

**Historic****AMERICAN BAPTIST  
RESOLUTION ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY**

RESOLVED, that in view of the valuable support being rendered by the American Bible Society to Baptist churches and missions throughout the world, especially the generous gift of Bibles and scripture resources to new churches, the American Baptist Churches, USA, commends the Society to the moral and financial support of all our churches.

Adopted by Northern Baptist Convention - 1923

Affirmed by the Executive Committee of the General Board - March 1986

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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;