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## AMERICAN BAPTIST RESOLUTION ON BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Resolved, That we approve the worthy work of the Gideons in their efforts to distribute the Bible.

Adopted by Northern Baptist Convention - 1912 Affirmed by the Executive Committee of the General Board - March 1987 (General Board Reference # - 8159:3/87)

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## POLICY BASE

## Statement of Purpose of 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 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."