

Tallinn, Estonia 29th September - 1st October 2016

EBF Tallinn RESOLUTION on Mission

The European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, 29th September - 1st October 2016 ...

Acknowledges the challenge for followers of Jesus in His words from Matthew 22: 37 - 39

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Affirms the value of integral mission which is the proclamation of the Gospel by word and deed. The Church's call to repentance has social consequences. At the same time, Christian social action bears witness to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

Gives thanks for recently planted churches in our Baptist Unions which are embracing integral mission as a way of following the example of Jesus by reaching out to the whole person, in all their need. We recognise these congregations challenge all of our churches to combine evangelistic zeal and practical love in our witness.

Prays for further opportunities for Baptists in Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East to bless the communities around them. May we act out of love for God and love for our neighbour as we commit to honouring Father, Son and Holy Spirit with our whole lives.