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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR
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DIRECTOR, RESERVE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL, U. S.
COAST GUARD
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER

SUBJECT: Faith and Belief Codes for Reporting Personnel Data of Service Members

The Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB) reviewed the Department's recognized faith groups and has recommended expanding this list of faith groups to better align with the language and intent of section 533, "Protection of rights of conscience of members of the Armed Forces and chaplains of such members," of Public Law 112-239, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013." The AFCB recommended adding new faith and belief groups to standardize and better identify religious preferences recognized by the Military Services. The AFCB asserts that these changes to identify the expanded faiths and beliefs will better assist the Department and the Military Services religious support planning by:

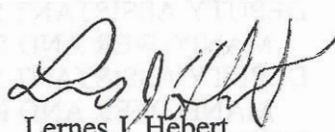
- Accurately tracking more faith and belief systems, providing more accurate demographic data for religious groups;
- Enabling better planning for religious support to the force; and
- Providing a better assessment of the capabilities and requirements of each Military Service's Chaplain Corps.

The AFCB requested these additional faiths and beliefs be incorporated into the Faith Group codes and provided to the Military Services so the Active and Reserve Components may begin reporting the expanded collection of Faith Group Codes before these changes are promulgated in Department issuances to report personnel data. The new Faith Group coding is detailed in the attachment. The current title "Faith Group Code" will be changed to "Faith and Belief Code" in the Department's personnel reporting requirements. These changes to Faith Group Code will be incorporated in Department of Defense Instruction 1335.05, and Enclosure 5, Department of Defense Manual (DoDM) 1336.05 for the Active Components and Volume 1, DoDM 7730.54, and Enclosure 5, Volume 2, DoDM 7730.54 for the Reserve Components with the next reissuance of these instructions and manuals.

The attached Faith Group Code table supports the existing code structure with additional codes for the new faiths and beliefs. These changes are provided so the Active and Reserve

Components may begin reporting these new codes voluntarily subject to the current capabilities in your reporting of personnel data to the Defense Manpower Data Center.

Thank you for your support in this important requirement stemming from requirements in public law and your support for ensuring the personnel data reported to the Department are accurate and timely. My point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. David Perich, 703-693-2238.



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Attachment:
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This will replace Enclosure 5, DoD Manual 1336.05 and Enclosure 5, Volume 2 DoD Manual 7730.54 to:

FAITH GROUP CODE

The name of a sector, or group, of individuals having similar theological beliefs.

Table 5: Faith Group Codes

Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
A1	Protestant Episcopal Church	20170331	
A2	Independent Baptist Bible Mission	20170331	
A3	Baptist Bible Fellowship	20170331	
A4	Ohio Yearly Meeting Of Friends	20170331	
A5	Kansas Yearly Meeting Of Friends	20170331	
A6	Anglican Orthodox Church	20170331	
A7	Messianic	20170331	
AC	Advent Christian Church		
AD	Eckankar	20170331	
AF	American Council Christian Church	20170331	
AH	Heathen	20170331	
AJ	Jehovah's Witnesses		
AK	Korean Evangelical Church Of America	20170331	
AM	Christian Crusade	20170331	
AN	Native American		
AO	Brethren In Christ Fellowship	20170331	
AQ	Presbyterian Council For Chaplains And Military Personnel	20170331	
AR	American Baptist Convention	20170331	
AS	Seventh Day Adventists		
AT	Baptist General Conference	20170331	
AV	Adventist Churches		
AX	Bible Presbyterian Church	20170331	
AY	Church Of The Spiral Tree	20170331	
B1	Southern Methodist Church	20170331	
B2	Reformed Churches	20170331	
B3	Grace Gospel Fellowship	20170331	
B4	American Baptist Association	20170331	
B5	Congregational Methodist Church	20170331	
B6	Conservative Baptist Association Of America	20170331	
B7	General Conference of the Swedenborgian Church	20170331	
B9	Association Of Free Lutheran Congregations	20170331	
BA	American Baptist Churches In USA		
BB	Baptist Churches		
BC	Southern Baptist Convention		
BE	Armenian Apostolic	20170331	
BF	Free Will Baptist Churches, Other		
BG	General Association Of General Baptists		
BH	Fundamental Methodist Church Inc.	20170331	

