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Dear Members of St. Andrew's Cathedral,

At his National Day Rally speech on 21 Aug 2022, PM Lee announced the government's decision to repeal Section 377A of the Penal Code, as well as the intention to constitutionally safeguard the institution of marriage between a man and a woman in Singapore. We are thankful for the PM's assurance that the government will protect the definition of marriage from legal challenges.

Following PM's speech, Bishop Titus Chung issued a pastoral letter to our parishioners to state the views and positions of our Diocese on this matter. The National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) also released a statement on behalf of the Protestant church in Singapore. Both are attached for your perusal.

While we wait for this matter to be debated in parliament, what is of foremost importance at this point, is for us to put aside our personal views and opinions, and instead come together as one people united by the blood of Christ, to pray for our national leaders. Pray for God's divine wisdom and guidance, and pray for godly courage to do what is morally right and necessary to protect families and marriages.

As Bishop Titus mentioned, this matter highlighted a glaring gap in our church, in our understanding of marriage and sexuality. To address this, our Christian Education (CE) department, together with our Family Life Ministry (FLM), will be organising dialogue sessions for members to have a better and holistic understanding of marriage and sexuality from a scriptural perspective. Special dialogue sessions specifically for youths will be organised, and resources to aid parents in having meaningful discussions with their young children on the topic of sexuality will also be made available.

Let's unite as one in Christ, as Cathedral continues to uphold the clear truth of Scripture, and minister this truth with love and compassion, to His praise and glory!

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