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Van Christian of Comanche (right), newly elected president of the Texas Baptist Historical Society, joins Executive Committee member Stephen Warren of Kyle (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Alan Lefever of the BGCT Historical Collection in Dallas. Not pictured are Ellen Brown of Waco, vice-president; and Emily Row of San Angelo, Executive Committee member. (Nan Dickson Photo)

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

SAN ANTONIO-Texas Baptist associations long have wrestled with how to balance principles of independence and interdependence when doctrinal diversity has sparked controversy, a veteran director of missions told the Texas Baptist Historical Society.

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SAN ANTONIO-The Baptist General Convention of Texas' first Intercultural Banquet stressed unity in Christ and strong support for the BGCT Cooperative Program budget.

About 90 people attended the dinner during the BGCT annual session in San Antonio.

The event featured presentation of 28 certificates of appreciation by Glenn Majors, the BGCT's director of Cooperative Program services.

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SAN ANTONIO—An Old Testament prophet offers insights for ministers who face serious challenges, an East Texas Baptist University teacher said at a workshop on Jeremiah during the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Jeph Holloway, associate professor of theology and ethics at ETBU, said, "Jeremiah's challenge to the religious and political establishment meant that all those who wielded power in Jerusalem saw the prophet as a threat to be nullified."

The prophet searched the streets of Jerusalem in vain to find one person who was doing justice, but instead he found a dysfunctional society in which the wealthy lived by deceit and enjoyed their advantage at the expense of the vulnerable.

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For Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-Vision and empowerment provide the building blocks for active, healthy churches, Bobby Broyles told participants in a lay-leadership workshop held during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

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SAN ANTONIO—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas elected their first non-Anglo president, and they gave initial approval to a streamlined governance plan as the first major step toward what likely will be the convention's most sweeping organizational reorganization in 45 years.

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SAN ANTONIO—The “trail boss of the Cowboy church movement,” a veteran Texas Panhandle pastor and a Christian social ministries leader received Texas Baptist Ministry Awards at a dinner held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual session.

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SAN ANTONIO—Bill Williamson had a feeling he was going to be part of something big when he picked up the Baptist Standard in 1956 and read a headline announcing a new Texas partnership with Baptists in Minnesota-Wisconsin.

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By Craig Bird

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SAN ANTONIO-A whirlwind of God-does-it-again stories, vivid documentation of the darkest spiritual and physical needs within reaching distance of Texans, straight-talking Scriptures that reveal God's redemptive heart, heart-felt music about grace and salvation-and even a finishing flourish of confetti-boiled down to a five-word prayer.

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SAN ANTONIO—Three Texas Baptists whose ministries focus on the health and well-being of children and families were recognized by the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation.

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SAN ANTONIO—Given the growth of America's black and brown populations, the Baptist establishment must bridge the cultural divide to reflect the body of Christ, Bill Tillman insisted.

BGCT elects top officers reflecting the convention's growing ethnic diversity_111504

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SAN ANTONIO-Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas elected officers representative of the state's-and the convention's-ethnic diversity.

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SAN ANTONIO-The Baptist General Convention of Texas overwhelmingly affirmed marriage as a union between a man and a woman, but not without

verbal protest from a couple of messengers.