

A Statement Against Torture
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The Mission Statement of the Alliance of Baptists says that to keep faith with our covenant we will, “Pursue justice with and for those who are oppressed” and “Work for peace.”

As part of embodying our covenant, we affirm that torture is a moral issue.

Furthermore, we endorse, “A Statement of Conscience of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture” found at <http://www.nrcat.org>:

Torture violates the basic dignity of the human person that all religions, in their highest ideals, hold dear. It degrades everyone involved—policy-makers, perpetrators and victims. It contradicts our nation's most cherished ideals. Any policies that permit torture and inhumane treatment are shocking and morally intolerable.

Nothing less is at stake in the torture abuse crisis than the soul of our nation. What does it signify if torture is condemned in word but allowed in deed? Let America abolish torture now—without exceptions.