

Statement by the National Council of Churches of Singapore

21 December 2025

The National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) is deeply concerned by the incident on 21 December at the St Joseph's Church in Bukit Timah, where a suspicious parcel was found on church premises. We are grateful that thorough checks by the Singapore Police Force and specialist units have confirmed that the item was harmless and that no-one was injured as a result of this incident.

While we welcome the reassuring outcome, we unequivocally affirm that any act of mischief, intimidation, or intentional targeting of a place of worship — regardless of intent — is unacceptable in our society. Places of worship are sacred spaces where people of faith gather in peace, reflection and community; they should never be subjected to acts that cause fear or disruption.

Singapore's multi-religious harmony is a precious and hard-won foundation of our social fabric. It depends on mutual respect, understanding, and vigilance against actions that could sow mistrust or division among our diverse communities. We must not tolerate acts of hatred, provocation, or mischief directed at any religious group or institution. Such acts, however small they may appear, have the potential to undermine the peace and harmony we have worked so diligently to build and maintain.

The NCCS stands in solidarity with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore and the parish of St Joseph's Church and reaffirms our commitment to uphold an environment where every community can worship safely and without fear. We also reaffirm our support for continued collaboration with other faith groups to promote mutual respect, interfaith dialogue, and social cohesion.

We call on all communities and individuals to continue to uphold the values of tolerance, respect and care for one another, and may we always remain vigilant to forces that attempt to disrupt the unity and peaceful co-existence in Singapore society.