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## Prayers and Concerns over the Recent Events in Hong Kong

We have heard the news about the recent situation in Hong Kong, where more than a million people demonstrated against the Amendment of the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance on June 9. Rev. Dr. Eric So, Chairperson of Hong Kong Christian Council (HKCC) issued a statement on June 12. In the statement he made the following three appeals:

- 1. The HKCC hopes that the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Legislative Council will meet with representatives of the Protestant Church and Catholic Church before the situation spins out of control.
- 2. The HKCC asks the Hong Kong government to suspend the amendment, considering its potential to worsen rifts in the society if it is passed.
- 3. The HKCC appeals to all clergy in the demonstration area to provide pastoral care for the demonstrators.

We fully support the HKCC's appeal and pray for peaceful resolution of the situation in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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