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STATEMENT BY THE CHRISTIAN FEDERATION

Crude and Irreverent Remarks at the UMNO General Assembly

The Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) expresses its profound disappointment over the crude, erroneous and sacrilegious joke reportedly used by the Sepang UMNO Chief, Noorazli Said, in his speech at the recent UMNO General Assembly.

The remarks constitute a false, misleading and deeply disrespectful portrayal of the many men and women who have devoted their lives to serving God and the Church, including those who have freely taken vows of chastity and purity as part of their vocation and calling. Their lives of sacrifice, devotion and service to the Church and the wider community deserve respect and dignity, not to be reduced to the subject of a crude joke or used as a disparaging illustration in a political speech.

It was therefore utterly irresponsible and reckless for such an offensive example to have been used in a public political gathering. Religious beliefs, sacred commitments and the sincere vocation of those who serve God should never be trivialized or mocked for political rhetoric or entertainment.

We acknowledge and welcome the subsequent admission of error and apology by Noorazli Said. An apology is an important first step towards restoring respect and trust, and we urge all parties to receive it in that spirit.

At the same time, we call upon the Government to ensure that the same principles and standards applied when individuals make insulting or offensive remarks concerning Islam are applied consistently when other religions and their adherents are similarly insulted or demeaned. All religions and their sacred beliefs should be accorded equal respect and protection under the law. Consistency in this regard is essential if we are to build a nation where all Malaysians are taught to respect one another's faith and religious convictions.

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Malaysia is a diverse nation in which people of different religions and traditions live together. Our politicians, as leaders and public representatives, carry a particular responsibility in shaping the tone of public discourse. We therefore call upon all politicians to rise above derogatory, demeaning and inflammatory speech, and instead use their positions and platforms to promote mutual respect, understanding, peace and harmony among Malaysians.

Careless words can divide and wound. Wisely used they can build bridges and strengthen the bonds that hold our diverse society together.

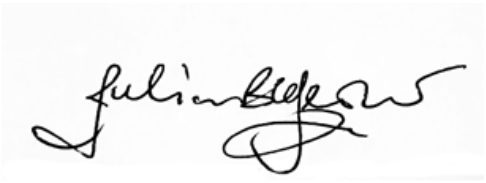
The Christian Federation of Malaysia urges all political leaders to choose the latter.



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