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Dear members of National Council of Churches,

Greetings to you in the most blessed name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ.

I am sure many of you are following the issue of HPB's FAQ with great concern and interest and some may be wondering what NCCS is doing about it.

This is to inform you that we had requested and granted a meeting with Minister Gan Kim Yong, Minister Amy Khor and Mrs. Tan Ching Yee (Prem. Sec. MOH) in the morning of 14 February 2014.

It was a good meeting. Minister Gan assures us that the position of the government on the family (comprising heterosexual couples with children) has not change. They explained the background that leads to the HPB's FAQ which is targeted at a group of individuals engaging in high-risk behaviours to encourage them to come forward, understand the health risks involved and change their behaviours.

We expressed our deep concerns and pointed out that the wordings and tone of the FAQ appeared to have taken a certain slant that seemed to be at odds with the Government's position. As it is widely available to netizens, it may even encourage some to experiment alternate sexual practices, ending with results contrary to HPB's intent.

Minister Gan told us that links and referrals to controversial resources had been removed. HPB will consider all feedback received and take them on board as part of its continual effort to improve its public education efforts and information resources.

We emphasized that in helping the homosexuals, we should not be seen as condoning homosexuality.

Minister Gan is scheduled to answer the Parliamentary question on the issue today (17/2/14). Please pray that his response will judiciously incorporate the input of Christian leaders and others who are concerned about guarding and promoting mainstream societal values.

We have plans to issue a statement within the next two days. We covet your prayers for us as we seek to discern God's will for us in and through this issue.

Yours in God's Service,

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