Religious Denominations or Religions as Subdivisions   H 2015

BACKGROUND: *Provision has been made in numerous instances in the subject authority file for the use of names of individual religions, churches, denominations, etc., as subdivisions under inherently religious headings or under other topical headings with the subdivision* –**Religious aspects,** *as in the following examples of headings from bibliographic records:*

```
650 #0 $a Fasts and feasts $x Buddhism.
650 #0 $a Birth control $x Religious aspects $x Catholic Church.
650 #0 $a Ordination $x Methodist Church.
```

This provision may appear in the subject authority file as a multiple subdivision, for example,

```
150 ## $a Baptism $x Anglican Communion, [Catholic Church, etc.]
150 ## $a Public worship $x Judaism, [Buddhism, etc.]
```

This instruction sheet describes the use of these names as subdivisions and the requirements for assigning additional headings when a heading of this type is assigned. For more information about multiple subdivisions, see sec. 2 below and H 1090.

> *Note: The provisions of this instruction sheet apply only to those situations where the names of religions or denominations are used as <u>subdivisions</u>. Where other currently acceptable patterns exist, such as the use of adjectival qualifiers, each new heading must be established individually according to the established pattern, for example,*
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> ```
> 150 ## $a Lutheran preaching
> 150 ## $a Orthodox Eastern press
> ```

1. General rule.   As necessary in current cataloging, divide inherently religious headings by religions or denominations if they have not yet been divided, rather than by using parenthetical qualifiers. If the heading represents a concept that is not limited to the field of religion, establish the subdivision –**Religious aspects** under the topic, and also establish the subdivision to bring out the specific religion or denomination. For a fuller discussion of the subdivision –**Religious aspects,** see H 1998.

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2. Multiple subdivisions.

As of July 2018, proposals for new multiple subdivisions are not being accepted and individual strings that formerly would have been authorized by a multiple are individually established. Also in 2018, the Policy and Standards Division began a project to separately establish each valid heading string that was created based on a multiple subdivision and to cancel the multiple subdivisions. Multiples that already exist remain valid for use until they have been cancelled. For additional information, see H 1090.

a. Multiple already established.   If an appropriate multiple subdivision has been provided in the subject authority file under the required topic, assign the topic using the name of the pertinent religion or denomination as a free-floating subdivision.

Note: One multiple is normally provided for religions and sects, and a second for individual Christian denominations.   Example:

> *Baptism–Hinduism, [Judaism, etc.]*
> *Baptism–Anglican Communion, [Catholic Church, etc.]*

The multiple for religions and sects does not authorize the use of Christian denominations.   If a denomination is to be used under the topic, a multiple specifically for denominations is required.

*Multiple subdivisions for Christian denominations authorize the use of either corporate name headings for denominations, for example, **Church of England**, or generic subject headings for larger groupings, for example, **Anglican Communion** or **Protestant churches**.*

2. Multiple subdivisions.   *(Continued)*

b.   Multiple not yet established.   In order to subdivide a religious topic for the first time by religions or Christian denominations, establish the full heading string as required for the work being cataloged. *Examples:*

```
150 ## $a [topic] $x Baptists.
150 ## $a [topic] $x Catholic Church.
150 ## $a [topic] $x Buddhism.
150 ## $a [topic] $x Christianity.
```

If a heading has been subdivided in the subject authority file by one or more names without provision for a multiple or an authority record for the specific heading, for example, **Pastoral medicine–Methodist Church,** establish the specific heading as required for the work being cataloged.

3. Assignment of headings.   When any heading is assigned in accordance with the guidelines above, assign as an additional heading the name of the religion or Christian denomination with appropriate topical subdivision, if any.   *Example:*

```
650 #0 $a Ordination $x Catholic Church.
610 20 $a Catholic Church $x Clergy.
```

Do not interpose geographic subdivisions between the topic and the subdivision for religion or denomination.   Assign two headings instead.   *Example:*

```
650 #0 $a Church and state $x Catholic Church.
650 #0 $a Church and state $z Italy.
```

[*not* 650 #0 $a Church and state $z Italy $x Catholic Church.]