



NETWORKING THE BAPTIST FAMILY TO IMPACT THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

BWA General Council Resolution 2011.7

Resolution on Foreign Guest Workers

The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia July 4-9, 2011:

AFFIRMS the value of purposeful work for personal and social well-being and for economic and cultural progress;

REAFFIRMS its commitment to the principles articulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the associated International Covenants relating to employment;

RECOGNIZES the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees including fair pay for fair work and just workplace conditions;

ACKNOWLEDGES that foreign guest worker programs often provide better access to employment, security and regular wages and gives employees greater opportunities to financially support their families at home;

LAMENTS the fact that globally, some employers treat foreign guest workers unjustly and abuse their human rights;

CALLS on governments to enact and enforce laws guaranteeing the human rights and just working conditions of foreign guest worker visa holders;

CALLS on Baptist churches, conventions and unions to develop and support effective ministries of compassion and advocacy for current and former foreign guest workers who are suffering as a result of mistreatment by employers and the systems that support them; and

COMMITTS to monitoring our dealings with others where foreign guest workers are involved.

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