

Primacy of the Local Church

WHEREAS the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is a fellowship of independent fundamental Baptist churches which have agreed to the doctrinal stand and the policies of the Association; and

WHEREAS the Scriptures teach that the decisions of the local church in the areas of membership, of polity, of government, of discipline, or benevolence as the final earthly authority under the Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS God states His glory is directed in both the church and in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:21);

BE IT THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that while our churches appreciate the ministries of our schools, social, and missionary agencies; and while we appreciate our Association personnel including the Regular Baptist Press staff, the messengers of the GARBC churches meeting in Niagara Falls on June 27–July 1, 1983, salute and thank God for our godly pastors, lay leaders, and church members; and

FURTHER we remind our constituency that it is the local church which is God's chosen instrument to fulfill His program in this dispensation and that these approved agencies are service organizations to assist the work of the churches and are worthy of our support.

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