ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of the
LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. A cooperating church with the Louisiana Baptist Convention 1) is of like faith and order with Southern Baptists as expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 of the Southern Baptist Convention, 2) is sympathetic to the purposes and work of the Convention, 3) contributes to the work of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program or the work of Louisiana Baptists through contribution to the Louisiana Baptist Convention for its use in state programs and agencies and 4) has applied for membership in the local association and, upon recommendation by the LBC Committee on Credentials, has been approved to send messengers to the Convention and 5) filed an accurate Annual Church Profile to the LBC in the previous year.

Section 6. Any church which has taken action affirming, approving or endorsing the practice of homosexuality shall not be considered as cooperating with this Convention. Such actions include but are not limited to the licensure or ordination of homosexuals, marriage or blessing of homosexual relationships, and endorsing homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

Section 7. Cooperating churches that have not given to the Cooperative Program or Louisiana Baptists causes in two (2) years consecutively will be notified via certified mail that they will no longer be considered a cooperative church of the LBC and will have 30 days to officially respond before removal is processed.