

## **Persecuted Peoples**

WHEREAS the world has been shocked in recent months by the announcement of the arrest, trial, and conviction of George Vins, a Baptist leader in the Soviet Union, whose crime against the *state* was that of preaching Christ; and

WHEREAS many other Christian people have been persecuted for their faith, in various countries of the world, both Communist and non-Communist; and

WHEREAS there have been reports of atrocities committed against Christians and non-Christians in both South Vietnam and Cambodia;

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 Winona Lake, Indiana, June 23–27, 1975, strongly denounce senseless acts of cruelty to innocent people, and that we declare our deepest sympathy and prayer support for those true believers in various nations of the earth who are undergoing persecution because of their stand for Christ, and that we remind ourselves and others that all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12), but if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him (2 Tim. 2:12).

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