

2. Unity in the Body of Christ

WHEREAS, Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) says, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen”; and

WHEREAS, We are reminded in Holy Scripture not to bear a grudge and to love one another (Leviticus 19:18); and

WHEREAS, Civility in public discourse (spoken and printed) appears to be declining among those of us who claim Jesus Christ as our Savior; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the negative effects that such behavior has on our witness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the South Carolina Baptist Convention meeting in Florence, South Carolina on November 13—14, 2007, do proclaim our intent to foster a climate of Christian communication that brings honor to our Lord through encouragement and love; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage and support activities or programs that will help establish a positive dialogue, between Christians and with non-Christians, that honors Christ.