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**AMERICAN BAPTIST
RESOLUTION ON MINISTRY TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

Young men and women of our churches are serving in the military service. Since it is the responsibility of our churches to minister to all their members regardless of geographic location and since service men and women face unique and difficult temptations, as well as significant opportunities for Christian witnessing, we urge all our churches to pray for and minister to their young people in military service. We call upon our churches to remember in their prayers and affirm in other ways the ministry of American Baptist clergy who serve as military chaplains. We also call upon all our churches to remember in their prayers and in their evangelistic ministry all those from our communities who are in the military.

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POLICY BASE

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

? to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world and to lead persons to Christ...

? 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.
