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DALLAS—Listening sessions across the state helped the Baptist General Convention of Texas executive director search committee understand the diversity of Texas Baptists.

Ken Hugghins, chairman of the search committee, indicated the group heard a variety of viewpoints during a series of listening sessions. Texas Baptists include many ethnicities, socio-economic levels, education levels and political vantage points, he noted.

"The 'You Tell Us' sessions have been tremendously helpful for the committee," he said. "We have all learned more about Texas Baptists than any of us knew."

In its Aug. 27 meeting, the committee discussed what members heard during listening sessions and began honing the characteristics they are looking for in the next BGCT executive director.

Committee members will begin seriously discussing names during their Sept. 14 meeting. Hugghins encouraged Texas Baptists to submit letters of recommendation and resumes for people who would be willing to serve as the next BGCT executive director.

Hugghins remains doubtful the committee will nominate someone for the next scheduled BGCT Executive Board meeting. The group remains focused on discovering who God would like to serve in the position.

"We all want to find the right person, God's person."

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