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**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

AUSTIN-Immigration is not just a political issue to Texas Baptists; it's about churches and ministry, said Suzii Paynter, director of citizenship and

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## **How can churches help undocumented immigrants?**

Based on information provided by the Baptist General Convention of Texas immigration task force. For more information, contact Jim Young, director of the BGCT Missions Equipping Center, at (888) 311-3900.



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**Q. Can a church get in trouble for helping an undocumented immigrant?**

**A.** It depends on the kind of help offered.

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## Hispanic but multi-ethnic

**By Sarah Farris**

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Just because a Texas Baptist church calls itself “Hispanic” doesn't mean its members are all Mexican-American. Just ask Rolando Lopez, pastor of Northwest Hispanic Baptist Church in San Antonio, who says his congregation has anywhere from seven to nine nationalities represented.

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# **By The Numbers: Ministering to Immigrants\_12405**

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**Texas has 1.1 million legal resident immigrants.**

(2002 estimate from the U.S. Homeland Security Department)

**Texas has close to 1.1 million undocumented immigrants.**

(Urban Institute estimate, based on the 2000 census and March 2002 current population survey)

**An additional 914,000 foreign-born Texas residents are naturalized citizens.**

(2000 census)

# Number and percentage of Texas population

Based on total Texas population of 20,851,820  
(2000 census)

<b>All Foreign Born</b>			
2,899,642			
13.9%			
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Colombia</b>
1,879,369	69,654	36,176	22,073
9.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>Nigeria</b>
107,027	45,907	35,986	20,927
0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
<b>El Salvador</b>	<b>Caribbean</b>	<b>Honduras</b>	<b>Cuba</b>
101,259	41,777	33,655	16,011
0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
<b>India</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>Iran</b>
78,388	39,249	26,981	15,581
0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Guatemala</b>	<b>Japan</b>
	36,802	26,130	13,070
	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%



**One out of every seven Texans was not born in the United States.**

—Clay Price,  
manager of Baptist  
General Convention  
of Texas Research  
& Information  
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**Additional Resources on Immigration:**

- [Proposed federal Legislation to Legalize Undocumented Farm Workers: The Agricultural Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act of 2003](#)
- [Undocumented Immigrants: Fact and Figures from the Urban Institute Immigration Studies Program, 2004](#)
- [The Border Security and immigration Reform Act of 2003, section by section summary](#)

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

AUSTIN—Ernesto serves as a deacon at a Hispanic Baptist church in Austin. His wife, Maria, works in various ministries at the church. And like 1.1 million other people in Texas and more than 9.3 million in the United States, they are in this country illegally.

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U.S. Border Patrol  
Agent Ricardo  
Marin looks along  
the Mexican side of  
the Rio Grande.  
Marin and his  
partner, U.S.  
Border Patrol agent  
Jesse Arellano, a 20-  
year veteran, patrol  
the river at  
different times of  
the day looking for  
illegals and drug  
smugglers. (Photo  
by Brad  
Doherty/Brownsville  
Herald)

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WACO—A growing number of Texas Baptists in recent years have started looking for ways to minister to undocumented immigrants, particularly after both the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas passed resolutions about immigration in 2003.

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## **Louisiana College trustees elect new president\_12405**

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**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)—Joe Aguiard, 47, was elected president of Louisiana College Jan. 17 after a marathon trustee meeting that included protesters and a last-minute alternate nominee.

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## **Southern Baptists plan alternative to Baptist World Alliance**

**By Robert Marus & Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Southern Baptist Convention leaders will meet with international Baptists leaders in July to create an alternative to the Baptist World Alliance, a Southern Baptist agency head announced.

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# **The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2003\_12405**

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# THE BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT OF 2003

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—A federal judge has struck down a suburban Atlanta school district's policy of placing disclaimers about evolution in science

textbooks, saying the policy violates the Constitution's ban on government establishment of religion.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Despite clarifications from the White House, some socially conservative groups are criticizing President Bush for comments suggesting he will not pressure senators to pass a constitutional amendment outlawing same-sex marriage.