

Yerevan, Armenia 20th – 23rd September 2017

EBF Yerevan RESOLUTION on Christian Marriage

The European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Yerevan, Armenia, $20^{th} - 23^{rd}$ September 2017

reaffirms its Resolution on Marriage of 2010. It wishes to make explicit that Christian marriage based on Biblical principles is between a man and a woman, and commends this statement to its member Unions.

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Rejoices in the mutually loving and selfless relationship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the demonstration of this through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gives thanks to God for creating man and woman in his image and seeks to follow the witness and teaching of scripture for any expression of human sexuality.

Urges Baptists to model, value and teach that marriage is the creational and biblical setting of any sexual relationship between a man and a woman, as expressed in Genesis 2:24

Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Shares in the brokenness of human relationships and acknowledges the pain and difficulties this brokenness causes for people in our churches and society.

Affirms our responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed with all people irrespective of their way of life or convictions.

Recognises the need to encourage, support and pray for married people, offering pastoral and spiritual care for the strengthening of healthy and vibrant Christian communities in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.