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AMERICAN BAPTIST RESOLUTION ON WORSHIP

WHEREAS, the need for worship was never greater than at the present time; be it

RESOLVED, that we reemphasize the importance of public worship; that we seek by every means to enrich the worship element in the services of our churches and church schools; that we seek to make our places of worship more attractive and better suited to the purposes for which they are intended; that we commend the efforts of National Ministries through The American Baptist Extension Corporation in assisting our churches to renovate and erect suitable and attractive houses of worship; and that we urge our seminaries to give more attention to training our future church leaders in the direction of public worship.

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POLICY BASE

Statement of Purpose of American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

...Since Jesus Christ is the head of the church, each body of Christians seeking to order its life in accordance with the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has a proper responsibility under God for maintaining its life of worship, witness, and ministry.

- to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world and to lead persons to Christ;
- to seek the mind of Christ on moral, spiritual, political, economic, social, denominational and ecumenical matters, and to express to the rest of society on behalf of American Baptists, their convictions as to the mind of Christ in these matters;
- to guide, unify, and assist American Baptists in their witness in the world, in preparing members for the work of ministry, and in serving both those within and outside the fellowship of Christ;
