

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA (CCG)

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Political Leaders Must Show Mutual Respect For One Another

The Christian Council of Ghana at its Executive Committee (ExCo) meeting held on September 8, 2020 observed that our country's political discourse is still replete with insults and provocative statements and disrespect for one another. This is unfortunate and detrimental to the sustainable peace and development of the country.

As Christian leaders, we uphold the dignity of all citizens of Ghana as people created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27) and therefore condemn abusive and divisive politics in our country.

The CCG believes that decency and respect for one another must be the foundation of our democracy. Respect for others in political discourse will preserve our national cohesion and identity as one people in one country with a common destiny. Destroying others to win votes on the other hand threatens our fledgling democracy and peace. Let us remember that political opponents are not enemies. They are brothers and sisters who have divergent views on how the nation should be governed.

We therefore call on politicians to show mutual respect for one another, embark on clean campaigns, and focus on explaining their policies and vision to the citizens of the country.

We entreat political leaders and their followers and other stakeholders in this year's General Elections to exercise restraint and exhibit decorum in their speech during political discourse. Politicians must avoid defamation of character and eschew ethnocentric, gender and religious insensitive statements that have the tendency to spark violence.

Let all Ghanaians be mindful that we have come a long way in our democratic process and should not jeopardize the gains we have achieved over the years.

We are hopeful that with our prayers and efforts to respect others in our political engagements, Ghana will enjoy peace and unity before, during and after the December 7, 2020 General Elections.

May the Peace of God be with us all.

Signed
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