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To: All LCS Congregations

c.c. LCS ExCo; LCS Co-Workers

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

## **Re: LCS Position on Human Sexuality**

Grace to you and peace from God our Heavenly Father!

Human sexuality is an issue that affects every single human being. In his divine love and will, God has chosen to create us as male and female. In essence, being male and female is by the divine design of our Creator; this fact and the Word of God must guide our view of God's intentions of how our God-given sexuality is to be understood and expressed in the fabric of human life and relationships.

Recently, you may have come across in the news reports about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) installing a transgender as a bishop in one of their synods in USA, and also ordaining and installing other homosexuals as pastors and bishops in the past.

The practice of homosexuality/transgenderism is clearly incompatible with the teachings of the Christian faith. Therefore, we do not condone homosexual/transgender practice and we consider homosexual lifestyle/transgenderism as sinful and unacceptable. However, this does not mean that we reject or despise homosexuals/transgenders. We acknowledge that every person is loved by God and we all live under the grace of God. We pray for their repentance.

The LCS does acknowledge with deep gratitude the ELCA for its pioneering work in the past which contributed immensely to the establishment of the LCS, and many years of generous, loving and fruitful partnership. Still, on the issue of human sexuality our positions clearly differ. Let us pray and intercede for ELCA.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Rev. Lu Guan Hoe Bishop Lutheran Church in Singapore