



Approved Religious Items

The Faith Review Committee approved the following individual religious items; Inmates and CCAP probationers/parolees must purchase these items through the facility commissary. The commissary Contract Vendor will provide approved religious items not regularly stocked, through the Special Order process in Operating Procedure 801.6, *Inmate and CCAP Probationer/Parolee Services*.

Organizations may donate communal religious items in accordance with Operating Procedure 841.3, *Inmate and CCAP Probationer/Parolee Religious Programs*, or purchased with inmate and CCAP probationer/parolee welfare funds.

The purchase of communal religious items from the facility commissary is not required.

Amulets/Medallions/Pendants: Inmates and CCAP Probationers/Parolees 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) Allah Medallion Ankh Pendant Atheist "Atom" Pendant Buddha Medallion Celtic Knot Medallion Crescent Star Medallion Cross Crucifix Humanist Oval Pendant Inverted Pentagram Eye of Horus Pendant Lion of Judah Medallion Medicine Wheel Pendant Messianic Star Miraculous Medal	Nation of Gods and Earths Medallion OM Medallion (Black Cord is not approved) OM Pendant Pentagram Medallion Pyramid Ankh Amulet (Amulet Only) Sacred Peace Pendant Saint Christopher Medallion Saint Jude Amulet (Amulet only) Saint Raphael Chain and Pendant Santa Muerte Medallion Scarb/Neter Kherpera Medallion Shaman's Pentagram Necklace Sikh Prayer Medallion Star of David Thors Hammer Medallion or Pendant Tree of Life Medallion Triquetra Celtic Pendant Virgin Mary Medallion
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Religious Head Coverings: Male inmates and CCAP Probationers/Parolees may possess 1 Religious Head Covering from the list provided below and female inmates and CCAP Probationers/Parolees may possess a maximum of 3 Religious Head Scarves. Religious Head Coverings may be worn in accordance with Operating Procedure 802.1, *Inmate and CCAP Probationer/Parolee 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
Long Slinky Beanie Hat (Rastafarian)	Males only, White
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/Tzitzits: Inmates and CCAP Probationers/Parolees may possess 1 of the following: (Due to security concerns, prayer shawls may not cover the head unless the inmate or probationer/parolee 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)	47"x47", 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 inmate 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.
Bamboo Cup (Druidry, Wicca, Asatru)	3	For ritual work-holding water, limited to 2.16"(w) x2.56" (h), Security Levels W, 1, 2, and 3 only.
Negel Vasser	1	Security Level W-3 only, Soft collapsible plastic cup and bowl must be purchased through the commissary.
Beads (Worship/ Prayer)	1	Plastic, Black or White, Maximum 31" in length; size of individual bead must be no larger than 4 mm. Beads are not to be worn as a necklace.
Celestial Bell	1	Small azure green bell size 1 1/2" (h) x 1"(w) lacquered with the image of stars and moons. Must be used only during waking hours while conducting morning and evening rituals; bell must be stored in locker at all other times.
Muslim Prayer Beads	1	33-bead count only
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.
Meditation/Rune Casting Rug/Cloth (Asatru)	1	32" x 32", black with yellow runes, green border, and yellow medallions on the corners
Mandala of Avalokitsevara Card	1	4"x6" Maximum size





Medicine Bag	1	No larger than 2.25" x 3" with a strap no longer than 24". May not contain metal, animal parts or any other contents which compromise security or cause health/sanitation issue
Oracle Cards	1 (Pack) Max.	Great Oracle of Tehuti; Mahabharata Oracle; Greek Mythology Reading Cards (Oracle) Cards
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, Pol Red 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. The Rider-Waite tarot; Hanson-Roberts tarot; Tarot of the Cat People; Brotherhood of Light-Egyptian Tarot; Book of Thot (Egyptian Tarot Card) by Aleistar Crowley
Tea Light Candle (Plastic)	1	Plastic, Battery operated, size: 1-1/2" (d) x 1-1/5" (w) x 1.4" (h); inoperable plastic candle must be exchanged to receive a replacement through Chaplain.
Well Worn Path Altar Cards	1 (Pack) Max.	
Wiccan Sea Salt	1	
Natural Pencil (Druidry, Wicca, Asatru)	1	For ritual work, removal of erases and metal is permitted, Security Levels W, 1, 2, and 3 only.
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.)	
Bodhran Drum with Playing Stick	For communal use in Security Level W, 1, 2, 3 facilities only. Drum has a wood frame and animal skin head and can be no more than 14" (w) and 2" in depth. (SKU #445005000000080 on www.musiciansfriend.com)	
Incense (Buddhist, Pagan)	Security Level 1, 2, 3 facilities only, must brought in and removed by volunteer/ sponsor daily as needed	





	for ceremonial use. Approved Pagan scents: Cinnamon, Dragon’s Blood, Lavendar, White Sage Matches will be stored in a secure area as approved by the Chief of Security.
Integral Yoga Mats	Stored in Recreation Area
Lulav and Etrog (Palm, Willow, Myrtle branches and Etrog (citrus type fruit))	Communal use only, Donations approved from an authorized Jewish organization, i.e., The Aleph Institute, etc. The Jewish organization will coordinate the donation with the GraceInside Religious Advisor at VADOC headquarters, who will work with the facilities for which a Jewish organization has identified for a donation. The institutional IPM is to be the recipient of the Lulav and Etrog and the item is to be stored in a cool space. Inmates are to hold and wave the Lulav and Etrog at the Sukkot service, Day 1 and 2, and be disposed of after the service on day 2.
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 ½”, 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.
Wood Wand (Wicca)	Communal use only, Ash or Maple wood, no longer than 15” in length, must be stored in a secured location with other communal property.

