

February 25, 2021

REV. PEDRO TORIO JR.
BISHOP – Baguio Episcopal Area
Baguio City

Dear Bishop,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

We the concern members of UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of METRO SANTIAGO DISTRICT, strongly oppose and deny the manifesto made by the District Superintendent of MSD the Rev. Nestor Tangunan which he claimed that the MANIFESTO is a UNANIMOUS decision of CLERGY and LAITY of Metro Santiago District.

As per decision of the Judicial Council, a process of disaffiliation should be initiated by every local churches through a special CHURCH CONFERENCE duly published and communicated. The said disaffiliation move should be concurred by at least 2/3 of all the professing members present during the church conference. And that the disaffiliation should be duly approved by the Annual Conference in session.

In reality, there were no CHURCH CONFERENCES called in Metro Santiago District. Hence, the manifesto was a product of people in power with vested interest.

In this regard, may we call the attention of your good office to stop this adventure promoted by no less than the DS and Lay Leader of MSD.

If however, there is a move for disaffiliation of any Local Church in MSD, let the process stipulated in the Book of Discipline be followed with transparency.

In Jesus Steps,

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