

Annual Meeting
11/17/25
Executive Board
05/20/25
Institutional Relations Committee
05/19/25

Item of Consideration: Recommendation to adopt the relationship agreement between the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) and Dallas Baptist University (DBU).

Highest Authority
For this item: Messengers at the 2025 Annual Meeting

Originating Source: The board of DBU

Background:

DBU is an affiliated ministry of Texas Baptists requesting a change to related by special agreement. DBU is a Christ-centered university whose focus is to please God above all else and to develop Christian servant leaders through a transformative educational experience. Rooted in a shared history and commitment to the Baptist tradition, Texas Baptists and DBU have worked in unity to further their missions and prepare students to be servant leaders who will impact the world for God's glory. The reason the board of DBU requests a change to related by Special Agreement is to reaffirm, strengthen, and clearly define their relationship with the BGCT.

According to Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph B of the BGCT *Constitution*:

"A new agency or institution may be established or a change in relationship with an agency or institution may be approved by a majority vote of the votes entitled to be cast by the messengers when the vote is taken without regard to the total enrollment at any meeting of the Convention upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, and must be considered by the Executive Board not later than a September meeting of the Board preceding the annual meeting of the Convention. In the case of a new agency or institution, the recommendation must include a comprehensive plan of development, a set of proposed articles and bylaws, and a proposed annual budget."

When an affiliated institution wants to change its relationship status with the BGCT to related by Special Agreement the proper procedure is to present the Special Agreement to the BGCT Executive Board's Institutional Relations Committee (IRC). Once the Special Agreement is approved by the IRC, the IRC will recommend the agreement to the Executive Board for approval. Upon approval of the Executive Board the Special Agreement is submitted for vote at the next annual meeting of BGCT messengers.

Background Attachments: 1) Relationship Agreement Between the BGCT & DBU

Recommendation: We recommend adopting the relationship agreement between the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Dallas Baptist University.