

Vocational Ministry

The world's population now exceeds six billion people, with the majority of them lost in sin and moving toward eternal judgment in the Lake of Fire. In the battle of ideas and philosophies, the message of the gospel seems to be losing ground.

The great needs of the world call for a new generation of vocational ministry workers who will take the message of Christ to lost individuals. Many people, young and old, are ready to respond to the challenge.

In light of the world's needs and people's readiness to take the gospel to the world, we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 71st Annual Conference in Cedarville, Ohio, June 24–28, 2002, resolve to:

1. Commit ourselves as local churches, as a Fellowship, and as families to promote vocational Christian ministry as a noble profession (1 Timothy 3:1);
2. Intentionally follow Jesus' pattern in identifying, equipping, and sending people into ministry;
3. Endeavor to provide encouragement and financial assistance to individuals in ministry training;
4. Fervently pray for the Lord to send out workers into His harvest (Matthew 9:38).

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