those who have needlessly died as we work toward achieving healthcare reform that mirrors God's vision of abundant life. The injustice of unnecessary death calls us to promote healthcare reform that is inclusive, affordable, accessible and accountable.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, people of faith from across the nation will come together in a National Day of Remembrance and Hope.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1) If you know someone who has died because they did not have health insurance, you can share their story at **[www.faithfulreform.org](http://www.faithfulreform.org)** so that people across the nation can honor their memory.
- 2) Help children get health insurance now through CHIP and Children's Medicaid. Texas Impact can help set up a training session in your congregation so that you can learn how to help low-income families enroll in these programs. For more information visit **[www.texasimpact.org](http://www.texasimpact.org)**.
- 3) Call your Congressman and tell him or her that you support comprehensive healthcare reform that is inclusive, affordable, accessible and accountable. To find out who represents you, visit **[www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us](http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us)**.