

Explicitly Religious Activities

based on USDA Policy FD-142

It is acceptable to...	It is <u>unacceptable</u> to...
Have a cross hanging on a wall at the food distribution facility.	Require beneficiaries to stand by the cross and recite a prayer prior to receiving food.
Have a menorah on a table at the food distribution facility during the holiday season.	Refuse food to beneficiaries who do not practice a specific faith.
Have a display stand at the front/back of the food distribution facility that contains faith-based pamphlets for anyone interested.	Insert faith-based pamphlets in bags or boxes when distributing food.
Have a pastor or other religious official assist with the distribution.	Require or encourage beneficiaries to have a religious conversation with the pastor or other religious leader prior to receiving food.
Offer a prayer service in a separate part of the church, not associated with food distribution.	Have a prayer service in the same room and at the same time as the distribution.
Invite beneficiaries to participate in a voluntary prayer before, and clearly separate from, the distribution.	Lead beneficiaries in a prayer at the beginning of the distribution.