

European Baptist Federation Council meeting Elstal, Germany $26^{th} - 29^{th}$ September 2012

The Council of the European Baptist Federation

Finds hope for Syria and its people in the words of Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble Psalm 46:1

Expresses solidarity with all suffering people in Syria and prays for the cessation of violence and a transforming reconciliation.

Recognises the loss of life, fear and pain endured by people of all ages, ethnic and religious groups.

Prays for all Christians in Syria to experience lasting peace, democracy and respect for human rights.

Encourages Christians in Syria to remember with hope the example and words of Jesus Christ who revealed himself to the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus.

Invites the European Baptist Federation and its unions to promote initiatives of peace and reconciliation for the people of Syria.