



PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

Resolution on Clean Water in Schools

Whereas, God has entrusted the church with the health and well-being of all children, a vocation to honor the dignity of and guarantee the futures of young people created in the image of God;

Whereas, our children need clean water to survive and thrive, learn and grow as a fundamental human right and faith communities practice freedom and justice as articles of faith;

Whereas, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. fiercely accepts the responsibility to make every classroom a sanctuary for youth development related to emotional intelligence, academic excellence, moral fortitude, and dietary necessities;

Whereas, our nation has managed to contaminate the water of our children - even in schools and childcare centers - by constructing fountains, faucets, pipes and plumbing with lead;

Whereas, there are still an estimated 9+ million lead service lines across America - pipes that bring water into people's homes and other places where children live, learn, and play and condemn children to futures of poor health;

Whereas, lead is deadly to children's' health, stunting their physical, intellectual, and emotional growth, with even low levels damaging their bodies and minds;

Whereas, the path to purify the water of God's children involves replacing lead-bearing parts and installing and maintaining filters certified to remove this toxic substance;

Whereas, our mighty nation has ample resources to address this moral failing - including billions of dollars already available from federal and state programs;

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Whereas, communities from San Diego to Detroit to Philadelphia are now taking steps on this path to sanctify our children's water;

Whereas, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. understands the ways environmental injustice harms non-White people and low-income communities disproportionately.

Now, therefore be it **resolved**, that the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. demands our government—federal, state, and local—must ensure that all of God's children are provided with safe drinking water;

And be it further **resolved** that Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc demands that all lead-bearing taps in schools and childcare centers should be replaced with truly lead-free ones and filters certified to remove lead should be installed on such taps;

And be it further **resolved** that Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. demands that all lead service lines should be fully replaced - at no cost to renters or others dwelling there - within 10 years or less.

