

The Local Church

WHEREAS the theme of the 57th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is "His Best Demands Our Best"; and

WHEREAS the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is a fellowship of churches as described in our purpose, "To maintain an Association of sovereign, Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Baptist churches; to promote the spirit of evangelism; to spread the gospel; to advance Regular Baptist educational and missionary enterprises at home and abroad; to raise and maintain a testimony to the truth of the gospel and to the purity of the Church" (Article II, Sec. 1, constitution); and

WHEREAS the local church is God's unique plan and agency for the implementing of His divine program today, but some have turned aside to other methods and organizations to replace the authority of the local church;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 57th Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, on June 27 to July 1, 1988, remind ourselves of the God-ordained place of the local church in our world, and that we commit anew and afresh our gifts and energies to its functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our mission agencies to continue to place high priority on the establishment of local churches around the globe, and encourage our service ministries and educational institutions to carefully respect the input of local churches as the source of their authority and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our people in the utilization of their finances, energies, and time to invest them in the local church as God has given the priority, and to do so in an obedient manner with the spirit of a servant, to the glory of God, Who instituted the local church of this age.

*Anaheim, California
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