

Repeal of S377A: Since the announcement by the Prime Minister at the National Day Rally on 21 August that government would take a decision to repeal Section 377A of the Penal Code, the authorities have continued to meet Christian leaders in Singapore. The meetings are held to explain the issues related to the decision as well as to further clarify the processes and safeguards to be implemented. While some among us are still opposed to the repeal of s377A by government, there are Christians who wish to better understand how the assurances by the authorities will fully protect the Institution of Marriage and ensure that traditional Asian values in our society will not be compromised.

The leadership of NCCS have met Cabinet ministers on several occasions and continue to speak on behalf of Christians, such as sharing the deep anxieties of the church in Singapore.

NCCS has also recommended names of pastors and churches to be represented in the numerous small group engagements with Ministers, including smaller churches, and churches beyond its membership. Let us pray for wisdom as we voice our concerns for the future of our nation and commit ourselves to continue working with others to build a more cohesive society.

Greetings from President of IRO: Rev Terry Kee, former Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore and past President of NCCS sends greetings to NCCS in his position as the new President of the Inter-Religious Organisation of Singapore. Here are excerpts of his letter:

“Some of you may have heard or read somewhere that I am now the President of the Inter Religious Organization (IRO) and may wonder what IRO is and why I would give of myself to serve in IRO in midst of my very busy ministry...Through the years, the IRO sought to develop understanding between different faiths. The emphasis is never the harmonisation of faiths but the promotion of friendship among people of different faiths...The Presidency of IRO is on a rotational basis with each Faith’s representative serving a one-year term as President once every 10 years. See Rev Terry Kee’s [Letter of Greeting](#)..

Centre for Fathering: NCCS has received an invitation from Centre for Fathering welcoming churches to engage the movement. It offers “to avail the programs and resources we have at Centre for Fathering (DADsforLife and MUMsforLife movements) to support and strengthen the fathers (and mothers) within the NCCS community”. You may find the invitation letter here [Centre for Fathering](#).

Harmony Games brings various communities together to deepen and strengthen community bonds. It started in 2008 and is organised by different religious groups on a rotational basis with support from MCCY. NCCS organised the event in August 2019 before it took a break for two years due to the pandemic. This year’s Harmony Games was organised by the Sikh community and was held at the Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA) on 27 August 2022.

Themed ‘Unity in Adversity, Together in Harmony’, the event highlighted the Singapore spirit and togetherness in the fight against Covid-19, and also celebrated and showcased the Sikh way of life, culture and tradition. Some 80 persons from inter-faith groups participated, including some representing NCCS. [Photos](#)

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