

## European Baptist Federation Council meeting Bratislava, Slovakia 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013

The European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Bratislava September 25th - 28th, 2013

**Accepts** the challenge of the Christian Gospel to the Churches of the European Baptist Federation to live out the biblical vision of mercy and justice in situations of human suffering, exploitation, conflict and war.

**Welcomes** the challenge and direction of the Holy Spirit to become involved as advocates of righteousness through out the countries of Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East.

Psalm 7:8-9

Let the Lord judge the peoples.

Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High.

Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.

**Celebrates** the legacy of the Baptist Pastor, Rev Martin Luther King jnr (1929-1968) whose 'I Have A Dream' Speech fifty years ago and movement continues to inspire new generations of Christian disciples who work for freedom and human rights and an end to injustice wherever it is found.

**Affirms** the need to develop communities of discipleship where the call of Jesus Christ leads us to care for the marginalised.