

**A Declaration
Regarding the Practice of Homosexuality
within the Leadership of the American Baptist Churches**

"We affirm that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." General Board resolution, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., 1992

Acknowledging that the dominant ethos among American Baptists does not affirm the practice of homosexuality,

But also recognizing the historical right of dissent within Baptist polity,

We -- the undersigned Chief Executive Officers of American Baptist Regions --

Commit ourselves that we will not support the endorsement or employment of practicing homosexuals within the leadership of the American Baptist Churches.

Executive Minister

Region

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