

## **The War Effort and National Revival**

### RESOLVED

1. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches–North expresses its heartfelt appreciation to the pastors and people of the entertaining churches of the Tri-City area, who by their more than generous kindness and hospitality have made us feel at home and solved a difficult entertainment problem in this crowded industrial area. We commend Pastor Kinney and the First Baptist Church, particularly for their efficient handling of multitudinous details. We also wish to record our deep appreciation to the local newspapers for their splendid publicity and coverage of these sessions of this conference.
2. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches–North pledges its undying opposition to all forms of Totalism, whether they be Nazi, Fascist, or Communist, and affirm its allegiance to principles of democratic representative government as expressed in the Constitution of the United States.
3. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches–North believes that the war in which we are engaged is just and righteous, that it is our duty to prosecute it with all our powers until victory is won, that in so doing we serve the cause and purposes of God Himself. The Association calls upon all connected with it, and upon the people of America, to support the Government with money, prayer, and service.
4. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches–North repudiates pacifism, holding it to be anti-Biblical, un-Christian, and disloyal to the United States in this time of crisis. We charge the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America with being a fountainhead of pacifism for many years and solemnly declare that it must answer at the bar of history for the hurt it has done to our nation.
5. The Word of God declares that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. The Bible records that national prosperity has always followed godly sorrow for sin and national repentance. We, therefore, call our nation to its knees in repentance and humility before God and humble confession of its sins.

We likewise deplore the tendency to profanity and irreverence in the utterances of many public officials.

We urge all Christians everywhere to pray for national revival.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

6. Inasmuch as the attitude and action of the Axis nations are demonstrably inimical to the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and inasmuch as the basic opportunity to worship freely would be abridged or denied in the event of a victory by the Axis powers, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches petitions the President of the United States to take such steps as may be required to secure the cooperation of all the United [Allied] Nations in a worldwide Day of Prayer for the spiritual needs and military success of the forces of the United [Allied] Nations.

7. We affirm our abiding conviction that the monopoly of free radio time on nationwide hookups, insisted upon and erroneously held by the Federal Council, is unfair, undemocratic, and un-American, and is proof positive that they will stop at nothing to keep the unadulterated Gospel of the grace of God off the airwaves. We commend the American Council of Christian Churches for their courageous attempt to obtain some portion of this free time for the proclamation of the true Gospel and call upon Bible-believing people everywhere to sign petitions and secure the signatures of others that the goal of four million supporters of the true Gospel may be obtained and that speedily.

8. We commend the churches of our General Association of Regular Baptists to further cooperative and coordinated efforts for fellowship and evangelism within their respective regional areas, such as have recently led to the formation of such fellowships of independent Baptist churches in New Jersey, Philadelphia, and New York City areas, and the Association of Regular Baptist Churches of California and Arizona, that the blessings and inspiration which are ours at this Annual Conference may be extended to all our churches and perpetuated throughout the year.

*First Baptist Church  
Johnson City, New York  
May 10-13, 1943*