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TO: Chancellors
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RE: Guidance on the Display of Christmas Trees and Other Religious Holiday Symbols on Campus

As we begin the winter holiday season, you may be asked to respond to questions about whether it is appropriate to display religious holiday symbols on campus. To help you respond to these questions, we are providing you with guidance on the [*Display of Christmas Trees and Other Religious Holiday Symbols on Campus*](#).¹ This guidance was prepared with the cooperation of the UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee legal offices and is the same advice we shared with you last year.

As emphasized in the document, we continue to urge you to contact our office or your campus legal counsel should any questions arise that are not answered by this guidance.

cc: President Ray Cross
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¹ <https://www.wisconsin.edu/general-counsel/legal-topics/holiday-displays/>