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Preface

The Chaplain Corps is the Army's primary agency for practically ensuring the free exercise of religion for America's soldiers. This responsibility also applies to the Chaplain Corps' religious support to Army family members, Department of Army (DA) civilians, and other authorized personnel. The Chaplain Corps ensures free exercise of religion by executing the command religious programs of Army commanders.

PURPOSE

FM 1-05 establishes the Army's definitive doctrine for the execution of comprehensive religious support across the full spectrum of operations. It is founded upon the Army's operational doctrine articulated in FM 3-0 and FM 101-5 and other supporting documents. FM 1-05 is compatible with the joint religious support doctrine contained in JP 1-05. This doctrine pronounces that the personal delivery of religious support is the primary focus of the Chaplain Corps and places greater emphasis on the chaplain's role as an advisor to the commander. It takes into account emerging technology, possesses a broader focus on religious support at echelons above brigade, and speaks clearly to the interface between religious support operations and civil military operations. It is the authoritative, but not prescriptive, guide to the missions, roles, responsibilities, and duties the Chaplain Corps must execute to deliver comprehensive religious support.

APPLICABILITY

FM 1-05 provides guidance to commanders at all echelons responsible for providing command religious support programs to their units and organizations, as well as, to Chaplains, Chaplain Assistants and other personnel responsible to plan, prepare, and provide religious support to The Army. This guidance is the principle tool for professional education in the art of religious support operations. Trainers at all echelons should employ it as the authoritative guide for the planning and execution of religious support training. For overseas theaters, this doctrine applies to U.S. unilateral operations only, subject to applicable host nation laws and agreements.

USER INFORMATION

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Unless this publication states otherwise, masculine nouns and pronouns do not refer exclusively to men.

Chapter 1

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT FUNDAMENTALS

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution reinforced by Title 10 U.S. Code (USC) and Army Regulation (AR) 165-1, guarantees every American the right to the free exercise of religion. Commanders are responsible for those religious freedoms within their command. On behalf of the commander, Chaplains provide and perform Religious Support (RS) in the Army to ensure the free exercise of religion. Chaplains are obligated to provide for those religious services or practices that they cannot personally perform. Chaplains perform religious support when their actions are in accordance with the tenets or beliefs of their faith group. Chaplain assistants assist the chaplain in providing or performing this religious support. Religious support includes—

- Religious services.
- Rites.
- Sacraments.
- Ordinances.
- Pastoral care.
- Religious education.
- Family life ministry.
- Institutional ministry.
- Professional support to the command and staff.
- Management and administration.
- Religious/humanitarian support.
- Religious support planning/operations and religious support training.

1-1. The Chaplain's statutory (10 USC) and regulatory (AR 165-1) understanding of religious support includes—

- Provide and/or perform worship services, rites, sacraments, ordinances, pastoral and spiritual care and religious education to nurture the living, care for the dying, and honor the dead.

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