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**FOR : All Pastors, Leaders/Officers and Members  
UCCP Local Churches**

**FROM : Office of the General Secretary  
United Church of Christ in the Philippines**

**RE : Clarification on Titling of Church Properties**

**DATE : 06 August 2018**

This has reference to queries aired by our beloved brothers and sisters in regard the **UCCP's standing policy** of **persuading** all judicatories (local churches, Conferences and others) to have their **real estate properties** (donated, purchased or exchanged) registered under the name of the **UCCP (NC 96-101)**.

Based on the UCCP Constitution and By-Laws, Art IX, Sec. 1 under the General Provisions, all properties may be held by the Local Church or church bodies and church institutions, **in trust for the UCCP**.

This standing policy is aimed at **protecting** and **promoting** the **UCCP constituency's right to use and enjoy these properties in pursuit of their faith**, for worship and other related activities from the divisive act of the few who wants to deprive them of such use and enjoyment over these properties.

Let us remember that since the historic merger of the five mainstream Protestant denominations in the country to form the United Church of Christ in the Philippines there is only one Protestant church now that we identify ourselves with and tightly embrace. It is for this reason that we owe it to our forebears to always promote and protect the interests of the UCCP from those who may desire to put in jeopardy the legacy they have built with the sweat, and perhaps blood, of their brows.

To facilitate the implementation of this policy, real estate properties of the various judicatories and instrumentalities of the UCCP that have been registered before the passage of the above-quoted UCCP CBL provision and National Council action duly affirmed by the 1998 General Assembly, should **bear an annotation** on its title the phrase "**held in trust for the UCCP**."

This **policy**, it should be noted, **does not in any way strip these judicatories and instrumentalities of the church of their right over these properties**. This is being undertaken to prevent unwanted situations where a few leaves the UCCP but continue to hang on to all the properties of the church to the prejudice and detriment of those who remain faithful and loyal to the church their forebears bequeathed to them.

It is hoped that this note clarifies everything and that everyone will now aggressively pursue this goal of having all our properties registered under the name of our dearly beloved United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

For everyone's appropriate action.

#### Quadrennial Theme: "Doing Christ's Mission in These Changing Times"

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