

Hispanic Convention focuses on financial discipleship

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McALLEN—"Abundancia" is the theme of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas annual meeting June 23-25 in McAllen, which marks the beginning of a yearlong emphasis on financial discipleship.

Hispanic Texas Baptist churches will be challenged to abandon a theology of scarcity and develop a theology of abundance—not to be confused with the so-called "prosperity gospel," said Jesse Rincones, executive director of Convención.



Convención will offer sermon materials for pastors and Bible study materials for church leaders focused on financial discipleship, along with practical help to teach individuals and families to take control of their finances, Rincones noted.

Working in conjunction with Andres Gutierrez and his "Paz Financiera" program, the annual meeting will offer workshops so churches can provide training to their congregations.

As families adopt a new perspective on finances, churches and Convención will continue growing, Rincones said. Christians who commit to financial discipleship become more generous and faithful with what they have, he noted.

In business sessions, messengers from Hispanic Texas Baptist churches will

consider a resolution regarding sexual [abuse](#) in the churches, Rincones said. The proposed resolution would “challenge our churches to adopt procedures and policies to help protect children,” he said.

Southern Baptist Convention’s newly adopted [Caring Well Initiative](#)—a program to enhance efforts to prevent abuse and provide care for abuse survivors—will be available in Spanish, and it will provide a valuable resource for Hispanic Texas Baptist congregations, he said.

Training and curriculum for churches taking part in the Caring Well Initiative is accessible on the [Church Cares website](#).

Also at the Convención annual meeting, the Young Latino Leaders group will recommend the creation of a platform through which they could continue working.

The proposal focuses on the development of up-and-coming young leaders and education for first-generation pastors and churches so they can include younger generations in their ministries, Rincones said.

The 15-member core group of Young Latino Leaders will meet at San Antonio in October and continue working toward the suggested goals.