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STATEMENT FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH SRI LANKA ON THE CURRENT SITUATION

The Methodist Church Sri Lanka, is conscious and alarmed at the deepening economic crisis that is directly affecting millions of our people, specially the poor and the vulnerable, resulting in a political turmoil engulfing the entire country.

It is saddened by the fact, while discourses are made explaining the prevailing economic crisis, that no one takes responsibility for the mismanagement and corruption that has created the present chaos, for which we believe many who are wielding political power today are directly responsible for.

In this context, It is of paramount importance that the government responds to the aspirations of the people, without continuing to adopt manipulative tactics, and escalating the use of force to suppress the genuine and legitimate feelings of the people.

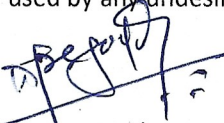
Therefore, we call upon the President, Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers to take immediate steps to ;

- Form a National Government comprising all political parties represented in the parliament.
- Ensure the abolishment of the Executive Presidency.
- Pave the way for the people to elect new leaders to govern them.
- Bring the necessary amendments to the constitution restoring the supremacy of the Parliament, and moving beyond the proposed amendments submitted to the Parliament as the 22nd amendment and ensuring the absolute independence of the Judiciary, Constitutional Council, the Bribery Commission, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Public Service Commission and for the elected representatives to be always accountable to the people.

It further calls on all authorities to understand the heart pangs and the immense suffering of the people caused by the economic hardships they endure, and take immediate steps to ensure adequate economic relief to the poor and the down trodden masses in our Island.

We appeal to the government to desist from using any force or other means to control the freedom of the people to publicly demonstrate and express their legitimate aspirations, instead formulate a scheme where every citizen can obtain their essential requirement in a transparent and equitable manner.

We call upon all people to refrain from any forms of violence and be vigilant that they are not manipulated or used by any undesired elements for any orchestrated destructive purpose.


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