

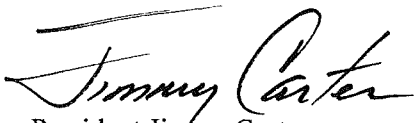
A NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COVENANT, April 10, 2006

Leaders of Baptist conventions and organizations representing more than 20 million Baptists in North America gathered at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia on April 10, 2006, as guests of President Jimmy Carter to discuss and explore additional opportunities for fellowship and cooperation.

The gathering included leaders from the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., American Baptist Churches, USA, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Canadian Baptist Ministries, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Mercer University, and Mainstream Baptists.

The leaders of these organizations affirmed their desire to speak and work together to create an authentic and genuine prophetic Baptist voice in these complex times. They reaffirmed their commitment to traditional Baptist values, including sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and its implications for public and private morality. They specifically committed themselves to their obligations as Christians to promote peace with justice, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, care for the sick and the marginalized, welcome the strangers among us, and promote religious liberty and respect for religious diversity.

They also agreed to plan for a convocation of Baptist people to celebrate these historic Baptist commitments and to explore other opportunities to work together as Christian partners.



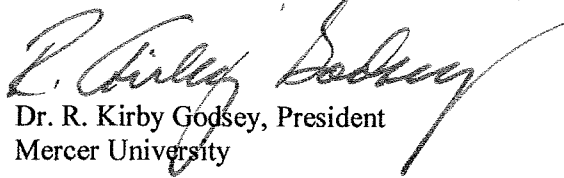
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Dr. R. Kirby Godsey, President
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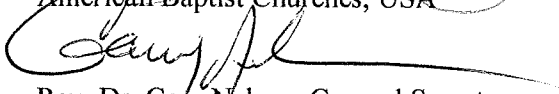


Rev. Dr. Major Lewis Jemison, President
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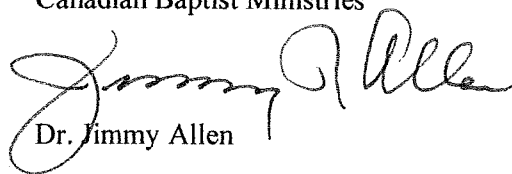
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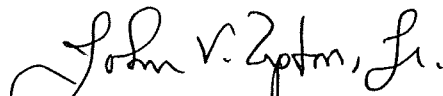
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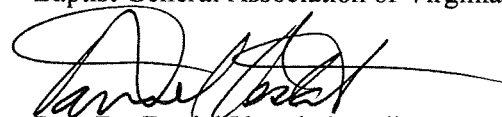
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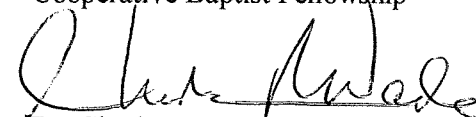
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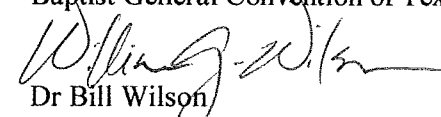
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