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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

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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## God used headline to call minister to invest his life in Minnesota-Wisconsin\_111504

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By **Miranda Bradley**

*For Texas Baptist Communications*

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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The  
Singing  
Men &  
Women of  
Texas lead  
in worship  
prior to a  
missions  
rally at the  
Baptist  
General  
Convention  
of Texas.

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**By Craig Bird**

*For Texas Baptist Communications*

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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**By Felicia Fuller**

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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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**By Felicia Fuller**

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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.

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## **BGCT elects top officers reflecting the convention's growing ethnic diversity\_111504**

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**By John Hall**

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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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**By Miranda Bradley**

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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.

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BGCT  
Executive  
Director  
Charles Wade,  
consultant  
Sherrill Spies,  
BGCT  
President Ken  
Hall and  
Executive  
Board Vice  
Chairman  
Wesley  
Shotwell  
explore the  
implications  
of BGCT  
reorganization  
for Texas  
Baptist  
churches.  
(Nan Dickson  
Photo)

## **Seminar explores impact of BGCT reorganization on churches**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

SAN ANTONIO-The implementation phase of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' most significant reorganization in two generations will focus on helping churches, according to the consultant supporting the process.

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**By Teresa Young**

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SAN ANTONIO-Texas Baptists should unify around missions, new Baptist General Convention of Texas President Albert Reyes said shortly after his election.

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SAN ANTONIO—God noticed Texas Baptist Men's effective ministry within its home state, and he is calling volunteers to serve around the world, Executive Director Leo Smith told the Texas Baptist Men convention.

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SAN ANTONIO-When a disaster hits, will your church be ready?