

# **Ukrainian Christians still pray for just and lasting peace**

February 20, 2025

Ukrainian Christians' prayers for "a just and lasting peace" seem a distant hope, but God remains in control, said Pastor Igor Bandura, vice president of the All-Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptists.

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# **National Network plans next steps to help immigrants**

February 20, 2025

Less than a week after joining a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's reversal of a policy limiting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at houses of worship, leaders of the Latino Christian National Network gathered to plan their next steps.

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# **Texans on Mission 'came to the**

# **rescue' in Uganda**

February 20, 2025

After a mudslide destroyed homes in Uganda, the government asked Texans and Ugandans on Mission to provide meals for displaced families.

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# **Finding God at HPU: Blaine Onick**

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Blaine Onick came to Howard Payne University to play golf, but what he found was much greater than any sport could give him: Jesus.

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# **Abuse database not a present focus for SBC leaders**

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A proposed online database that would list the names of abusive Southern Baptist pastors is now on hold, with no names likely to be added to the website by the denomination's annual meeting this summer.

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# **Convención receives \$1.5 million Lilly Endowment grant**

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Convención Bautista Hispana de Texas—in collaboration with the National Hispanic Baptist Network—received a \$1.5 million Lilly Endowment grant.

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## **Iniciativa nacional para fortalecer a los líderes pastorales y las congregaciones hispanas**

February 20, 2025

Convención Bautista Hispana de Texas ha recibido una subvención de \$1,500,000 de Lilly Endowment para apoyar “Adelante: Developing Capacity in Service of Hispanic Congregations” and Leaders, ” que es un proyecto que se desarrolla en colaboración con la Red Nacional Bautista Hispana.

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# **Around the State: CLC hosts Advocacy Day**

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As part of celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Christian Life Commission will host Advocacy Day on March 3-4, to equip Texas Baptists for advocacy and to facilitate an opportunity to speak with state representatives.

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# **Board approves NAMB agreement, insurance program**

February 20, 2025

Texas Baptists' Executive Board adopted a new agreement with the SBC North American Mission Board regarding church-starting in Texas and approved the initial reserve investment, officers and board for the Texas Baptist Insurance Program.

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# **Texas Baptists committed to finishing the task**

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The global church is focused on “finishing the task” two millennia in the making, Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Director Julio Guarneri told the BGCT Executive Board.

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# **SBC leaders undaunted as legal bills mount**

February 20, 2025

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Executive Committee struck a hopeful and defiant tone Feb. 17, acknowledging the fiscal woes facing the convention, yet insisting the nation’s largest Protestant denomination remains a force for good in the world.

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# **How to spot and prevent toxic**

# leaders in the church

February 20, 2025

Toxic leadership in the church has been on full display in recent years, a Dallas Baptist University dean told participants in a Nexus Leadership Conference breakout session.