

# **Ellen Di Giosia named CBF Texas coordinator**

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The governing board of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Texas approved the selection of Ellen Di Giosia as the next coordinator of CBF Texas.

Di Giosia, a former associate pastor at Woodland Baptist Church in San Antonio and a founding member of Texas Baptist Women in Ministry, succeeds longtime CBF Texas leader Rick McClatchy, who is retiring. McClatchy has served in that role since 2003 after previously serving as coordinator of CBF Oklahoma.

The CBF Texas governing board unanimously approved Di Giosia, as recommended by the coordinator search committee.

"I congratulate the search committee on this remarkable selection following an incredibly thorough search process," said Paul Baxley, executive coordinator of national CBF.

"I want you to know that I am incredibly grateful that Ellen has agreed to accept this important calling and look forward to working with her and many of you to find the most faithful and transforming ways to serve the needs of congregations and their leaders so that we all flourish in faithfulness to Christ and participation in God's mission in our communities and around the world."

CBF Texas is one of 15 state and regional groups that relate to the national CBF. One of those regional groups, Fellowship Southwest, announced Di Giosia's new position in its weekly email newsletter, calling her "a gifted collaborator and compassionate pastoral leader."

“Fellowship Southwest and CBF Texas have worked closely together since FSW’s founding in 2017 and look forward to the ways in which our two organizations will continue to relate to one another under Rev. Di Giosia’s leadership,” Fellowship Southwest stated.

Di Giosia earned her undergraduate degree in music from Mississippi College and a Master of Divinity degree from Baylor University’s Truett Theological Seminary. She is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

She currently serves as pastor of two congregations in Grainger County, Tenn.—Mary’s Chapel United Methodist Church and Rutledge United Methodist Church. Previously, she was pastor of First Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Tenn.

Di Giosia has served as chair of the CBF ministries council and was project manager for *Equally Called*, a resource CBF developed in partnership with Baptist Women in Ministry.