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HISTORIC AMERICAN BAPTIST RESOLUTION ON CREATING WORLD COMMUNITY

Whereas, the New Testament teaches that God has made of one all the races that dwell on the face of the earth; therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the spirit of Jesus we shall study the customs, life and ideals of the members of other races, nationalities, and religions in order better to understand and relate to them.

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POLICY BASE

American Baptist Policy Statement on Military and Foreign Policy

Christians are called to be peacemakers and this call includes the responsibility to work for peace among nations. Global understanding and cooperation are essential to the pursuit of peace. Our welfare is fundamentally linked to that of all people. National actions and priorities continually need to be reassessed in light of this global interdependence. The needs and rights of all peoples must be respected if there is to be a solid foundation for peace.