

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

	POLICY NUMBER: 5.06.03-1	EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1987	PAGE 1 OF 2
	REPEALS: N/A	DIRECTOR:	
SECTION: ADULT SERVICES' PROGRAMS		SUBJECT: INMATE REQUESTS FOR CONTACT WITH CLERGY REPRESENTATIVES	

I. **AUTHORITY:**

R.I.G.L. 42-56-10 (v) Powers of the Director, R.I.G.L. 42-56-4 Administrative Procedures Act; Administrative Policy Statement 1.00.01; 1.02.03-1.

II. **PURPOSE:**

To assure that all inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections shall have personal contact with clergy representative of their faiths upon request.

III. **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections to insure that all inmates shall be able to have personal contact with clergy representative of their faith upon request. Only the need to insure the security and orderly running of the institution shall temper this policy.

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IV. DISCUSSION:

- A. An inmate may, at any reasonable time, make a request to have personal contact with a clergy representative of his faith.
 - 1. The inmate's request shall be presented to the Associate Director of the facility or his designee who shall then make arrangements for the clergy to visit.
 - 2. Any member of the clergy, with proper identification, may visit an inmate at the A.C.I. when requested by the inmate.

- B. A member of the clergy, with proper identification, may make an initial visit with an inmate at the A.C.I. upon identifying himself/herself as the inmate's pastor, family pastor, or friend/counselor of the inmate's family.
 - 1. Any succeeding visits by said clergy shall be carried out by having the clergy's name transmitted to the inmate's visiting list.
 - 2. Clergy will then subscribe to regular visiting format unless adhering to conditions governing "Inmate's Request" as discussed in IV, A. of this policy.

- C. Each Associate Director or his designee shall assure that the proper arrangements are set in place to assure implementation of this policy.