

# Marcionite Church Announces Religious Accommodation Program Following Pentagon’s ‘Consecrated Warfare’ Declaration

Church protection offered to active duty personnel and those concerned about a draft

**The Pentagon’s Theological Blunder:  
From Conscientious Objection to Religious Accommodation**

How the U.S. government’s religious framing of the Iran war provided a unique legal strategy for exemption.

**THE TRIGGER:  
Consecrating the Conflict**

Psalm 18:  
For overwhelming violence

**Compelled Idolatry.**  
Marcionites view the Torah’s deity as distinct from the “Good Father”.

**March 26, 2026:**  
The Pentagon Prayer. Secretary Hegseth quoted the Torah to officially sanctify the war.

**THE LEGAL PIVOT: CO vs. RA**

**Why “Conscientious Objector” (CO) Fails**

U.S. law requires opposition to all war; Marcionites allow for defensive homeland war.

**Why “Religious Accommodation” (RA) Succeeds**

RFRA protects against participation in *specific* religious acts that violate a person’s faith.

**Comparing Requirements for Exemption**

| Feature     | Conscientious Objector (CO)       | Religious Accommodation (RA)         |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Legal Basis | Military Selective Service Act ✓  | RFRA (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb) ✓          |
| Requirement | Opposition to “war in any form” ✗ | Evidence of a “substantial burden” ✓ |
| Doctrine    | Must be a total pacifist ✗        | Can support defensive homeland war ✓ |

**Washington, D.C, District of Columbia Apr 4, 2026 (Issuewire.com)** - The Central Pontiate of the Marcionite Church has officially launched a Religious Accommodation (RA) program to assist parishioners currently serving in the military or facing a potential draft. This initiative provides legal and theological support for those seeking to opt out of the conflict in Iran, which the church characterizes as an act of “compelled idolatry.”

The program is a direct response to the March 26, 2026, prayer service led by **U.S. Secretary of War Peter Hegseth**. During this service, the Secretary invoked Psalm 18 from the Torah to pray for ‘overwhelming violence,’ an act the church contends has “officially consecrated the war in the name of the deity Yahweh.”

“By using government authority to sanctify this war with Torah scripture, the state has moved beyond secular military action,” the Church stated. *“For a Marcionite, participating in a war blessed by the warlike deity of the Torah is a violation of our most fundamental command: to have no other gods before the Good Father revealed by Jesus.”*

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb et seq., prohibits the government from substantially burdening a person’s exercise of religion unless it uses the least restrictive means to further a compelling governmental interest.



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