

Promise Keepers

WHEREAS there is a great need within culture and within churches for godly men who will live lives of integrity in their roles as husbands, fathers, church members, and citizens; and

WHEREAS there are many efforts being made to challenge men to these ends, one of the most influential efforts being Promise Keepers; and

WHEREAS there are strong opinions as to the propriety of this movement;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the messengers of the 66th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 21–25, 1997, rejoice whenever Christ is preached, and men are saved and grow in their faith;

HOWEVER BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our opposition to the inclusive character of Promise Keepers, which minimizes doctrine and denominational distinctions in an attempt to achieve unity and fellowship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we voice our concern over the practice of using some speakers who are identified with denominations that are apostate or charismatic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, while recognizing the autonomy of each local church, we urge the churches of the GARBC to exercise Biblical discernment and to provide for their people Biblical instruction for doctrinal decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we determine to do all we can within our churches and Association network, by way of preaching, curriculum development, retreats, small groups, and discipleship instruction, to build strong men who will remain true to the Lord, His Word, their families, and their churches.

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