

DATE: MAY 11, 2022
NUMBER: W.5
SUBJECT: RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS
RELATED SECTIONS: [W.1](#), [W.3](#), [I.71](#), [K.8](#); TITLE 15, SEC. 1070 & 1072

PURPOSE

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

POLICY

Religious services shall be available to all incarcerated persons, 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 shared with sworn staff. 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. Reentry Services Division (RSD) sworn staff shall screen all religious volunteers for entry into the facilities pursuant to Detention Policy and Procedure Section I.71.
- II. Incarcerated persons 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 incarcerated person's 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. In situations where a facility's unique physical characteristics or security concerns limit some incarcerated persons from attending religious services as a group, access to services shall be rotated to provide all incarcerated persons an

opportunity to attend. Chaplains should visit all areas of our facilities to ensure all incarcerated persons religious needs are met.

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

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

- IV. The chaplain and RSD staff of each facility shall periodically review the number of incarcerated person sign-ups to determine the need to add or delete services.