

# BANGOR STATEMENT

## on Christian Apologetics and the Church

**RECOGNIZING** that many Americans today either disparage religious belief altogether or are confused about what to believe and are therefore indifferent to religion, and

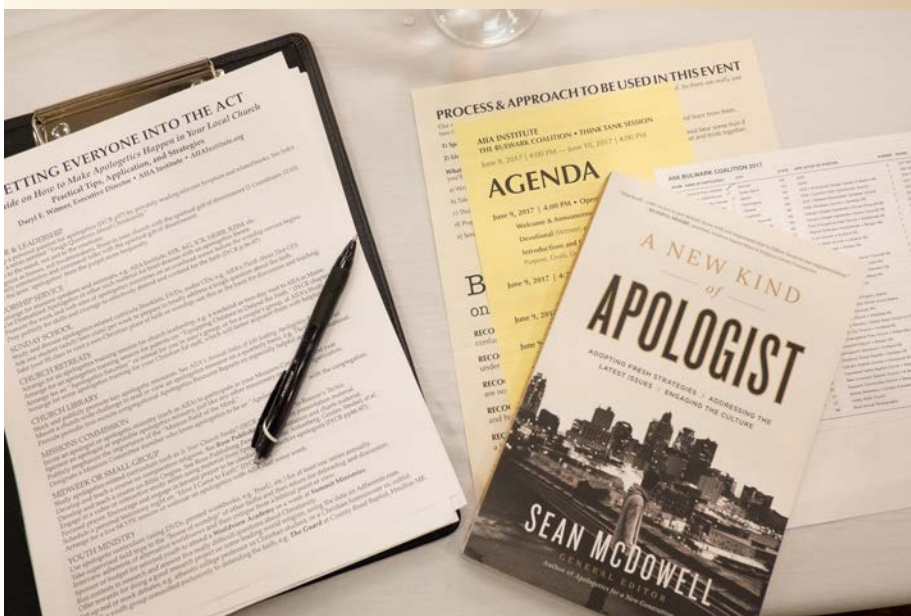
**RECOGNIZING** that evangelical Christians and the Biblical worldview are more and more under siege in America's increasingly secular culture, and

**RECOGNIZING** that in many cases those who profess Christian belief, young and old, are not always well-prepared or confident about articulating a rational basis for their faith, and

**RECOGNIZING** that as a result of all this there is a growing void and lack of a basis for meaning and hope and morality in our nation, and many who are spiritually lost, and

**RECOGNIZING** that there is much evidence that God has historically used apologetics as a key means of effectively addressing the concerns expressed above,

**WE THEREFORE CALL ON** pastors, church leaders, campus ministry leaders, para-local-church organizations, and Christian believers everywhere, to be creative and resolved in placing a fresh emphasis and priority on equipping believers to practice and promote loving Christian apologetics in our time, beginning here in New England, and to do it all in a spirit of hopefulness and with dependence on the Word of God.



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