

January 30, 2012

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

In November, 2011 the Council of Convention received an application from the Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality to become a Ministry Partner of the Convention. We currently have several Ministry Partners and our Bylaws allow the Convention family to form new Ministry Partnerships under the following criteria found in the current Bylaw Document:

In order to further its Objects and Core Values, the Convention may associate with organizations and associations which have similar or complementary objects to those of the Convention, which organizations and associations shall be known as Ministry Partners. All Ministry Partners shall fulfill all of the qualification requirements set out in Section 7.02.

**7.02 Qualifications of Ministry Partners**

A Ministry Partner may be designated as such from time to time by the Members, through Delegates, by Resolution upon recommendation by the Council by Resolution, providing the prospective Ministry Partner:

- (a) Shares a common vision and core values with the Convention in the areas of cooperative ministry;
- (b) Is willing to work with the Convention to achieve common goals, through mutually agreed means; and
- (c) Upholds biblical principles including justice, equality, peace, and righteousness.

The following is a brief statement of ASBE's Core Values and Mission as an organization: ASBE is a nonprofit organization of Christians who have come together to promote the equal partnership of men and women, and of all racial and ethnic groups, in the home, the church, and the community.

**Core Values**

We believe the Bible teaches the equality of women and men. We believe God has given each person gifts to be used for the good of Christ's kingdom. We believe Christians are to develop and exercise their God-given gifts in the home, the church, and the world. We believe the Bible teaches that Christians are to oppose injustice.

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### **Mission Statement**

ASBE equips believers by affirming the biblical truth about equality and justice. Thus all believers, without regard to gender, ethnicity, and class, are free and encouraged to use their God given gifts in ministries, communities, and families.

### **Core Purpose**

To communicate broadly the biblical truth that men and women are equally responsible to act justly and use their God-given gifts to further Christ's kingdom.

### **Envisioned Future**

ASBE envisions a future where all believers will be encouraged to exercise their gifts for God's glory and missional purposes, with the full support of their Christian communities.

*Adapted from Christians for Biblical Equality with their permission [www.cbeinternational.org](http://www.cbeinternational.org)*

The Council of Convention took time to consider the Core Values, Mission Statement, Doctrinal Statement and Memorandum of Association of the Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality and decided that ASBE fits the criteria for being a Ministry Partner of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.

As a result, the following notice of Motion is from the Council of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches:

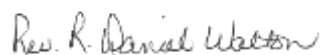
### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### **RE: Ministry Partnership with the Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality**

Please note, the Council of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches shall move or cause to be moved the following motion re: a ministry Partnership between the Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality and the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches to be voted on at Oasis Assembly, August 2012, in Moncton, N.B.

**Moved that the Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality be recognized as a Ministry Partner of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.**

Sincerely,



Rev. Daniel Walton,  
President