

Dear Pastors & Colleagues in ministry

A task force made up of lawyers, doctors, representatives from various Christian organisations and churches and Choices ministry came together on Thursday evening to dialogue on the homosexual issue. The result of the meeting ended with a consensus to draft an immediate plan of action that every pastor and church can adopt in our battle against homosexuality. These are just some guidelines, but I do believe it's very effective when executed.

Also included in this email is a [suggested form letter](#) - the bulleted points someone may want to pick on in their own words. We obviously should not be sending duplicate letters and it is hoped that the writer will use his own expression. We have also added some Internet resources so that those wanting to read up more can get ideas for their writing to their MPs/Feedback Unit.

Immediate Action

1. **Pray**, particularly for those in the frontline and for the former homosexual/current Christians who seek wisdom in how to respond and share the message of redemption through Jesus Christ. Also pray for government leaders and journalists that they will defend the right values. Identify and uphold the gatekeepers of the nation.

Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2. **Express your concern to your MP** as a concerned Citizen / Father / Mother etc...(letter or email)

* How to Contact your MP: Go to <http://www.gov.sg/parliament/> (Singapore Parliament Webpage) and click on "Who's my MP?". Fill in your street address and your MP/MPs names, their physical addresses and their emails will appear.

3. **Express your concern to the Feedback Unit:**
<http://app.feedback.gov.sg/asp/index.asp> - one of the "polls" currently a hot topic on this website is the question of "What do you think about the government's policy of openly hiring gays?" (go to "Discussion Forum" and type the word "gays" [<http://app.feedback.gov.sg/asp/dis/dis0001c.asp>]) - there is a call for sharing your views; so provide feedback as individuals.
4. **Raise the matter with your MP at his 'Meet the People' Session** (Times and Dates available on the Singapore Parliament webpage: "Who's my MP?")

5. Write Letters to the Press (Chinese and English language: Straits Times, Streets) presenting various viewpoints from secular and non-secular perspectives (Medical / Legal / Sociological / Moral) - some co-ordination needed here.

6. Educate the Church and Pastors about the nature of the homosexual agenda in Singapore: There is available on the web the "stance" and strategies of a gay church in Singapore. Part of it relates to the strategies of the agenda which seems to be threefold: (from Gay Law: Emancipation And Emasculation: Oct 2001)

The rights and privileges given to straight couples would not be extended to gay couples in the form of registered partnership laws until the following take place. Our priorities should be as follows. First, repealing laws that criminalized consensual sodomy. Second, the age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual sex is equalised. Third, laws have been passed that prohibit discrimination of gays in public employment or immigration, for example, should be passed.

(entire talk available at:
<http://www.oursafehaven.com/activities/gaylaw.htm>)

7. Get a Resource List (books, videos, tapes etc) to help educate the Church and Educate Yourself and those about you. We should co-ordinate on this point.

Points of Concern you might like to raise (in your own words, of course!)

* Concern with respect to the apparent liberalization of the government's stand towards homosexuality - while a person should not lose their job because of their sexual orientation, it does not follow that the gay lifestyle is healthy or acceptable or should be promoted as this is a strong body of opinion which considers homosexuality an immoral, wrong and unhealthy lifestyle.

* Stress: all Singaporeans are valuable but we should not promote the homosexual or gay rights agenda as this is contrary to the cornerstone values that sustains and protects the welfare of our society. Our shared values include a pro family approach and racial and religious harmony. What values do we want to impart to our children?

* PM Goh said in 1994 National Day Rally:

America, Britain and several West European governments have taken over the economic and social functions of the family and so make the family unnecessary and superfluous. Marriage to raise the family is now an extra, like "optional extras" when buying a car.

America's and Britain's social problems -a growing underclass, which is violence-prone, uneducated, drug-taking, sexually promiscuous -is a

direct result of the family unit becoming redundant or non-functional.
(PM's National Day Rally Speech, Straits Times, 22 August 1994 at page 24)

- * In other countries, an aggressive gay rights agenda poses a threat to free speech (guaranteed by art. 14 of our constitution) and freedom of religion (art. 15, Constitution). Even SM Lee Kuan Yew in a 1998 CNN interview said an aggressive gay rights agenda would not be helpful in Singapore since Singaporeans are largely conservative. (For example, in some countries, it is a 'hate crime' or 'offence' to oppose the homosexual lifestyle and it is even considered 'hateful' to suggest homosexuals can change and should receive treatment to help them change)
- * Singaporeans value a morally wholesome society, which the government has rightly promoted. We are worried that recent developments would harm this correct policy.
- * Reminder on Government Pro Family Policy: (from website of Ministry of Community Development and Sport:
http://www.mcads.gov.sg/web/faml_main.asp

The family is an important institution. It brings fulfillment to our lives and is our anchor in this fast-paced, ever-changing environment.

Families serve as an important pillar of support for the nation. At the individual level, families are the primary source of emotional, social and financial support. At the national level, they contribute to social stability and national cohesiveness as they help develop socially responsible individuals and deepen the bond Singaporeans have with our country.

- * BG Lee's statement on need to strengthen family unit:
'We must be careful not to change our norms to make marriage and family mere lifestyle preferences, or to forget that one important responsibility of couples is to produce and nurture the next generation.'
(Govt to work harder to get more women into Parliament' Straits Times, 8 March 2003)
- * Homosexuality is an immoral lifestyle. Homosexuals often have been emotionally rejected and wounded and that brings confusion to their sexual identity. We should seek to help willing homosexuals receive treatment to enable them to overcome their homosexual identity and lifestyle and to be whole.

Together, we can make a difference.

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