

**AMERICAN BAPTIST
RESOLUTION ON PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**

RESOLVED, That we urge our churches to keep clearly in mind their complete task to win people to being servants and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grow the membership of our churches in Christian maturity, to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, to develop a greater devotion and reverence in worship, and to usher in the kingdom of God through the consummation of the prayer of our Lord, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

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POLICY BASE

American Baptist Policy Statement on Evangelism

- "1. to call people to Christ through bold and faithful proclamation of the Gospel in ways understandable to every person;
2. to call people to Christ through our continual growth in the spiritual disciplines and in fellowship;"

American Baptist Policy Statement on Primacy of the Local Church

"As American Baptists we affirm that the mission of Christ is given visible expression in and through local churches."