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## NRB Reaffirms Its Commitment to International Religious Freedom

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- WHEREAS** Since its founding, NRB has devoted itself to protecting First Amendment guarantees of religious liberty, free speech, and freedom of the press, particularly as they undergird the mission of Christian communicators to freely and fully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ on electronic media, including broadcast, cable, satellite, and internet platforms. In addition, NRB has always been a strong advocate for religious freedom throughout the world.
- WHEREAS** Unfortunately, persecution and discrimination against Christians has existed since biblical times. However, the recent pandemic has created an unprecedented opportunity for discrimination against people of faith. Government officials, activists and influential corporate and political leaders throughout the world have worked to discriminate against people of faith, in particular those who present the historic truth of Scripture.
- WHEREAS** Even in Western Democracies, churches have been victims of disparate treatment, facing onerous restrictions not placed on secular entities. In the United States, some states have not given churches the deference due to them by the First Amendment. Pastors have been threatened with arrest for preaching the gospel, and churches have been forcibly closed by the government. Recently in Canada, a pastor has been arrested and a church forcibly closed by the government. In Finland, a government official faces possible criminal charges for communicating her commitment to a biblical view of marriage and gender.
- WHEREAS** Religious discrimination against people of faith worldwide is on the increase as we see our brothers and sisters throughout the world being persecuted for their Christian faith. In particular, there is an escalation of discrimination in China, England, Finland, India, and throughout the Middle East.
- THEREFORE** Be it Resolved that NRB calls on government officials and leaders in the United States and throughout the world to boldly stand, speak up, and take action against persecution of Christians regardless of where it occurs.
- THEREFORE** Be it Resolved that NRB calls on citizens of the United States and throughout the world to contact their government officials and demand that they stand to oppose religious persecution and discrimination and do all in their power to promote religious freedom.
- THEREFORE** Be it Resolved that NRB calls on its members to pray and prepare for the struggles which lie ahead as they boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.