

BCNM Resolutions Committee 2025

Adopted Resolutions

Resolution 1: On Appreciation

WHEREAS, We, the messengers to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, meeting October 21-22, 2025, in Las Cruces recognize First Baptist Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico for their hospitality through their staff and facilities which have been made generously available for this year's annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, We also recognize Calvary Baptist Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, for their hospitality in service to the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference and the WMU Missions Celebration; and

WHEREAS, We recognize those from the city of Las Cruces who helped make accommodations for our annual meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers of the 2025 State Convention express their appreciation to God and to First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, and those who served from the city of Las Cruces in helping this be an annual meeting that glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolution 2: On Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message

WHEREAS, Upholding the ultimate authority of the Bible, Southern Baptists have been a confessional people throughout our history, adopting statements of faith as a witness to our doctrinal convictions and as a pledge of our faithfulness to the truths revealed in Holy Scripture;¹ and

WHEREAS, "Our confessions of faith are rooted in historical precedent, as the church in every age has been called upon to define and defend its beliefs. Each generation of Christians bears the responsibility of guarding the treasury of truth that has been entrusted to us (2 Timothy 1:14);"² and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message (2000) provides a confessional framework for Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and entities, and has grounded the consensus of Southern Baptists' faith and practice for 25 years to the glory of God; and

¹ Resolution adapted from "On Honoring the Centennial Anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message (1925) and Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message (2000)" adopted at the 2025 Southern Baptist Convention.

² Southern Baptist Convention, "The Baptist Faith and Message: Preamble," <https://bfm.sbc.net/preamble/>.

WHEREAS, From our confessional beginnings, Baptists have identified ourselves with the historic Christian tradition, especially on the doctrines concerning Christ and the Trinity as exemplified, for example, by the Nicene Creed, which was adopted 1,700 years ago this year; and

WHEREAS, Future generations of Southern Baptists will look back upon us for encouragement and direction, so as to “pay attention all the more to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away,” (Hebrews 2:1); and to “contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all,” (Jude 3); and

WHEREAS, A church that ceases to affirm, teach, and model sound doctrine will inevitably drift away from the truth and be carried about by every wind of worldly doctrine that blows through the church (Ephesians 4:14, Titus 1:9); and

WHEREAS, The joyful embrace and faithful teaching of doctrine and a readiness to obey all that Christ commands are essential to fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20); now, therefore, be it; and

WHEREAS, The messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 10-11, 2025, affirmed a version of this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, meeting October 21-22, 2025, in Las Cruces joyfully celebrate the 100th anniversary of the original Baptist Faith and Message (1925) and the 25th anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), our current statement of faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Baptist Convention of New Mexico affirms the Baptist Faith and Message (2000) as a faithful summary of biblical doctrine in the Baptist tradition and commends this confession as consistent with the broader stream of historic Christian orthodoxy as articulated in the early creeds of the church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to the Lord for His kind providence upon Southern Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention, moving our forebears to adopt and hold fast to a confessional standard for a century. After 25 years of fidelity to the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), we honor the drafters of each statement of faith for summarizing and clarifying the beliefs of Southern Baptists (1925, 1963, and 2000); and be it finally

RESOLVED, We steadfastly affirm, promote, and unite around the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), as a sufficient statement of our doctrinal identity and as the grounds of our cooperation for the sake of theological clarity and biblical unity.

Resolution 3: On Celebration of the Cooperative Program in New Mexico

WHEREAS, We, the messengers to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, meeting October 21-22, 2025, in Las Cruces affirm the SBC Resolution “On the Centennial Anniversary of the Cooperative Program” given at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, We are blessed to participate in the Cooperative Program, not only on a national level, but also in our state and local associations; and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Convention of New Mexico has partnered together annually in church planting, college ministry, camp ministry, disaster relief, and ministry training; and

WHEREAS, In 2025 alone, the convention has cooperated together for the One Day Mission Trip, Megapalooza, the Shepherd’s Retreat, the BCNM Summer Camps, VBS Trainings, the Women’s Ministry Training, the New Mexico Evangelism Conference, the Youth Ministry Summit, and the Capitol Prayer Gathering; and

WHEREAS, Paul exhorts the body of Christ, saying, “speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow that it builds itself up in love” (Ephesians 4:15-16); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, meeting October 21-22, 2025, in Las Cruces are thankful to God for allowing us the opportunity to partner together across the 100 years of the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we are grateful for the Southern Baptist churches and individuals of New Mexico that give faithfully and sacrificially through the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we celebrate the work that God has done through the Southern Baptist churches of New Mexico in 2025; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commit to continue in this cooperation together so that we may “grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.”

Resolution 4: On Evangelism & Missions

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ commanded His disciples saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age,” (Matthew 28:18-20); and

WHEREAS, Paul commands Timothy and other Gospel ministers to “Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season,” (2 Timothy 4:2a); and

WHEREAS, The early church began the process of being witnesses of Jesus Christ “In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth,” (Acts 1:8); and

WHEREAS, Generations of New Mexico Baptists have gone before us in proclaiming Jesus Christ in New Mexico lands since Baptist missionary Hiram W. Read preached the first protestant sermon in the territory in 1849;³ and

WHEREAS, The problems of lostness and “slavery to sin” (John 8:34) continue to plague humanity; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ came “to seek and to save that which was lost,” (Luke 19:10); and

WHEREAS, Sinful actions and attitudes “defile” mankind as Jesus said, “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man,” (Mark 7:21-23); and

WHEREAS, The “blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin,” (1 John 1:7); and

WHEREAS, The “wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23a); and

WHEREAS, The “gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,” (Rom. 6:23b); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, meeting October 21-22, 2025, in Las Cruces with the theme “One Faith, One Mission” from Ephesians 4:1-6 recommit ourselves to the tasks of evangelism, disciple making, and missions in New Mexico and around the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we praise God, Father, Son, and Spirit, that Jesus Christ has completed the work necessary through His life, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection to save any from their sin who will trust Jesus as Savior & Lord; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge New Mexico Baptists to joyfully share the good news about Jesus with great urgency in their families, personal relationships, pulpits, Bible study classrooms, and in every possible opportunity.

³ B., L.B., “The Rev. Hiram Walter Read, Baptist Missionary,” *New Mexico Historical Review* 17, 2. <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1269&context=nmhr>.