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IMMIGRATION DIRECTORATES' INSTRUCTIONS

**CHAPTER 5
SECTION 6**

ANNEX S

**MINISTERS OF RELIGION, MISSIONARIES
AND MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS**

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES APPROPRIATE TO A MINISTER OF RELIGION,
ADDITIONAL TO THE "CORE DUTIES" NOTED IN ANNEX R (ABOVE)**

This Annex provides a list (which is *not* exhaustive) of duties which a minister of religion, especially one serving a largely ethnic minority community, could be expected to perform in *addition* to his "core duties". The list should be consulted in conjunction with *ANNEX Q and ANNEX R*, (above). The actual duties performed will, of course, depend on the size, type and location of the particular congregation, both within a larger city or town and within the United Kingdom as a whole:

- ◆ Leading worship - daily.
- ◆ Leading worship weekly and on special occasions.
- ◆ Running the Supplementary Schools.
- ◆ Religious instruction.
- ◆ Religious education.
- ◆ Mother tongue teaching.
- ◆ Social and Welfare work, as needed.
- ◆ Counselling duties.
- ◆ Administration and general correspondence.
- ◆ Visiting Hospitals and providing Chaplaincy Services.
- ◆ Visiting local schools, as required, for RI lessons.
- ◆ Visiting Prisons and meeting prisoners' needs.
- ◆ Officiating at Births, Marriages and Funerals.
- ◆ Arranging for special services.
- ◆ Servicing and minute-taking at Management/Committee meetings.
- ◆ Recruiting, Training and Co-ordinating the work of Volunteers, Lay Preachers and Supplementary School Teachers.
- ◆ Arranging programmes aimed at Reformation and "Missionary" work, as necessary, for adolescents and other "lapsed" members.

- ◆ Providing emergency "Priest"/Teacher cover at associated places of worship, as and when required.
- ◆ Liaison with community Projects and initiating Fund raising activities, Conferences and Community Meetings.
- ◆ Special Tutorials for those children aiming for academic qualifications in languages and religious subjects.
- ◆ Where appropriate, providing herbalist/homeopathy services for those seeking such guidance and assistance.
- ◆ Caretaker duties for the buildings.
- ◆ Youth Leader for clubs, where appropriate.
- ◆ Marriage Guidance duties.
- ◆ Moral and spiritual guidance.
- ◆ Being available on a full-time basis, at all times, to perform other appropriate duties at the request of the Management Committee.
- ◆ Teaching mother tongue classes, e.g Urdu, Gujarati or Bengali etc. in any place determined by the Management Committee, (eg; at home, or in halls, local authority buildings and supplementary schools).
- ◆ Organising and preaching at evangelistic meetings or gatherings, and ecumenical symposia (usually on a regional basis).
- ◆ Visiting housebound members and others in their homes.
