



**European Baptist Federation Council meeting
Bratislava, Slovakia
25th – 28th September 2013**

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

Reads with renewed confidence the words of hope and comfort of Psalm 9.

**The Lord reigns forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.
He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.
The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.
Psalm 9:7-8**

Submits to God's righteous reign in history and finds hope in his judgments for the peoples of the world.

Encourages the member Unions of the European Baptist Federation to develop meaningful, practical and constructive partnerships in countries and regions where Christians are a persecuted minority and where violence and war are a constant threat to human life.

Invites the Baptist Churches to continued prayer for present situations particularly in Syria, Egypt and the Middle East where great human suffering presents opportunities for emerging networks and relationships which share resources.

Urges Unions to identify individuals who may advocate the human rights of minorities, especially vulnerable Christian communities in the region.

Welcomes the command of Jesus Christ who said,

**'Love your neighbor as yourself'
Mark 12:30**