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11 December 2015

Mr. Gabriel Lim,
Chief Executive Officer
Media Development Authority
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Dear Mr Lim,

I bring you warm greetings from the National Council of Churches of Singapore!

Our attention has been drawn to possible concert performances in Singapore featuring Madonna (Sunday Times, 29 November, 2015).

This note is to recall an undertaking received from Mr. Aubeck Kam over Lady Gaga's concert in May 2012. It was in response to concerns expressed by the NCCS. We appreciated Mr. Aubeck Kam's assurances that MDA would be sensitive to racial and religious issues and issue a higher rating for such performances. Please see the attached correspondences for your reference.

We encourage and support MDA as it ensures that concert performances will not be used as platforms for profanities against any religion or religious symbols that represent the faiths of the people in Singapore.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
General Secretary, NCCS

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8 Oct 2012

Bishop Terry Kee
President
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Dear Bishop Kee

We would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with us on 26 July 2012.

2 Our meeting has helped to establish that the segment of concern involved a character referred to as Black Jesus, and the use of the f-word by the performer. We also shared that in classifying content, MDA strives to take into account community sentiments. Our advisory committees provide us with important inputs, as they are drawn from a cross-section of society (including members of the Christian faith).

3 We recognise that the segment of the Lady Gaga concert had caused offence to some members of the community. MDA will continue to be sensitive, particularly where racial and religious issues are concerned. Thus, when considering future applications, we will take into account that this particular segment had caused offence to you and other members of the Christian community. Where necessary, MDA will issue a higher rating to reflect such concerns.

4 We seek your understanding and support as we strive to ensure that in each classification decision, the rating represents the values and sentiments of the community as a whole.

Yours sincerely



Aubeck Kam
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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31 October 2012

Mr. Aubeck Kam,
Chief Executive Officer
Media Development Authority
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Dear Mr. Kam,

I thank you on behalf of the Christian Community for listening to our concerns.

We appreciate your assurance that MDA will be sensitive where racial and religious issues are concerned and that it will issue a higher rating to reflect such concerns.

As racial and religious sentiments are strong, we feel that a mere higher rating for contents that offend, denigrate, demean or insult any religion or religious symbols is not enough. We wish to register a firm call that the conditions as stipulated in point 7 and 8 of MDA's Licensing Conditions be strictly enforced in future public entertainments or performances.

Lastly, The National Council of Churches of Singapore will be most willing to assist in event that the MDA needs feedback/assessment on contents pertaining to Christianity.

Yours sincerely,

Bishop Terry Kee
President
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