

# Religious Programming Issues in Jails

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The allowance of the practice of religious beliefs of all recognized religions is required in today's jails. This training is designed to examine the role, benefits, and issues of religious programming, as well as the religious rights of inmates. Topics of discussion will include: specific types of religions, their beliefs, diets, clothing requirements, how religious diets affect kitchen operations, educating administrators and other employees about the issues, religious legal issues and lawsuits, donation of literature, volunteer screening and orientations, holding services, safety and security issues, and jail house conversions.

**Participants can apply 18 points toward the Certified Jail Manager Program.**

**CEUs will be available through Fort Hays State University.**

**College credit for this seminar is available for those enrolled in FHSU's online degree program.**

**Who Should Participate?** Sheriffs, jail administrators, managers, inmate and/or staff chaplains, jail staff responsible for program development and implementation, volunteer coordinators, and line deputies.

**At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:**

- Understand the religious rights of inmates
- Learn how to deal with the effects religious requirements have on jail operations
- Understand specific types of religions
- Create and implement programs which meet legal criteria
- Develop ways to solve safety and security issues
- Recognize implications of jail house conversions
- Differentiate between Muslim and the Nation of Islam

## **Expert Instructors:**

**Carrie Hill, Esq.** is an attorney at law and consultant residing in Maple Grove, Minnesota. From 1989 to 1992, Carrie served as general counsel for the Utah Department of Corrections under two different administrations. While employed as General Counsel, she took the lead on several high profile cases that came out of that department. Prior to that, Carrie worked in the office of the General Counsel in other capacities for four years.

**Anthony Callisto Jr., CJM**, is a Certified Jail Manager and the chief deputy for the custody department of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office in Syracuse, New York. Anthony has an extensive background in jail management and operations, incident investigation, inmate transportation, court security, and new jail transition. He is responsible for the overall management of the operation of the Onondaga County Justice Center. Anthony has provided training and technical assistance to corrections and law enforcement agencies nationally and internationally and is an adjunct instructor for criminal justice at Columbia College. He is the president elect of the American Jail Association.

**Douglas L. Sexton** is the Pastor of Bellewood Baptist Church in North Syracuse, New York. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville where he received a B.S. degree in history. Rev. Sexton received the Master of Divinity degree from The Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. From 1996 to the present Rev. Sexton has served as the Adjunct Professor of Religion at Columbia College in Syracuse, New York. Among the courses he annually teaches are Religion and Human Experience, Comparative Religion, The Bible as Literature, and two Church History courses.

*This training seminar will be conducted at the hotel listed below.*

## **Hotel Accommodations:**

*AJA has arranged a special rate with:*

### **Silver Legacy Resort**

407 North Virginia, Reno, NV 89505

**Room rates: \$48.00 S/D occupancy (Sun.–Thurs.)**

**\$99.00 S/D occupancy (Fri.–Sat.)**

*(Plus 13.5% sales tax)*

**1-800-687-8733 or 775-329-4777**

To reserve a room, contact the hotel directly. To be guaranteed a room, make hotel reservations no later than **December 26, 2003**. To obtain the *special rate*, mention the American Jail Association when making reservations.