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The Baptist statement notes that not all members of the Jewish community may agree with the appreciative attitude toward Christianity expressed in Dabru Emet, and acknowledges that also among Baptists, there are differences over "the nature of the mutual affirmation of our two traditions that is consistent with Christian identity." The statement notes that Jews and Baptists in the United States have a long record of collaboration in support of religious liberty, and urges Baptist churches "to maintain and extend relations with synagogues and temples in their communities, both for shared service and for mutual study."

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