

## **Evangelism in Our Local Churches**

WHEREAS an Evangelist founded the Church, giving it the principal business of evangelization; and

WHEREAS in the Great Commission, our Lord did not give us a choice but a command regarding evangelization, making failure in the matter rightly considered spiritual treason, rebellion, and intolerable disobedience to the Head of the Church; and

WHEREAS the lostness of all men in their natural state is offset by the fact that Christ's victorious atoning death, burial, and resurrection makes salvation available to any and all through personal faith in Him;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, as messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session at Seattle, Washington, on June 29, 1967, acknowledge our obligation before God in this business of soul-winning, both public and private, "daily in the temple, and in every house"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we praise God for the victories in evangelism experienced during the past year in our churches, our approved schools, our approved mission agencies, and by the faithful men of God who hold membership and serve as evangelists in our fellowshipping churches; but that, even while rejoicing over past victories, we nonetheless acknowledge failure to do the job as it ought to have been done and pledge ourselves to greater efforts for His glory during the coming year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we sincerely strive to maintain a balance in our ministry, endeavoring to declare the whole counsel of God, always remembering that, while it is ours to plant and to water, it is God Who finally gives the increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in our work of evangelism we shall be careful in our statistical reports and ethical in our relationship to other Bible-believing churches who are also preaching and teaching the Word of God and doing an effective work in evangelism.

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