

Tallinn, Estonia 29th September - 1st October 2016

EBF Tallinn RESOLUTION on Syria

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

Strongly condemns the recent increase in violence in Aleppo, Syria, which fails to differentiate between civilians and those fighting. As followers of Christ, we affirm the sacred nature of all human life, regardless of religion, culture or country. We see every attack on human life as striking at the very reflection of who our Creator God is.

"So God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." Genesis 1: 27

Urges all parties in the conflict to abide by international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols to ensure the protection of all civilians, regardless of religion, race or ethnicity.

Calls on all parties involved in the conflict to recognise the vital contribution of aid agencies in supporting the inhabitants of Aleppo and the surrounding area. We appeal to all parties to ensure humanitarian access and the protection of aid workers.

Challenges all international parties to support and strengthen the efforts of the United Nations Security Council in seeking all possible solutions for peace.

Above all, we continue to **pray** for an end to conflicts in the region which have created this humanitarian crisis.