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**STATEMENT FROM THE CAYMAN MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION REGARDING
THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP LAW AND THE PREMIER'S SUBSEQUENT
COMMENTS**

- 1) We believe that the rule of law finds its origin from the Supreme Law Giver as given in the Bible.
- 2) We are fully aware that the form of government in the Cayman Islands is a democracy, rather than a theocracy, yet we are convinced that legislation which counters the clear biblical, age-old practices and basic biology of human sexuality is not in the best interest of our community - hence our opposition to the Civil Partnership Law.
- 3) We wish to further point out that the statements in Section 1(2), as well as the Preamble to the Constitution referring to our Christian heritage, should be seen as consequential to legislative actions and meaningful, (not mere "window dressing" that has nothing more than sentimental value), and should therefore influence legislation.
- 4) Jesus was called "a friend of publicans and sinners" and He welcomed all who came to Him. Let us note, however, that He always pointed people away from a lifestyle of sin and wrong. He never encouraged them to do anything that was contrary to the teachings of God. He always showed them the right way, and never projected the idea that to love a person was to condone their sin.
- 5) We in the Cayman Ministers' Association are fully persuaded that we must do all within our power to point people in the way that God has directed us to follow (note that the importance of God's Word is also affirmed in our Constitution). We do not see directing people to follow God's Word as being either demeaning to them in either attitude or action, but rather seeking what is for their greatest good.

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