RFI Category and Number:

ASSIGNMENTS – 3 (A3)

RFI Question:

DACOWITS continues to be interested in the career progression of women. The Committee requests a written response from the Air Force, Army, and Navy on the following:

1. *Which denominations do not ordain women?*
2. *Of the denominations that do ordain women, provide data on rank representation by gender.*
3. *Additionally, provide data on the rank representation of men who serve in denominations that do not ordain women.*

RFI Response:

1. *Neither the Navy nor Armed Forces Chaplaincy Board (AFCB) tracks or maintains that data. The DoDI 1304.28 (Guidance for the Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Departments) does not require/decipher which denominations endorse women. (Per the referenced DoDI, 'Endorsement' is defined as "the internal process that religious organizations use when designating Religious Ministry Professionals (RMPs) to represent their religious organizations to the Military Departments and confirm the ability of their RMPs to conduct religious observances or ceremonies in a military context). Additionally, the religious organizations that support military chaplaincy may not necessarily align with the civilian sector in terms of which denominations do or do not ordain women.*

2. *Data regarding women currently endorsed, by a religious organization, on Active Duty:*

Title	LTJG	LT	LCDR	CDR	CAPT	RDML	RADM
General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists United States	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
American Baptist Churches in the USA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baptist Churches	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, INC.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Evangelical Church Alliance	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Fundamental Churches	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Judaism	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jewish Chaplains Council (Jewish Welfare Board)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
African Methodist Episcopal Church	0	4	1	1	0	0	0
United Methodist Church, The	0	3	3	1	0	0	0
Unaffiliated Baptist Churches of America	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assemblies of God, General Council of	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Church of God in Christ, Inc., The	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pentecostal Churches	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reformed Church in America	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Presbyterian Church (USA), The (PCCMP)	0	2	3	0	0	0	1
United Church of Christ	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Unitarian Universalist Association, The	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Evangelical Free Church of America	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pentecostal Church of God, Inc	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Coalition of Spirit-Filled Churches, The	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total **54**	1	29	14	6	3	0	1

3. *Similarly to question #1, we cannot provide rank representation of men who serve in denominations that do not ordain women because neither the Navy nor AFCB maintains information on denominations that do not endorse women.*

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