

Statement Policy (as of November 2022)

For many years, an important agenda item at our Annual Business Meeting has been the consideration of “statements” about issues of concern to Alliance people. These Statements often call us to learn more about a particular issue and boldly address it with faithful action. They are also a basis for the staff, executive committee, and/or board to endorse positions on behalf of the Alliance of Baptists. Since our founding, we have spent many hours wrestling with and adopting Statements on topics like Confronting Christian Zionism; Extractive Industries; Racism in the U.S., etc. Past Statements can be found on our website [here](#).

The Board of Directors, with help from Rick and Carol Blythe-Goodman, drafted a new Issue Statement Policy earlier this year. It was affirmed by consensus at our board meeting on November 10, 2022. The new policy can be found [here](#).

Note that the deadline for submission of Statements to be considered at our 2023 Annual Business Meeting is January 31, 2023. This is 60 days prior to the Business Meeting, which will be held virtually on Saturday, April 1, from 3:00-6:00 pm Eastern to maximize participation.

A significant component of our public witness for justice is this Statement adoption process. So we strongly encourage individuals, groups, caucuses, and communities in the Alliance to continue to bring issues of concern to us through the use of our new Statement policy.