



## **PERSATUAN GEREJA-GEREJA DI SARAWAK** (ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES IN SARAWAK)

### **Pastoral Letter for 15<sup>th</sup> General Election in Malaysia** **12<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

With this 15<sup>th</sup> General Election 2022, we have the opportunity to democratically elect our leaders in Malaysia. As a religious organisation, ACS does NOT endorse any candidate or any political party. ACS calls on all Christians to exercise our Christian stewardship. **It is our moral duty and right as citizens to vote wisely & responsibly.** We will be placing the future of our nation into the hands of men and women whom we are electing into our Government for the next term of office.

#### **1. Exercise our Christian stewardship and moral duty to vote**

*By casting our votes, we hold our government and candidates accountable to walk the talk; to fulfill promises made to the rakyat; to work for the common good and well-being of all; to defend religious freedom for all races and faiths and to ensure mutual respect & acceptance, harmony & unity in diversity in our nation Malaysia.*

#### **2. Discern before you vote**

*Consider the Political Party and the integrity of the Individual Candidate on development, citizen's rights, on freedom of religion, welfare and concern for our people, etc.*

#### **3. Pray & Fast**

- (a) Personally: Offer prayers with fasting from NOW and until the Sunday after election.*
- (b) As a Community: Pray together with friends and other Christians.*

#### **4. On Polling Day, pray, discern and cast your vote according to your conscience before God.**



May the Holy Spirit grant us the wisdom and fortitude we need in choosing those who will represent us in Government. Therefore, we urge you, stand up, uphold the common good of our nation, choose wisely, and may your vote be a blessing for *tanahair* Sarawak, the land of unity and harmony in our nation Malaysia.

*Archbishop Simon Poh (ACS Chairman & Catholic Church)*  
*Sibu Bishop Joseph Hii & Miri Bishop Richard Ng (Catholic Church)*  
*Bishop Datuk Danald Jute (Anglican Church)*  
*Bishop Dr. Lau Hui Ming (SCAC)*  
*Bishop Bonnie Sedau (SIAC)*  
*Reverend Bina Agong (BEM)*  
*Pastor Semilee Tajau (SDA)*  
*Major Francis Ng (Salvation Army)*