



**European Baptist Federation Council meeting
Bucharest, Romania
24th – 27th September 2014**

EBF Bucharest RESOLUTION on the Middle East

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Recognizes the historic and effective witness of Christians in the Middle East and gives glory to God for their faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Expresses solidarity with Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East who continue to suffer because of multiple conflicts and aggressive persecution.

Deplores as evil the aggression and actions of extremist groups and prays for an end to all current violence and hatred throughout the Middle East.

Believes that the path to achieve peace and to be free of extremism is through Justice, Development, Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Continues to pray for and support Christians in the Middle East, seeking God to sustain their witness in the midst of their home communities.

Seeks to develop and deepen relationships with Christians in the Middle East and to encourage advocacy for Christians and religious minorities in the region.

Finds hope for all Christians experiencing persecution in the words of the Apostle Paul who said:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:
“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:35-39)