

DATE:	SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
NUMBER:	W.5
SUBJECT:	INMATE RELIGIOUS SERVICES
RELATED SECTIONS:	W.1 , W.3 , I.71 , K.8 ; TITLE 15, SEC. 1070 & 1072

PURPOSE

To make religious services available to all inmates on a voluntary basis.

POLICY

Religious services shall be available to all inmates, subject to classification or other security limiting factors.

PROCEDURE

- I. Religious services shall be scheduled by each facility under the coordination of the facility Supervising Correctional Counselor.
 - A. The dates and times of religious services shall be sent to the facility commander.. Notification will be made if the scheduled dates and times change.
 - B. The facility chaplain shall schedule the religious groups to perform weekly religious services in all detention facilities, in coordination with the Supervising Correctional Counselor.
 - C. The Reentry administrative deputy shall screen all religious volunteers for entry into the facilities pursuant to Detention Policy and Procedure Section I.71.
- II. Inmates may request to attend religious services if they so desire.
 - A. Each facility shall develop a procedure for attending the services.
 - B. A staff member shall be designated to screen the list and make a final determination as to who may attend based on the following criteria.
 - 1. The inmates' classification (i.e. security risk, keep separate, protective custody, etc.). Classification levels 5 and 6 will not be able to attend religious services; however, religious services may be held at their cell or module doors.
 - 2. Maximum number allowable per service.
 - 3. Each facility has a different security mission and some limiting physical characteristics which limit some inmates from attending services. Rotation of inmates to have opportunities to attend services is recommended. Chaplains

should visit all areas of our facilities to ensure all inmates' religious needs are met.

- III. Religious services shall be monitored with at least periodic visual checks to ensure the safety of the facility, inmates, and clergy.

There shall be no physical contact (i.e. hugging, kissing, etc.), other than a handshake, and no alcoholic beverages (including wine) shared with the inmates.

- IV. Each facility chaplain and administrative security staff shall periodically review the number of inmate sign-ups to determine the need to add or delete services.

The review report shall be sent to the Religious Services Coordinator. A copy of the report shall be sent to the Reentry Services Manager and facility commander.