



# MORSL Multifaitth Network Terms of Reference

Created: August 7, 2018  
Last updated: August 8p, 2018  
Author: Carlene Gardner, Director

## Background

As a proud member of Student Services, MORSL previously had an advisory board composed of students and staff, whose role was to provide feedback on MORSL's activities, policies and future direction. In addition to this advisory board, MORSL also maintained a committee of non student 'chaplains' (volunteer clergy or elders from various faith traditions) who also had a role in providing feedback on MORSL's activity. To add to this structure, MORSL had additional categories of volunteers: a group of non student faith liaisons (volunteer clergy or elders from various faith traditions) and a few student peer faith liaisons, recruited through MORSL or through Campus Life & Engagement. Finally, MORSL traditionally hired several work study student casual employees each year, and the student staff were also a great source of input for

### MORSL Staff

MORSL's incumbent Director is automatically part of the MORSL Multifaiih Network, as is the Administrative Coordinator. Since MORSL intends to continue its practice of hiring student casual staff, these students shall be invited as appropriate, where the activity relates to their work area.

### Faith Volunteers (Non Students)

MORSL is responsible for vetting non student faith volunteers through its own internal processes. Faith volunteers may be clergy, elders, campus ministers, or other senior members of a religious or spiritual tradition who have been sponsored by their community and accepted by MORSL. Each faith volunteer shall be invited to participate in the MORSL Multifaiih Network. Participation is optional but strongly recommended as there are great benefits and opportunities for the faith volunteers.

### Peer Faith Volunteers (Students)

MORSL is responsible for vetting student peer faith volunteers through its own internal processes. Student peer faith volunteers may be recruited by MORSL or through Campus Life & Engagement's volunteer programs. It has proven to be valuable for students to have a peer with whom they can discuss matters of faith, and MORSL hopes to continue to grow the peer faith volunteer roster. Once accepted by MORSL, each peer faith volunteer shall be invited to participate in the MORSL Multifaiih Network. Participation is optional but strongly recommended as there are great benefits and opportunities for the faith volunteers.

### Campus Partners

Examples include the Religious Studies undergraduate and graduate societies, the McGill Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council (MISSC) and WIMESSA World Islamic and Middle Eastern Student Association, etc.

## Functioning

As noted in the Purpose section of this document, the MORSL Multifaitth Network operates in an advisory capacity only. This means that there is no need to establish voting procedures, quorum, or other mechanisms that are typically used in groups charged with making binding decisions. Our purpose is to gather feedback and share information, which does not require formal mechanisms. This section outlines the general functioning of the MORSL Multifaitth Network for the purpose of helping its Members understand what to expect.

## Meeting Frequency

The MORSL Multifaitth Network shall meet at least once a year, with the goal of three in person meetings: beginning of Fall, Winter, and Summer terms. Meetings shall take place on or close to the downtown McGill campus, depending on the number of participants and the space needed.

For each meeting, the Director shall set an agenda including:

- Key initiatives where MORSL is requesting feedback (activities, policies, future directions)
- Opportunity for Members to share news, events, plans with the group
- Opportunity for Members to solicit ad hoc collaboration with MORSL or any/all Members of the Network

## Reporting

The Administrative Coordinator shall be responsible for capturing feedback (meeting minutes) and producing a summary report of each meeting. Feedback will be consolidated and presented in such a way as to be anonymous, i.e. the reader cannot identify the group or individual associated with the feedback. The report will be available to Members. MORSL will use the data in the report in its planning process. MORSL may share the content of report in part or in full, as well as other internal documents generated based on its content, with the Executive Director of Student Services.

## Ongoing Communications

In addition to in person meetings, MORSL shall invite all members of the network to subscribe to its newsletter or other means of communication (e.g. social media, list serv § v cotG