

**RELIGIOUS ENDORSEMENT FOR CHAPLAINCY**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS**

To: **Chaplaincy Services Branch  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
400 First Street N.W. Washington, D.C.  
20534**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>SSN</b>	

**Religious Affiliation**

**ENDORSEMENT** is defined as "an affirmation by a denomination, religious body or faith group that a person is or will be performing a valid ministry consistent with the faith community granting endorsement and has presented evidence of having the special education, experience and skills necessary to perform that ministry in a correctional setting."

**I hereby assert that this endorsing agency does not espouse racial separatism, domestic and/or foreign terrorism, or advocate violence of any type.**

**I hereby certify that the above named applicant:**

- Is a fully qualified member in good standing of the clergy of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(Religious Ordaining Body).
- To the best of my knowledge there is no legal, moral, or ecclesiastical barrier to congregational ministry.  
**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Has held an official, ecclesiastical relationship with this endorsing body for a minimum of two years.  
List years: \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Is qualified, in the judgement of this religious body, to represent it in this specialized ministry.  
**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Is mature enough in his/her own faith to minister to persons of all faiths (including coordination of programs and supervision of inmate groups) without compromising or projecting personal beliefs.  
**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Is fully eligible and available for a pastoral appointment within the endorsing faith group. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Is authorized by the endorsing body for secular work and ministry on the weekly day of religious observance and traditional holy days. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

The candidate possesses specific ministerial gifts which are suited for correctional ministry (Please comment in narrative form on reverse side).

**I, therefore, endorse him/her for employment in the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a full-time chaplain.**

Endorser Signature	Endorsing Agency
Typed Name	Address
Daytime Phone	