

## ***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, ministers and congregational leaders.

## ***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 of Great Britain.
- ◆ 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.

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND VALUES



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## ***Introduction***

In a similar way to last year, the LBA Board has been reflecting on the current life of the Association and its needs. As a result this Statement of Priorities is offered to the Association in the hope that it will guide us as we move ahead in the next twelve months and beyond.

Also included are the statements of purpose and values which offer direction for the LBA and its members.

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

## ***Statement of Purpose and Values***

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

## ***Statement of Priorities***

***Racial Justice***—developing a mission based approach to racial justice which includes a gracious understanding of other faiths—ongoing

***Training***—continuing to develop a varied and relevant programme of training events for ministers, officers, deacons and church members—May 2005

***Home Mission***—increasing London's giving to Home Mission to achieve the target of £500,000—Dec 2004

***Smaller churches***—continuing to develop links with smaller churches and increasing their involvement in the Small Church Connection - May 2005

***Children's work***— developing an action programme to support children's work in our churches through the 'Working with Children' task group—Dec 2004

***Youth Work***—continuing to support the development of youth work across London with the LBA youth Co-ordinator—ongoing—and exploring the viability of fulltime youth work in the LBA—Dec 2004

***Mediation***—continuing to establish and develop the work of a team of mediators to work in and with churches—Dec 2004

***Civic Affairs***—reviewing Baptist involvement and establishing an action programme to increase our effective participation in the civic and political life of the city—May 2005

***Ownership***—exploring new ways of encouraging participation in association life among the churches including a review of our current means of communication with churches and their members—May 2005

***Co-operation***—ensuring the LBA is appropriately represented on ecumenical forums in London and establishing guidelines for relating with other Christian organisations in London who wish to work in partnership with the LBA—Dec 2004

***Annual Appeal Fund***—developing the churches' appreciation of the mission opportunities afforded by the newly launched Annual Appeal Fund—May 2005

