

Ecclesiastical and National Concerns

In view of the tremendous issues facing our Fellowship in common with others of like precious faith in this unprecedented day of world history, be it resolved:

1) That we express our profound interest in the Conservative Movement within the Northern Baptist Convention and that we commend our brethren therein for the struggle they are making in behalf of the faith once for all delivered to the saints and for the courage which has led them thus far in their separation from the Northern Baptist Convention;

2) That we urge our churches to much prayer that God will hasten the day when we may have a united Baptist testimony in separation from all modernistic alliances and in happy cooperation in the task of world evangelism; and during this time of transition we recommend that our churches await a clarification of the issues involved in any possible future union of our forces before taking individual church action;

3) That we reaffirm and reemphasize our belief in and adherence to the Biblical principle of separation in which this movement was born and in which it has been so signally blessed by God;

4) That we view with alarm the invasion of the doctrine of the separation of church and state as reflected in the recent Supreme Court decision permitting the transportation of pupils to parochial schools at public expense;

5) That we join with the many other Christian bodies who have respectfully petitioned our President to restore again the principle of separation of church and state, as guaranteed by the constitution, by the recall of the President's personal representative to the Vatican;

6) That whereas we nationally face a tragic situation of parental and juvenile delinquency, according to the published report of our government through the FBI, that has brought us an unprecedented period of lawlessness, we would therefore condemn those factors which so largely contribute to this education, such as the evil influence of the movie industry, the mounting increase of gambling in its multitudinous forms with a rising clamor for national lotteries, and the catastrophic destruction of manhood and womanhood through the licensed liquor traffic;

7) That in view of the religious skepticism of the age as to the reality of the supernatural and of the eternal issues at stake in the destiny of human

souls, we urge our churches to a renewed dedication to God and prayer for a gracious Heaven-sent revival and that His people may be willing in day of His power.

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