



**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:
The Federal Role in Enforcing Religious Freedoms in Prison**

**Friday, May 17, 2024 | Washington, D.C. Expert
Panels: 10:10-3:15 pm ET**

AGENDA

Live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCR/videos>

Introductory Remarks: 10:00 – 10:10 am

Panel 1: Constitutional and Legal Protections: 10:10 am – 11:25 am

- Nelson Tebbe, Jane M.G. Foster Professor of Law at Cornell Law School
- Eric Treene, Senior Counsel, Storzer and Associates & former Special Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice
- Joshua McDaniel, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School & Director of Harvard's Religious Freedom Clinic
- Camille Varone, Associate Counsel, First Liberty Institute
- Nick Reaves, Counsel, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Break: 11:25 – 11:35 am

Panel 2: Religious Leaders and Direct Service Providers: 11:35 am – 12:50 pm

- Reverend Heidi Kugler, Chaplaincy Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Imam Abu Ishaq Abdul Hafiz, Director of Prison Outreach, Islamic Shura Council & retired Chaplain, Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Rabbi Aaron Lipskar, Chief Executive Officer, Aleph Institute
- Father Dustin Feddon, Founder & Executive Director, Joseph House
- Shaykh Rami Nsour, Founding Director, Tayba Foundation
- Amin Eshaiker, Program Manager & Chief Executive Officer, Link Outside

Lunch: 12:50 – 1:50 pm

Panel 3: Prisoners' Religious Rights Advocates: 1:50 pm – 3:05 pm

- Navdeep Singh, Acting Policy Director, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- F. Michael Willis, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
- Colie “Shaka” Long, Program Associate, Prisons and Justice Initiative, Georgetown University
- Heather Rice-Minus, President & Chief Executive Officer, Prison Fellowship
- Catherine Sevcenko, Senior Legal Counsel, The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls
- Barbara A. McGraw, Founding Director, Prison Religion Project and Center for Engaged Religious Pluralism; Professor of Social Ethics, Law, and Public Life, and of Politics, Saint Mary’s College

Closing Remarks: 3:05 – 3:15 pm

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