



**European Baptist Federation Council Meeting
Glasgow, Scotland
25-28 September 2019**

EBF Glasgow Resolution on Freedom of Religion or Belief

The Council of the European Baptist Federation, meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, 25-28 September 2019:

CELEBRATES our Baptist heritage, which has championed Freedom of Religion or Belief for all for more than four hundred years, and more recently has been clearly expressed in the resolutions of the European Baptist Federation:

- Religious Freedom and Human Rights, Hungary, 2007
- Religious Freedom in Russia, Armenia, 2017
- Anti-Terror Legislation and Religious Freedom, Armenia, 2017
- Religious Freedom in the Lugansk and Donetsk Areas of Eastern Ukraine, Ukraine, 2018

COMMENDS those governments who are addressing the right of Freedom of Religion or Belief for all within their society

DEPLORES the continuing violation of Freedom of Religion or Belief in some countries where equal treatment under the law for majority and minority groups is not practised

URGES all countries to bring their constitutions in line with Article 18 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and Article 18 of the International Convention on Civic and Political Rights as well as Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees the right to have, practise, or change one's religion

CALLS ON those governments whose constitutions recognise the rights of all citizens to express their beliefs and practise their faith to ensure those rights are defended

PRAYERFULLY SUPPORTS those member unions currently struggling with violations of Freedom of Religion or Belief such as denial of legal standing in their country, of the provision of theological education, and of the opportunity to partner with other members of the world-wide Christian family

REMAINS committed to championing Freedom of Religion or Belief for all, and promises to respond in prayer and action for those affected