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**AMERICAN BAPTIST
POLICY STATEMENT ON METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES**

It shall be the policy of American Baptist Churches to minister in the name and in the spirit of our Lord in the metropolitan areas of the U.S.A. in ways which are consonant with our biblical heritage and which are directed toward needs which our resources best equip us to serve. We shall develop appropriate ministries upon the basis of adequate research which shall take cognizance of the ethnic and racial pluralism and the urgent needs of our many metropolitan areas. Such ministries shall be directed toward bringing and sharing an effective Christian witness in and through the ecclesiastical, political and economic sectors of such areas, ministering to the personal, theological, social and structural needs of metropolitan U.S.A.

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