



- ◆ Refrain from using sacred texts (i.e., the Bible, Quran, Torah) to address sexual orientation, including Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Queer lifestyles.
- ◆ Refrain from using prayers that “deliver” or “release” someone from a sexual orientation or lifestyle.
- ◆ Make efforts to align sermons and teachings to facilitate the goals of the agency, especially as it relates to reentry and reducing recidivism.
- ◆ Maintain environmental/situational awareness at all times and not use voice projections in presentations such as yelling, wailing, and shouting that may be misread by custody staff as a cry for help.
- ◆ Refrain from using ministry approaches that may be misconstrued as sexual in nature, such as the laying on of hands, anointing with any substances, and close proximity individual prayer.
- ◆ Aim ministry efforts at enhancing safety and security by sending offenders back to the units in peace, hope and joy, being careful not to stimulate or give rise to judgmental thoughts, attitudes, or discussions that may fuel conflict.
- ◆ Understand that you cannot be on any offender visiting or clergy visit list at the facility where you volunteer. If you are a Pastor, Priest, or Reverend, etc. please be informed that as a DOC VIP you cannot make personal visits to offenders that you know or who are members of your congregation.
- ◆ Understand that your continuing Religious Services V.I.P status is contingent upon attending the annual Religious Services V.I.P training and completing annual background checks.

**I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the following conditions of service with the Connecticut Department of Correction. Further, I, the undersigned, will provide the requested information as part of my application to volunteer with the Connecticut Department of Correction and I agree the information provided on this document is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

