

2025 Resolutions Committee Report

We, the 2025 Resolutions Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, submit the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1:

WHEREAS the local church is an autonomous body, led by biblically qualified leaders, governed by the congregation, yet standing under the absolute lordship of Jesus Christ, who rules His church by His Word; and

WHEREAS the New Testament provides a clear pattern of churches working together for the spread of the gospel, as seen in their mutual support, shared mission, and financial partnerships; and

WHEREAS the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant states, "...we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world;" and

WHEREAS Free Will Baptists have traditionally emphasized collaboration between sister churches through district, state, and national associations; and

WHEREAS no one person, single church, or group of churches alone can fully carry out our national and international stewardship responsibilities; and

WHEREAS in 1941, the National Association of Free Will Baptists implemented the Unified Program Fund, which in 1955 was succeeded by the Cooperative Plan of Support, encouraging churches to give at least ten percent of their general offerings; and in 1992 the denomination adopted a new funding initiative, The Together Way Plan, by which participating local churches commit to equitably support all denominational agencies (www.nafwb.org/together-way); and

WHEREAS national board members oversee multi-million-dollar budgets and make significant financial decisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual Nominating Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists be urged to give significant consideration to the contributions of nominees and/or their churches to The Together Way Plan.^{*}

***Delegates later amended this statement to read "to the co-op plan or other denominational giving."**