



Approved Religious Items

The following individual religious items have been approved by the Faith Review Committee and must be purchased through the facility commissary. Any DOC approved religious item that is not regularly stocked by the commissary Contract Vendor will be provided through the Special Order process in Operating Procedure 801.6, *Offender Services*.

Communal religious items may be donated in accordance with Operating Procedure 841.3, *Offender Religious Programs*, or purchased with offender welfare funds. The purchase of communal religious items from the facility commissary is not required.

Amulets/Medallions/Pendants: Offenders are permitted 1-Religious Necklace (Maximum length of 24", either white or yellow colored chain or strap) and 1 Religious Medallion, Amulet, or Pendant (Maximum size of 1 1/2" Diameter) from the list below.

Abracadabra Amulet (Amulet only)	Nation of Gods and Earths Medallion
Allah Medallion	OM Medallion (Black Cord is not approved)
Ankh Pendant	OM Pendant
Atheist "Atom" Pendant	Pentagram Medallion
Buddha Medallion	Pyramid Ankh Amulet (Amulet Only)
Celtic Knot Medallion	Sacred Peace Pendant
Crescent Star Medallion	Saint Christopher Medallion
Cross	Saint Jude Amulet (Amulet only)
Crucifix	Shaman's Pentagram Necklace
Humanist Oval Pendant	Sikh Prayer Medallion
Isis-Framed Eye of Horus Pendant/ Necklace	Star of David
Lion of Judah Medallion	Thors Hammer Medallion or Pendant
Medicine Wheel Pendant	Tree of Life Medallion
Messianic Star	Triquetra Celtic Pendant
Miraculous Medal	Virgin Mary Medallion

Religious Head Coverings: Male Offenders may possess 1Religious Head Covering from the list provided below and female offenders may possess a maximum of 3 Religious Head Scarves. Religious Head Coverings may be worn in accordance with Operating Procedure 802.1, *Offender Property*. Religious Head coverings are subject to search at any time and cannot cover the face.

Crown With Tassel	Males only, Black or White
Crown (Rastafarian)	Black or White, Males Only
Fez (National/Religious Head dress for Moorish American Moslems)	Burgundy, Males Only, Use in Housing Units and Religious Activities only
Religious Head Scarves (3)	48" x48", White or Black, Females only; (Hijabs may be donated from Muslim Chaplain Services of Virginia (MCSVA))
Kufi	Males only, Black or White
Yarmulke	Males only, Black or White

Religious Shawls/Scarfs/Tzitzits: Offenders may possess 1 of the following: (Due to security concerns, prayer shawls/scarfs may not cover





the head unless the offender is praying. Prayer shawls may be worn in the housing unit (shoulders only) and chapel setting, only. Tzitzits may be worn at all times under the shirt, tassels can only displayed in the housing unit and during religious activities.		
Kufiya or Keffiyeh (Muslim Prayer Shawl)	Black or White or a combination of black and white	Males only
Messianic Prayer Shawl	22"x74", white/black with gold trim	Males only
Tzitzit (Tallit Katan)	Black or White only, Fringed , ritual undershirt worn beneath another shirt	Males only
Tallit (Jewish Prayer Shawl)	24"x72"; white with blue or black stripes	Males or Females
Other Personal Religious Property: The following Religious property is approved for offender possession subject to the restrictions below.		
Altar Cloth	1	24"x 24", White or Black only, must be stored in locker when not in use for religious observance.
Beads (Worship/ Prayer)	1	Plastic, Black or White, Maximum 31" in length; size of individual bead must be consistent with security concerns at the facility: Beads are not to be worn as a necklace
Blank Book of Shadows	1	
Dalai Lama Portrait Card	1	4"x6" Maximum size
Prayer Rug	1	48" X 30" Maximum size, must be stored in locker when not in use for religious observance.
Mandala of Avalokitsevara Card	1	4"x6" Maximum size
Medicine Bag	1	No larger than 2.25 inches x 3 inches and strap no longer than 24 inches. May not contain metal, animal parts or any other contents which compromise security or cause health/sanitation issue
Prayer Oil	1	1 oz clear plastic bottle (Sage, Rosemary, Sweet grass, Lemongrass, Cedar wood, Eucalyptus, Sandalwood, Frankincense, Myrrh, Jasmine, Wiccan Ritual oil, Hypo-Genic Prayer oil (generic), Musk)
Religious Calendar/Lunar Calendar	1	In addition to a secular calendar, must resemble traditional calendars, subject to requirements of Personal Property Procedure
Ring of Protection	1	Not an additional piece of jewelry; the limit is one ring; must conform to OP 802.1
Ritual Waters	1	2 oz. maximum, unscented. Must be in a see through plastic container.
Runes	24	Wood or Plastic, No velvet bag, clear plastic bag only to be issued by the facility.
Tarot Cards	1 (Pack) Max.	Should be a Universal Arcana
Well Worn Path Altar Cards	1 (Pack) Max.	
Wiccan Sea Salt	1	
Wooden Plaque (Icon)	1	6" x 8" maximum size, Must be x-rayed before issue (No longer authorized for purchase,





	previously approved items may be retained)
Communal Property: The following religious items are approved for Communal Use only and must be maintained in the designated secured location. Use will be limited to participation in religious activities.	
Baptismal Pool	Must be easily stored.
Blessing Bowl/ Ceremonial Bowl	Wood only, Stored in Chaplain's Office; Communal Use only
Board Game (The Master)	Stored in a secure area as approved by the Chief of Security; Communal Use only
Candle Holders and Candles	Reasonable quantities of candles, matches, and holding devices will be stored in a secure area as approved by the Chief of Security. (See Addendum 2, <i>Candles</i> for additional information.)
Celestial Bell	Small azure green bell size 1 1/2" (h) x 1"(w) lacquered with the image of stars and moons, stored in a secured location with other communal property, communal use only.)
Incense (Buddhist)	Security Level 1, 2, 3 facilities only, must brought in and removed by volunteer/ sponsor daily as needed for ceremonial use. Matches will be stored in a secure area as approved by the Chief of Security.
Integral Yoga Mats	Stored in Recreation Area
Native American Drum	Solid Sioux Style Drum from Crazy Crow (web-site), order number 4572-006-009, size is 9"; usage is communal, storage in the chaplain's area and limited to use with the Native American Pipe Ceremony
Oath Ring	4" Diameter, wood only. For use in Asatru Religious Activities only
Pipe (Traditional Ceremonial Elbow)	10 1/2", Stored in Chaplain's Office; Native American Religious Activities only (See Addendum 3, <i>Native American Ceremonial Pipe Ritual</i> for additional information)
Tobacco	Stored in Chaplain's Office; Native American Religious Activities only
Tefillen/ Phylactery	Stored in Watch Office, 30 minute use Sunday through Friday in Watch Office area only, Group Use only
Universal Flag	Universal Flag (Seven, Sun, Moon, Star); Communal Use only, must be stored in the chaplain's area and limited to use with Nation of Gods and Earths religious activities.
Wiccan Frame Drum and Hand Drum	For communal use in Security Level W, 1, 2, 3 facilities only; must be lightweight with a synthetic head, frame can be no more than 12" and 2" in depth.

