

RESOLUTIONS 2009

RESOLUTION 1:

BECAUSE of the willingness of the staff of LifeWay Glorieta Conference Center and campus facilities to welcome and serve the messengers to and the guests of the 98th annual convention of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico; and **BECAUSE** their love for Jesus and their willing service are evident to all;

BE IT RESOLVED that we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of their acts of selfless service and lovingkindness.

RESOLUTION 2:

WHEREAS New Mexico Baptists have allowed the Holy Spirit to guide, enable and empower them to serve and bring tangible and spiritual relief in times of natural disaster and to needy communities;

WHEREAS these ministries have provided a positive witness to God's grace and provided opportunities to share the Gospel,

BE IT RESOLVED that we thank the many New Mexico Baptist volunteers who serve in these ministries, and that we encourage one another in prayer and seek ongoing opportunity to minister in times of need to God's glory.

RESOLUTION 3:

WHEREAS, The Baptist Convention of New Mexico is a vital part of the Southern Baptist Convention and its mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world, and The Baptist Convention of New Mexico is an active partner in the Cooperative Program effort to carry the Gospel by ministry and missions to the entire world,

WHEREAS, the staff and leadership of The Baptist Convention of New Mexico continue to give sacrificially of their time and talents to make Jesus known in every corner of New Mexico,

WHEREAS, the staff and leadership of The Baptist Convention of New Mexico practice stewardship with all resources available and continue to focus on resourcing the churches of new Mexico and touching the world for Christ, and

WHEREAS, the staff and leadership of The Baptist Convention of New Mexico touch every corner of the state with the fruit of their ministry

BE IT RESOLVED, that New Mexico Baptists extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the tireless endeavors of the staff and leadership of The Baptist Convention of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that New Mexico Baptists express our heartfelt thanks to our staff and leadership and pledge to pray for them and their families on a daily basis.

RESOLUTION 4:

WHEREAS, there have been concerted efforts over the past decade to have the New Mexico Legislature and governor approve same-sex marriage, embryonic stem cell research, and assisted suicide and

WHEREAS, many of the leaders in both Houses of the Legislature have expressed support for such measures and;

WHEREAS, the Traditional Values Action Committee and Voices For Family Values and the Christian Life Committee of the BCNM organized churches and Christians across the State of New Mexico to oppose same-sex marriage, embryonic stem cell research, and assisted suicide legislation and;

WHEREAS, thanks in large part to the organizational efforts of the Traditional Values Action Committee and Voices For Family Values, this legislation contrary to our values was defeated;

WHEREAS, the Traditional Values Action Committee and Voices For Family Values along with their principles exhibited great courage in taking this moral stand;

WHEREAS, state and federal legislative bodies continue to threaten free speech, freedom of religion, and liberty.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Baptist Convention of New Mexico expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Traditional Values Action Committee and Voices For Family Values for the courage displayed and the extraordinary work done to protect the God-ordained institution of marriage and sanctity of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all the churches that are members of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico are encouraged to support these organizations through participation by each church and its members in calls to action by the Traditional Values Action Committee and Voices For Family Values, and through financial contributions to those organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the churches of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico prayerfully support the initiatives of the Christian Life Committee of the BCNM as they partner with and work alongside these courageous organizations.

www.tvacnm.com

www.voicesforfamilyvalues.com

RESOLUTION 5:

WHEREAS, the Scriptures are clear concerning the Divine creation of human life and

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that human life is sacred from conception,

BE IT RESOLVED that the member churches of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico take an unequivocal stand for the sanctity of life and rigorously oppose abortion on demand and euthanasia as immoral acts and will call on legislators and public officials to protect those weakest and most vulnerable in society through new legislation and enactment of life honoring public policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage support for those who are waging the battle for the sanctity of life year in and year out.

RESOLUTION 6:

WHEREAS, addiction to illegal drugs, alcohol, gambling and pornography have led to an unprecedented rise in crime, corruption, dissolution of families thus causing great public stress and expense;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the churches of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico be urged to take seriously the Bible mandate to pray, proclaim the Gospel, and engage in redemptive ministry to an afflicted culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the churches of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico are urged to support those individuals both private and public that attempt to help those who are trapped in addiction, and to contact legislative leadership and ask that further expansion of access to agents of addiction not be expanded.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the members of the churches of the BCNM be urged to become involved in their personal prayers and making their voices heard and their influence felt in the public arena in combating this moral plague.