

Joint Resolution with FBFA

WHEREAS in June 1996, the national representative of the GARBC, speaking as the official voice of the GARBC, read and presented a resolution before a general session of the GARBC Annual Conference requesting reconciliation with the FBFA; and

WHEREAS the said resolution was addressed to the FBFA and presented for the benefit of the FBFA constituency; and

WHEREAS the said resolution represented a Biblical response by the GARBC to the FBFA for refusing fellowship with the FBFA; and

WHEREAS the said resolution expressed sorrow and apology by the GARBC for refusing fellowship with the FBFA with a sincere request for forgiveness and pardon; and

WHEREAS the FBFA graciously responded to the said resolution with appreciation for the apology and a genuine spirit of forgiveness and pardon toward the GARBC for its refusal to fellowship with the FBFA; and

WHEREAS both the FBFA and the GARBC had desired to bring about a scriptural bond of peace between the two associations; and

WHEREAS the said resolution of June 1996, caused both associations to rejoice in the glory of God for the beginning of the reconciliation process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the FBFA and the GARBC, will henceforth, by the grace of God, walk and work together as partners for mutual benefit to both associations, as equals, for kingdom ministry inclusive of, but not limited to, outreach, Christian education, and church development, so long as we both shall remain true to the statements of purpose of the respective associations as defined in the FBFA Statement of Incorporation on July 9, 1975, and in Article II of the GARBC Constitution respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we believe ourselves to be acting, not out of selfish or personal gain, nor out of ungodly persuasion, but out of a spirit of unity and love, as modeling the Biblical mandate for brotherly love (Hebrews 13:1).

*Ames, Iowa,
June 24-28, 2000*