

The Commendation of Georgi Vins and the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists

WHEREAS the Russian Baptist Pastor, Georgi Vins, has recently been released from a Soviet prison where he was imprisoned for eight years because of his religious convictions and printing of Bibles; and

WHEREAS his forced exile from the Soviet Union and his personal testimony of persecution support the charges of continued religious persecution and violation of human rights by the atheistic Communist Soviet government leaders; and

WHEREAS Pastor Vins has supplied more evidence of the unfortunate capitulation of the government registered All Union Council of Evangelicals and Baptists to governmental control and infiltration by KGB agents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches at the 48th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Dayton, Ohio, June 25–29, 1979, commend Rev. Georgi Vins for his staunch and fearless stand for the Faith and present him to our churches as a Christian hero of the Faith and worthy of our support and prayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the underground church, which is called the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists of which Pastor Vins is secretary, for its separation from the All Union Council which has the approval of the Soviet Union. We call on all Bible-believing Baptists to repudiate the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians and Baptists which is the officially recognized church in the Soviet Union for its membership in the World Council of Churches and its capitulation to the Soviet governmental control.

WE FURTHER REQUEST that the Soviet authorities grant liberty to Gennadi Kryuchokov, who is president of The Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists to preach and travel in the Soviet Union.

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