

Alliance of Baptists
Statement on Conscientious Objection
Adopted April 2, 2005
Greenville, SC

The Board of Directors recommends that the Alliance of Baptists establish a file for the registration of Conscientious Objectors to be maintained by the staff and to provide documentary evidence that those registered are “by reason of religious training and belief ... conscientiously opposed to participate in war in any form” as required by the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. § 456 (j)).

The Board of Directors also recommends that the membership of the Alliance of Baptists endorse the following statement:

Inasmuch as the Alliance of Baptists is by covenant committed to “the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the calling of God to all peoples to repentance and faith, reconciliation and hope, social and economic justice” and is a partner with the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the Baptist Peace Fellowship in “a concerted witness to peace and justice;” therefore, be it resolved

- A. That we encourage among our members the discernment of conscience concerning participation in war; and*
- B. That we recognize that one consistent expression of our common witness is the conviction that war is contrary to the Good News of Jesus Christ; and*
- C. That we recognize there are different convictions on this matter within the Alliance of Baptists; and*
- D. That we commit again to being peacemakers reconciling speech and action with one another.*