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Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
BI	United Presbyterian Church In The USA	20170331	
BM	National Association Of Evangelicals	20170331	
BN	National Baptist Convention Of America		
BP	Progressive National Baptist Convention		
BR	General Association Of Regular Baptist Churches		
BS	Community Of Christ	20170331	
BT	American Baptist Conference		
BU	National Baptist Convention USA Inc.		
BV	Other Religions	20170331	
BY	Antiochian Orthodox Christian	20170331	
C2	Independent Baptist Churches	20170331	
C3	United Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod	20170331	
C4	Methodist Episcopal Church	20170331	
C6	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	20170331	
C7	Baptist General Convention Of Texas	20170331	
C9	Methodist Protestant Church	20170331	
CB	Primitive Methodist Church	20170331	
CC	Catholic Churches, Other		
CF	Evangelical Church Alliance	20170331	
CL	Christian Reformed Church	20170331	
CO	North American Baptist Conference	20170331	
CP	Bible Churches Chaplaincy	20170331	
CR	Roman Catholic Church		
CU	Elim Fellowship	20170331	
CV	Liberty Baptist Fellowship	20170331	
CX	Free Will Baptist, NC State Convention	20170331	
CY	Pentecostal Churches Of God Of America, Inc.	20170331	
D1	Reformed Judaism	20170331	
D2	United Christian Church	20170331	
D3	Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Conference	20170331	
D4	Conservative Judaism	20170331	
D6	American Lutheran Church	20170331	
D7	Evangelical Methodist Church Of America	20170331	
D9	Evangelical Covenant Church In America	20170331	
DA	Troth	20170331	
DB	Greek Orthodox Church	20170331	
DC	Rosicrucianism	20170331	
DG	Association Of Evangelical Lutheran Churches	20170331	
DJ	Church Of God	20170331	
DK	Dian Wi (Dianic Wicca)	20170331	
DL	Church Of Jesus Christ-Latter Day Saint		
DM	Orthodox Presbyterian Church	20170331	
DP	Sacred Well Congregation	20170331	
DQ	Full Gospel Pentecostal Association	20170331	
DR	Reorganized Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints		
DS	Church Of Living God International	20170331	

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Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
DT	Orthodox Judaism	20170331	
DU	Druid	20170331	
DV	Presbyterian Churches	20170331	
DW	Deism	20170331	
DY	Church Of God In North America	20170331	
E1	Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod	20170331	
E3	Sikh	20170331	
E8	Reformed Church In The USA	20170331	
EA	Anglican Catholic Church		
EB	Missionary Church	20170331	
EC	Episcopal Church		
ED	Independent Lutheran Churches	20170331	
EE	Episcopal/Anglican Churches, Others		
EF	Evangelical Methodist Church	20170331	
EG	Elim Missionary Assemblies	20170331	
EI	General Conference Of The Brethren Church	20170331	
EJ	American Baptist Churches	20170331	
EK	Missionary Church Association	20170331	
EL	Anglican Church in North America	20170331	
EM	Independent Assemblies Of God	20170331	
EN	Evangelical Friends Alliance	20170331	
EP	National Association Of Congregational Christian Church	20170331	
ER	Reformed Episcopal Church		
ES	Seventh Day Baptist General Conference	20170331	
ET	Evangelical Congregational Church	20170331	
EU	Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches (CFGC)	20170331	
EW	Church Of The United Brethren Christ	20170331	
EX	Fellowship Of Grace Brethren Church	20170331	
EZ	Communion Of Evangelical Episcopal Churches	20170331	
F3	Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod	20170331	
F4	Southwide Baptist Fellowship	20170331	
F5	Lutheran Church In America	20170331	
F6	Central Bible Church	20170331	
F8	Baptist Missionary Association Of America	20170331	
F9	Anglican Church In America	20170331	
FA	Independent Churches Affiliated		
FB	Independent Fundamental Bible Churches		
FC	Independent Fundamental Churches Of America		
FD	Gard Wi (Gardnerian Wicca)	20170331	
FE	World Baptist Fellowship	20170331	
FF	Fundamentalist Churches, Other		
FG	Associated Gospel Churches		
FI	Lutheran Council In The USA	20170331	
FN	Evangelical Church Of North America	20170331	
FO	International Communion Of The Charismatic Episcopalian Church	20170331	

