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26th – 29th September 2018

EBF Lviv RESOLUTION on the continuing challenge of migration

The European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Lviv, Ukraine on 26th – 29th September 2018...

REAFFIRMS our 2015 “EBF Sofia resolution on the Migrant Crisis in Europe and the Middle East.”

RECOGNISES the complexity of the situation regarding the movement of people throughout the countries of the Middle East and Europe, and the significant pressures facing governments to serve their existing populations, and new migrants.

COMMENDS those governments who have also supported efforts to help re-establish local communities in and around war zones, to enable distressed people to rebuild their lives in their home countries.

REMEMBERS, nevertheless, our Christian responsibility to act in an attitude of love and reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5: 18- 19) towards the migrants living among us.

CONDEMNS the spread of intolerance which encourages people from one religious, national or ethnic group to reject those of another, leading to an increase of fear instead of hope.

URGES governments to not pass legislation which might discourage or prevent help being given to any migrant in need.

ENCOURAGES Christians to follow the vision of Jesus, in ministry and outreach, when He says:

**People will come from east and west and north and south,
and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.**

Luke 13: 29