



## Prematurity Awareness Sunday Program Reporting Form

Please complete this form and mail it to your State Z-HOPE Coordinator. Complete one form for each participating church.

Chapter/Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Basileus/Auxiliary President: : \_\_\_\_\_

Z-HOPE Coordinator/Chair: : \_\_\_\_\_

*ZETA PREMATUREITY AWARENESS SUNDAY* Program Chair: : \_\_\_\_\_

(if different than Z-HOPE Coordinator/Chair)

### Chapter/Auxiliary Contact Information:

Address: : \_\_\_\_\_

City: : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Prematurity Program Chair): : \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (Prematurity Program Chair): : \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Information:

Date of Program: : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: : \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: : \_\_\_\_\_

City: : \_\_\_\_\_ State: : \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: : \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: : \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Was *ZETA PREMATUREITY AWARENESS WEEKEND* script read? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Was announcement placed in Church Bulletin or Newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please have a church official sign the following statement:

"Our church participated in the *ZETA PREMATUREITY AWARENESS WEEKEND* event."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Did chapter set up a Prematurity Sunday display or Stork's Nest display? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Comments (Please provide feedback or suggestions for future *ZETA PREMATUREITY AWARENESS WEEKEND* events. Use back of form if necessary.)

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# SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

November is Prematurity Awareness Month. One way for your congregation to participate is to place these announcements in your bulletin each week of the month, or on each page of your monthly newsletter. The March of Dimes Web site, [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com) has additional information to help you to stress the importance of this fight against a national infant health crisis. Be sure to ask for this participation at least eight weeks before you want the announcements to appear.

## SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #1

Premature birth is a national health crisis that must be stopped. Each year, more than half a million babies are born prematurely, and the number is rising. Premature birth affects one out of every eight babies born in the United States. Those numbers are higher for African-American babies, who have a one-in-six chance of being born too soon.

Prematurity is the number one killer of newborns; babies who survive could be disabled for life.

The March of Dimes is leading a national effort to save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the causes and by supporting local programs that offer hope and help to families with a baby in intensive care. For more information, please visit [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com)

During November, help the March of Dimes fight premature birth. Visit **[marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com)** to learn how.

## SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #2

Premature birth is the number one killer of newborns and a major cause of serious health problems. It costs society billions of dollars every year. More than half a million babies are born prematurely every year, and the number's rising. That's why the March of Dimes has designated November as Prematurity Awareness Month. During November, help the March of Dimes fight premature birth. Please visit **[marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com)** to learn how.

## SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #3

During November, Prematurity Awareness Month, the March of Dimes wants women to know that there are steps they can take to reduce their risk of premature birth, which is the number one killer of newborns. One of the best things a woman can do for her baby is to get a medical check up **before** she gets pregnant. If she's healthy, her baby has a better chance of being born healthy and on time. Babies born too early may have serious health problems. During November, and any time, help give all babies their 9 months. Visit **[marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com)** to learn how.

**SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #4**

November is Prematurity Awareness Month because premature birth is the number one killer of newborns. More than half a million babies are born prematurely every year, and the number's rising. During November, or any time, please visit **marchofdimes.com** and take action to help prevent premature birth.

**SAMPLE SCRIPT**

You may use the following short script to share with a congregation. The script can be modified using local information on prematurity. Work with the local chapter of the March of Dimes, local health organizations and hospitals for assistance with prematurity statistics.

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November is Prematurity Awareness Month in America, and this weekend has been designated as Prematurity Awareness Weekend. I want to share with you some of the disturbing facts about premature birth in this country.

Every year, more than half a million babies are born prematurely - that's one in eight babies. Those numbers are even higher among African-American babies, who have a one-in-six chance of being born too soon.

Premature birth is the number one killer of newborns and babies who survive may be disabled for life. Even the best of care cannot always spare a premature baby from lasting disabilities such as cerebral palsy, mental retardation, developmental delays, chronic lung disease or vision and hearing problems.

The March of Dimes is leading a national effort to save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the causes and by supporting local programs that offer hope and help to families with a baby in intensive care. As part of that effort, the March of Dimes wants women to know there are steps they can take to reduce their risk of premature birth. You can learn more by going to the web site, [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com), and clicking on "I want my 9 months."

Remember that November is Prematurity Awareness Month. In November and any time, visit [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com) where you can take action to stop this national health crisis.

Thank you.