



To achieve its purpose the LBA will:

Enable Mission:

by resourcing churches as they engage in local and global mission.

Encourage the Creation of Networks:

by promoting the sharing of resources and best practice.

Unite London Baptists:

by encouraging a common life that embodies the way of Christlike love.

Provide Pastoral Care:

by seeking to develop and support churches, congregational leaders and ministers.

Commentary

A gospel community will be a community which:

- Seeks to embody the Five Core Values for a gospel people as set out by the Baptist Union.
- Listens to the whole body of Christ.
- Promotes best practice in all areas of church life.
- Enters into partnership and fellowship with other Christian communities (Baptist and others.)



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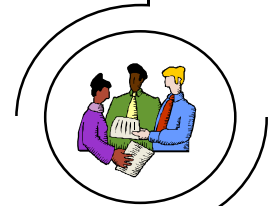
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**Statement of Purpose and
Values 2003**



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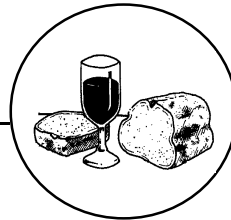
Statement of Purpose and Values

**To enable member
churches to be
gospel
communities that
participate fully in
Christ's mission.**

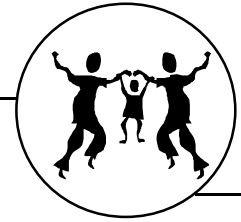
The LBA Board has been working together to agree a statement of purpose for the LBA. It is offered in the belief that it should guide us as we move ahead in setting priorities and making decisions.

Statement of Priorities 2003-2004

Building on the statement of purpose, the LBA Board has set itself the following statement of priorities for 2003-2004. The Board will review and update this statement of priorities regularly. It will report on progress and changes in priorities at each Annual and Autumn Assembly.



- Appointing a Regional Minister responsible for promoting racial justice and improving our awareness of London as a multi-cultural city—May 2003.
- Appointing a Regional Minister responsible for mission resourcing—May 2003.
- Developing an integrated training programme which draws on a wide range of sources and addresses the needs of the churches, including training focused on mission, racial justice and other diversity issues—June 2004.
- Increasing London's giving to Home Mission aiming to achieve the target of £470,000—Dec 2003.



- Establishing a smaller churches network—Dec 2003.
- Reviewing children's work across London—June 2004—and developing an action programme to support children's work by the churches—Dec 2004.
- Continuing to support the development of youth work across London with the LBA youth Co-ordinator—ongoing.
- Developing a group of mediators able to work within churches—Dec 2004.
- Reviewing Baptist involvement in civic affairs—Dec 2003—and establishing an action programme to increase our effectiveness—June 2004.

If you would like to know more about these initiatives or would like to become more involved, please contact the LBA office.