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Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
FP	Kingsway Fellowship	20170331	
FQ	Shaman	20170331	
FR	Militant Fundamental Bible Church	20170331	
FT	Fundamental Bible Churches	20170331	
FV	Seax Wi (Seax Wicca)	20170331	
FW	Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	20170331	
FX	National Association Of Free Will Baptists	20170331	
FY	Asatru	20170331	
FZ	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	20170331	
G3	Pagan	20170331	
G5	Humanist	20170331	
G6	Full Gospel Fellowship Church/Ministries International	20170331	
GC	Christian Church and Churches Of Christ		
GE	Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)		
GG	Restoration Churches, Other		
GT	Tioga River Christian Conference (Removed)		20170331
GX	Church Of Christ		
HA	Church Of God (Anderson IN)		
HC	Churches Of Christ in Christian Union		
HH	Holiness Churches, Other		
HN	Church Of The Nazarene		
HS	Salvation Army		
II	Islam		
JJ	Judaism		
KB	Buddhism		
KF	Baha'i		
KH	Hindu		
KK	Eastern Religions, Other		
LE	Evangelical Lutheran Church In America		
LL	Lutheran Churches, Other		
LM	Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod		
MC	Christian Methodist Episcopal Church		
ME	African Methodist Episcopal Church		
MJ	Union Messianic Jewish Congregations		
MM	Methodist Churches, Other		
MN	Free Methodist Church Of North America		
MR	Moravian Churches		
MU	United Methodist Church		
MW	Wesleyan Church		
MZ	African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church		
NC	Christian, No Denominational Preference		
NO	No Religious Preference (Removed)		20170331
OE	Eastern Orthodox Churches		
OO	Orthodox Churches, Other		
PA	Assemblies Of God		
PC	Church Of God In Christ		

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Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
PD	Full Gospel		
PF	International Church Of The Foursquare Gospel		
PG	Church Of God Of Prophecy		
PH	Pentecostal Holiness Church		
PJ	Pentecostal Church of God		
PP	Pentecostal Churches, Other		
PS	Open Bible Standard Churches Inc.		
PT	Church Of God (Cleveland TN)		
PU	United Pentecostal Church International		
QB	Brethren Church		
QF	Friends (Quakers)		
QQ	European Free Churches, Other		
QS	Schwenkfelder Churches		
RB	Cumberland Presbyterian Church		
RC	Congregational Churches		
RD	Christian Reformed Church in North America		
RF	Reformed Church in America		
RG	Churches Of God General Conference		
RI	Presbyterian Church In America		
RP	Presbyterian Church (USA)		
RR	Reformed And Presbyterian Churches, Other		
RU	United Church Of Christ		
SC	Christian Science (1st Church Christ Scientist)		
TN	Protestant, no denominational preference (Removed)		20170331
TO	Protestant, other churches (Removed)		20170331
UU	Unitarian Universalist		
VA	Asbury Bible Churches		
VB	Plymouth Brethren		
VE	Evangelical Covenant Church		
VF	Evangelical Free Church Of America		
VM	Christian And Missionary Alliance		
VP	Bible Protestant Church		
VV	Evangelical Churches Other		
WW	Not Applicable (Removed)		20170331
XC	Iglesia Ni Christo		
XJ	Churches Of The New Jerusalem		
XN	New Age Churches		
XX	Unclassified Religions		
YW	Wicca		
YY	Magick And Spiritualist		
ZA	Atheist		
ZB	Agnostic		
ZW	No Preference	20170331	
ZX	No Religion	20170331	
ZY	None Provided	20170331	
ZZ	Unknown		

