

Texas Baptists gather online for annual meeting

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For the first time, Texas Baptists will gather online for their annual meeting, Nov. 16-17, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 135th annual Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting will emphasize the call to live “Compelled” to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission and Great Commandment.

During the online meeting, Texas Baptists will celebrate mission work made possible through partnerships across Texas, the country and around the world.

“In the midst of this pandemic, Texas Baptists have locked arms, leaned into the challenge and ministered effectively,” Executive Director David Hardage said. “At our upcoming online annual meeting, Nov. 16-17, we will celebrate all that God has accomplished through our cooperative ministry efforts in the midst of difficult times.”

Participating online

On Nov. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., church-elected messengers will participate in the annual meeting business session to elect officers and vote on the 2020 proposed budget, nominations for affiliated boards and ministries and consider resolutions.

Messengers must register by Nov. 13 to participate in the meeting. Meeting organizers encourage Texas Baptist-affiliated churches to register their maximum number of messengers so that their church’s voice can be

heard during the meeting. For more information about messenger registration and business items, click [here](#).

All Texas Baptists—messengers and visitors alike—are invited to join the online celebration session on Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The service will include worship, an executive director's update from Hardage, a sermon from BGCT President Michael Evans, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, and updates about ministries made possible through Cooperative Program giving. No registration is required. Visitors can join the session by clicking [here](#) or going to the Texas Baptists' [Facebook Live](#) page.

Prior to the annual meeting, the Texas Baptists en Español and the African American Fellowship worship rallies will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 15. A new rally for young adults, Devoted Young Adult Virtual Gathering: 20 Things We Learned in 2020, also is scheduled at 7 p.m. To register or find more rally information, [click here](#).

Leading up to the Annual Meeting, a series of live workshops are being hosted each Tuesday at 2 p.m. over Zoom. Workshops began Sept. 8 and will continue through Nov. 17. These workshops cover topics including evangelism, student missions, the Great Commission and more. The workshops are also being recorded, and are available [here](#).

For more information about Texas Baptists' annual meeting, messenger registration and the celebration service, [click here](#).