What is the difference between a Religious Emblem Coordinator for all Faiths and a Religious Emblem Counselor for my Faith?

The Religious Emblem Coordinator provides Scouts of all Faiths the information they need and the steps they need to take to start and finish the process of earning their Religious Emblem. They do not instruct the Scout's specific Faith, but provide them with the resources they will need on the path to earn their Religious Emblem.

The Religious Emblem Counselor is the same Faith as the Scout and instructs and guides them through each step of the Religious Emblem book for that Faith. They should be approved by a representative of that Faith, e.g., Pastor, Minister, Rabbi, etc., as qualified to fulfill the role of Religious Emblem Counselor. For younger Scouts who are earning the beginning Religious Emblems, the parents/guardians may fill the role of Religious Emblem Counselor, and do not usually need approval of a representative of their Faith. For older Scouts who are earning the later Religious Emblem, a Counselor is usually required, and the Counselor will need approval of a Faith representative. This is similar to our Scouting programs, where for the beginning ranks, the Scouting programs are more attuned to a Family Scouting Program. As the Scouts get older, they take more responsibility and seek out a Counselor or a trained leader to help them with rank advancement.