

## **Statement by the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) on Foreign Interference in the Singapore General Election**

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The National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) is alarmed and deeply concerned by reports of foreign interference in Singapore's General Election. Such interference strikes at the heart of our nation's sovereignty and compromises the integrity of the democratic process.

Foreign interference should not be tolerated under any circumstances. It undermines our sovereignty, threatens national unity, and erodes public trust in our institutions. Singapore must remain vigilant in safeguarding its political independence and social harmony. The Council supports all legitimate efforts by the authorities to address such threats firmly and transparently.

The Council also takes this opportunity to reaffirm its long-standing position that religion and politics must be kept separate. While Christians are called to be salt and light in society (Matthew 5:13-16), our pulpit must never be used for partisan purposes, nor should the Church be aligned with any political ideology or party. Our role is to foster peace, promote moral clarity, and pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

In the midst of these concerns, we are reminded of the abiding presence of God's grace over our nation. We commit the upcoming elections to the Lord in prayer, trusting that he will guide the process and grant wisdom to all involved. May wisdom, justice, and integrity prevail throughout the electoral process and may all Singaporeans exercise their civic duties with discernment and unity.