

BGCT forms chaplaincy partnership with Virginia Baptists

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DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board has voted to launch a chaplain endorsement partnership with the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

“Virginia Baptists are very excited about this partnership allowing us to minister to chaplains in our area, as well as BGAV chaplains who will be a part of this process,” said Todd Combee, pastor of New Bethesda Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, Va., and a retired military chaplain.

At the Texas Baptist Chaplain Endorsement Council meeting, Combee became the first BGAV chaplain endorsed through the new partnership.

Combee also will serve on the Chaplain Endorsement Council and will work as an associate endorser for Virginia Baptists.

Representatives from the BGCT and the BGAV will meet in March to finalize the arrangement, which will include endorsement of Virginia Baptist chaplains and access to chaplain training.

“This partnership furthers our mission to help people recognize chaplaincy ministry as a valid vocational calling to be a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ as a professional chaplain,” said Bobby Smith, director of Texas Baptists’ chaplaincy relations.

Texas Baptists endorse chaplains in health care, military, correctional, pastoral counseling, marketplace, crisis resiliency, public safety, coaching

and biker ministries.