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An Appeal from the Methodist Church Sri Lanka pertaining to the Current Situation

The Methodist Church Sri Lanka is grieved and alarmed at the political developments that are unfolding before us, at a time when as a nation we are facing an acute economic crisis, causing immense suffering and hardship, leading to frustration and hopelessness among all our people.

It is of utmost importance that all exercising political authority to listen and respond to the voice and heart pangs of the people that are echoing in the streets from all parts of the country, without driving them to the wall of further despair and frustration.

We urge those directly responsible for the present economic chaos to accept responsibility and allow others with credibility to lead and steer the country from the present predicament. This is not a time to be saddled with petty party politics as manifested in the parliament in the past few days.

His excellency the President, Honorable Prime Minister, and the Cabinet should give way for a peaceful transition of power and the Leader of the Opposition should also pave the way for an interim arrangement for collective governance to ensure legitimacy and stability.

We appeal to His Excellency the President to immediately repeal the emergency laws promulgated and strive for a dignified solution within the framework of democratic principles, tolerance and non-violence.

We request all law enforcement authorities to handle those involved in peaceful protests and demonstrations with care and dignity and refrain from using force, as they are driven to this situation due to the prevailing crisis. We condemn any attempt to deal with them with force or violence.

We appeal to all citizens of our country to be united, rooted in principles of non-violence and to extend care and love to our fellow beings as they go through immense hardships. Let us work together to bring our beloved country out of the current economic downfall, we are all experiencing.

We as a Church Commit ourselves to do all within our means to alleviate the sufferings of the people and to create a new political culture for which we will pray and ceaselessly work for.

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