

Sensitivity Training

WHEREAS sensitivity training has become increasingly popular in our country promoted by such groups as the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute and the National Training Laboratories Institute, though not always under the designation "sensitivity training"; and

WHEREAS this training is a program of group criticism and self-criticism purported to be beneficial in making participants more understanding of their fellow man, especially through physical contact, and sometimes through individual and group nudity; and

WHEREAS this concept has been introduced to the church at the World Council of Churches assembly in Uppsala, Sweden, in 1968, in the so-called "touch and tell" worship service where worshippers held hands, and were passed physically from one to the other under the guise of learning to understand each other better and thereby worshipping God more fully;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference at Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 23-27, 1969, issue a warning concerning sensitivity training under whatever term it might be used, because it tends to undermine moral standards, substitutes physical contact for spiritual worship, and promotes rebellion against principles of decency and righteousness, which are basic to a well-ordered society.

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