



ABOUT COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS LIFE

Annex A

Community Religious Life (CRL) is a key agenda under MUIS's One Mosque Sector's (OMS) 8th 3-year Plan (2025-2028), supporting the strategic thrust of building a "Vibrant Community Religious Life". With youths and seniors identified as priority groups, CRL seeks to enrich worship experiences and deepen the community's connection with mosques through religious content and services that respond to evolving needs.

2 The CRL framework encompasses four key dimensions:

- (i) Worship;
- (ii) Learn;
- (iii) Guide, and
- (iv) Connect.

These are supported by the CRL Lifestage Framework, which maps the religious needs of Muslims across different stages of life, from birth to end of life. Under the 'Guide' and 'Connect' dimensions, OMS is developing Islamic spiritual care and guidance to ensure mosques remain responsive to contemporary needs while continuing to serve as spiritual anchors for the community.

3 This work responds to increasingly complex socio-emotional and spiritual needs within the Muslim community, including family and relationship issues, mental well-being, end-of-life and bereavement support, rehabilitation, youth development and social isolation among seniors. Youth may also seek guidance on faith, identity, relationships, caregiving and other life transitions, while seniors may require greater spiritual support in navigating illness, dependency, grief, and end-of-life matters. Addressing these needs require appropriate spiritual care and guidance grounded in sound Islamic principles, alongside relevant counselling and referral competencies.



4 Mosque Religious Officers at several mosques currently provide spiritual support in areas such as inmate and family support, end-of-life care, marital counselling, youth mentoring and senior support. To build on these efforts, OMS has established the Religious Content and Guidance (RCG) unit and the District Office of Mufti Associates (DOMA) to enhance religious guidance and support across the mosque sector. OMS is also developing capabilities among asatizah in areas such as triage and referral, alongside clearer development pathways for spiritual care providers. These efforts support OMS' broader vision of 'A Cohesive, Connected and Impactful Mosque Sector'.