

ABOUT COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS LIFE

Community Religious Life (CRL) is a key agenda of MUIS' One Mosque Sector's (OMS) 3-year Plan (2025-2028) under the strategic thrust of building a "Vibrant Community Religious Life", with focus on Youth and Seniors. OMS aims to create transformative worship experiences and facilitate stronger youth and seniors' connection to mosques through evidence-based approaches in determining needs and relevant religious content and services.

2 The CRL framework encompasses four key dimensions: (i) Worship; (ii) Learn; (iii) Guide, and (iv) Connect. Under the 'Guide' and 'Connect' dimensions, OMS will be focusing on the development of Islamic spiritual care and counselling as a key workstream. These dimensions are crucial in ensuring that mosques remain relevant and responsive to contemporary community needs while maintaining their role as spiritual anchors.

3 The Muslim community in Singapore faces increasingly complex socio-emotional challenges requiring specialised Islamic spiritual guidance. These include rising mental health concerns, family-related issues such as divorce and intergenerational conflicts, end-of-life care needs, rehabilitation support for ex-offenders, youth-related challenges, and seniors' isolation. Such challenges necessitate both individual counselling and group support interventions that go beyond traditional Islamic learning classes or general religious consultations. The nature of these issues requires a delicate balance of professional counselling skills and sound Islamic principles.

4 Currently, Mosque Religious Officers (MROs) at several mosques provide spiritual support services across various contexts. Their work spans multiple areas including prison support for inmates and their families, end-of-life care in hospitals and homes, marital counselling for couples, youth mentoring, and senior support programmes. These services form part of the OMS's broader commitment to community well-being under the vision of 'A Cohesive, Connected and Impactful Mosque Sector'.