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***HARMONY IN DIVERSITY* CONCERT SHOWCASES RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL HARMONY IN SINGAPORE**

Singapore, 23 June 2015: New Creation Church and Taoist Federation (Singapore) are co-organising “Harmony In Diversity: Concert in celebration of Singapore’s religious and racial harmony”. The concert will be staged on Monday, 6 July 2015, 8pm at The Star Performing Arts Centre.

2. The concert was conceived late last year when a group of religious leaders met to discuss the possibility of organising an event to mark Singapore’s 50 years of independence.
3. There will be colourful song and dance performances by different religious and ethnic groups to celebrate Singapore’s religious and racial harmony despite our diversity. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong will be the Guest of Honour.

About The Concert

4. The 1.5-hour concert is put together by KC Gan, the creative director of New Creation Church, with the support and participation of various groups comprising different religions and ethnicity.
5. Among the performances will be a duet by the co-chairs of the concert, Deacon Matthew Kang, Chairman of New Creation Church and Mr Tan Thiam Lye, Chairman of Taoist Federation (Singapore).
6. The duo will perform a popular Hokkien song, “One Small Umbrella” (一支小雨傘). The song talks about how two people share a small umbrella under the pouring rain. It symbolises the closeness and co-operation between the two parties, leading to strength and the ability to withstand the trials that come their way. It is a metaphor for the harmony



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among the various religious and racial groups in Singapore.

7. New Creation Church has also specially composed a theme song for the concert entitled “Open My Heart”. The song speaks of how we can learn to love and honour each other’s differences and live in harmony if we can learn to see, hear and feel from another’s perspective.

8. Other highlights of the concert include:

- a Tai Chi and Silat Martial Arts display;
- a 150-strong Children’s Choir from the combined Canossian Schools;
- a dance and song by the Baha’i Community Of Singapore;
- drums by Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery
- song tribute to the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew by Dominic Chin and friends

9. The concert is free. Tickets have been allocated to members of the various religious and racial groups. Limited tickets can still be obtained from Taoist Federation (Singapore)’s office at 21 Bedok North Avenue 4, Singapore 489948. Tel: (65) 6242 2115

About The Logo

10. A logo has been designed for the concert. The logo’s design is inspired by how ropes are made. Fibres are spun into yarns, yarns are then twisted together to form strands and strands are twisted together to lay the rope.

11. This intertwining of relatively weak fibres to form a strong rope beautifully illustrates how much stronger a multiracial, multi-religious society can become when we are united as one people.

12. Religious and racial harmony in Singapore is also symbolised by the linking of hands in a circle. The multi-colours represent the major faiths and races in Singapore.

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About New Creation Church

New Creation Church is an independent, non-denominational church. Jesus Christ takes centre place in the church, from the focus of its services, outreach efforts and worship to its day-to-day operations and volunteer activities.

An elected council has general oversight of the church and is led by Deacon Matthew Kang, its independent chairman. Senior Pastor Joseph Prince preaches regularly in the church, and his Christ-centred messages are broadcast to millions around the world daily.

The church has a congregation of 31,000 that meets at The Star Performing Arts Centre at Buona Vista and various venues in Singapore. It is a member of the National Council of Churches of Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.newcreation.org.sg.

About Taoist Federation (Singapore)

Taoist Federation (Singapore) was founded in 1990 as the umbrella organisation to represent all Taoists in Singapore. First formed by a local Taoist priest and devotee, it has since grown to become the main organisation for Taoist followers in Singapore.

From 2002, Mr Tan Thiam Lye (BBM) took on the role of Chairman of Taoist Federation (Singapore). The massive support of the devotees and the hard work of the committee members led to the continued growth of the federation.

Today, the federation promotes Taoism locally and regionally through education and research on Taoist culture and tradition. It is also involved with community and welfare projects and services, often working closely with various organisations and government agencies in order to serve the people of Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.taoistfederation.org.sg.