

## **RESOLUTION ON MISSION-MINDEDNESS**

WHEREAS the formation of the church was founded on the commission to preach the gospel to every person (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8), and

WHEREAS the Lord built His Church on the faithful proclamation and teaching of this commission (Matthew 6:18; Acts 2:41,47; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 9:31; 11:24), and

WHEREAS mission work is obeying Jesus Christ in sharing the gospel personally, locally, and globally (Acts 1:8; 8:1), and

WHEREAS the New Testament does not recognize a mission-less church, rather the engine and heart of the church is gospel advancement, and

WHEREAS the modern church movement's desire to make the church relevant has led to fewer mission-minded churches and more social club-minded churches, and

WHEREAS success in missions is not having the most missionaries, giving the most to missions, getting more professions of faith, or having the most baptized in a given month, rather it is being faithful in the capacity that God enables us (1 Corinthians 1:27-31; 4:2; 7:24), and

WHEREAS the planter, the waterer and the harvester are all integral parts of gospel work, but God is the one that gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches assembled this April 8-9, 2024, in Towanda, Pennsylvania do hereby affirm the importance of missions to the vitality of the New Testament church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commit ourselves to the task of personal evangelism and local church evangelism as well as supporting others who spread the gospel far and wide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will look to God, depend on God, and glorify God in the process of missions, not making it a fleshly display of human carnality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will recognize the importance of each aspect of evangelism (planting, watering and harvesting) and emphasize faithfulness when any of these aspects is accomplished.

WE FINALLY RESOLVE to never let the candle go out in our burden for the lost. Praying that the Lord of the Harvest continues to send forth laborers into his harvest fields (Luke 10:2; Romans 9:1-3; 10:1).