

ISPU researchers asked American Muslims:
“What would a dynamic, inclusive, and welcoming mosque look like?”



A SENSE OF
COMMUNITY



RELEVANT
PROGRAMMING



CARING & ACCESSIBLE
LEADERSHIP



A PEACEFUL
& PLEASANT
SPACE TO PRAY

What would this look like for women?

1. Women on the Board



Ensures women are represented in leadership and decision-making process as endorsed by the Fiqh Council of North America.

2. Active Women's Committees



That are separate from the board provide an independent voice and means for involvement.

3. Appealing Women's Spaces



That are tastefully decorated and well furnished ensures a comfortable place for worship.

4. Access to the Main Musalla



- Prefer a curtain or a barrier
- Prefer to pray behind or alongside men without a curtain or a barrier

Honors women who prefer this space to perform salah, attend Juma'ah, or participate in lectures and discussions.

Why It Matters



Data show women and men attend mosques in the U.S. in nearly equal rates. Moreover, women (ages 18-29) are more likely than men to say religion is very important to them (75% to 53%).

5. Matched Resources



Attend the Mosque Once a Week or More

Reflects reality of men's and women's attendance.

6. An Accessible Imam



Facilitates women-only sessions to discuss Islamic knowledge.

7. Addressing Relevant Issues



For both men and women shows mosques take seriously the concerns of all attendees.

8. Supporting Activities



For women by means of:

- Finances
- Publicity
- Staff Support