

European Baptist Federation Council Meeting
Lisbon, Portugal
24-28 September 2008

Resolution on Creation Care

The Council of the European Baptist Federation, meeting in Carcavelos near Lisbon, Portugal 24th – 28th September 2008;

Rejoices that the biblical vision of creation and natural resource affirms God's possession of the earth, its inhabitants and resources.

**The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Psalm 24:1**

Repents of attitudes and practices which have restricted or ignored our stewardship of creation, resulting in the misuse and abuse of the environment and its natural resources.

Invites leaders of Baptist Unions throughout EBF to encourage and advocate local church, community and government actions which address the causes of climate change, and to promote awareness of ecological issues and the sustainability of living.

Challenges Unions, local churches and individuals to witness through enabling effective Christian discipleship by communicating creation care as a central outworking of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Encourages churches to incorporate a biblical vision of creation and environmental stewardship in the worship and teaching of the local church.