THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES

POLICY STATEMENT

DATE: **DECEMBER 2003**

POLICY NUMBER: **11**

SUBJECT: **Endorsers or Assistant/Deputy Endorsers Shall Not Hold An Endorsement from DOD**

Endorsing chaplains for military service (active duty, Reserve, National Guard) and approving theological students for chaplain candidate programs, is a process which implies a relationship of mutual trust between religious endorsing bodies and the Department of Defense. Religious bodies endorse persons they deem qualified to represent them, and the military services accept those best qualified from a variety of faith groups to meet assessed needs of military personnel and their families.

In order to maintain this trust, and to avoid the possibility of a conflict of interest, it is NCMAF's policy that an endorser or an Assistant/Deputy endorser shall not hold an endorsement within the Department of Defense.