

STATE OF MARYLAND

**Department of Public Safety
and Correctional Services**



PATUXENT INSTITUTION

Directive

PID # 140-3

DATE: September 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Religious Activities

TITLE: Inmate Led Activities

- I. REFERENCE: COMAR 12.12.17
- II. PURPOSE: To establish procedures for inmate contributions to the conduct of worship services, religious education groups, holy day observances and special programs.
- III. APPLICABLE TO: Patuxent Institution
- IV. PROCEDURE:
 - A. Inmates are authorized to lead congregative religious activities as sanctioned in PID 140-4, Providers of Group Services and Activities.
 - B. No inmate, including an activity leader within a religious group, shall have any authority over other inmates in the group.
 - C. Staff shall monitor inmate led activities to ensure that inmates adhere to Patuxent Institution Directives and any other rules and regulations governing inmate conduct.
 - D. The warden shall retain the authority to remove an inmate activity leader if the leader assumes authority over other inmates or encourages acts of violence or violation of regulations.
 - E. Where possible, the warden shall advise external religious authorities of this action.
 - F. No religious group may assume a paramilitary structure.
 - G. No inmate shall act in the capacity of correctional officer, sentry, sergeant-at-arms, or in any capacity suggesting a security function or the enforcement of behavior or rules.

V. Rescissions: None



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