

Allegany College of Maryland
STUDENT & LEGAL AFFAIRS

FIRST AMENDMENT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM POLICY
FAITH-BASED / RELIGIOUS PRACTICES
REFLECTION ROOM
+UNITY CENTER

A KEY PRINCIPLE AND MARYLAND MANDATE:

The College will provide dedicated space on the main Cumberland, Maryland campus for individual students and employees to engage in protected religious activity. The entire Religious Freedom Policy can be found online at <https://www.allegany.edu/student-and-legal-affairs/first-amendment.html>

ACM provides two excellent options for students and employees:

- ✚ The **Reflection Room** is a quiet, non-denominational private space available to students and employees who have a recurring or unplanned need for a gentle, calm space for prayer, meditation, personal reflection, holy book study, contemplation, or any other spiritual or personal need. The surroundings and décor are deliberately neutral so any person may feel welcome whatever their beliefs. It can accommodate 2-3 people. It is located in College Center 19 (lower level, next to the Office of Student Affairs) It is open and available to anyone during business hours when the College is open. No reservation is needed. Users may bring their personal faith-based/religious items with them for use; please take them with you when you are finished. (For safety reasons and per the Fire Marshall, no candles or flammable items are permitted. Non-alcoholic beverages are welcome, but no food to respect the dietary observances of some faiths.) **We ask that everyone is courteous to others who have need for the room by cleaning up when you are finished. We ask that everyone is respectful to all persons regardless of their faith/religion/practices – or lack thereof.

Direct any questions or concerns to Dr. Renee Conner, Dean of Student & Legal Affairs at CC-12, (301) 784-5206, or via email at rconner@allegany.edu

- ✚ The **Unity Center** is a multi-purpose room available to students and student groups who have a **planned** need for a large* space. “The **Unity Center’s** mission is to provide a space for multicultural learning opportunities that engage students, faculty and staff in meaningful ways. It serves as an educational space for ACM’s many campus groups and clubs, including its Aspiring Young Mentors (AYM) who use the Center as their headquarters for activities.” See <https://www.allegany.edu/unity-center/> It is located in Humanities 66. **To reserve the Unity Center contact Brenda Mathews** at H-67, (301) 784-5289, or via email at bmathews@allegany.edu.

*It can accommodate approximately 30 people