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**AMERICAN BAPTIST
RESOLUTION ON THE GOSPEL AND SOCIAL ISSUES**

While we recognize the great value and necessity of legislation in human affairs, it is nevertheless the conviction of American Baptists that our basic contribution to the establishing of justice in society is the Gospel of Christ which calls for individuals becoming reconciled to God and to each other through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We, therefore, urge American Baptist churches and individuals to continue to promote forthright proclamation and demonstration of the gospel and its meaning in racial and social justice, technological revolution and other crucial issues which affect our society.

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POLICY BASE

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

The American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. further acknowledges and confirms its commitment...

- to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world and 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...
