

**Executive Board**

05/20/25

**Institutional Relations Committee**

05/19/25

**Item of Consideration:** Recommendation to adopt the Restated Articles of Incorporation of STCH Ministries

**Highest Authority For this item:** Executive Board

**Originating Source:** The board of STCH Ministries

**Background:** STCH is an affiliated ministry of Texas Baptists. “STCH Ministries is dedicated to healing, restoring and transforming lives globally. Through a unique blend of providing safe homes for children and families, counseling, international missions and helping connect individuals with resources, [STCH] honors God by ensuring that each individual; experiences the love of Christ.” The reason the board of STCH Ministries requests these amendments to their Certificate of Formation is to align with the requirements of the BGCT Constitution and Bylaws concerning affiliated institutions.

According to Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph B of the BGCT *Constitution*:

“The board of each institution affiliated with this Convention shall submit any and all changes or amendments to the institution’s charter to the Executive Board for approval. Any changes that significantly alter the mission of the institution or the institution’s relationship to The Baptist General Convention of Texas shall be referred to the Convention for approval.”

When an affiliated institution wants to amend its articles of incorporation (certificate of formation), the proper procedure is to present proposed amendments to the BGCT Executive Board’s Institutional Relations Committee (IRC). Once amendments are approved by the IRC, the IRC will recommend the amended articles to the Executive Board for approval. If the amended articles do not change the relationship with the institution and the BGCT, the articles are considered amended once approved by the Executive Board. However, if the amended articles significantly alter the relationship between the institution and the BGCT, the Executive Board must recommend the adoption of the amended articles at the next annual meeting of BGCT messengers. It is the opinion of BGCT legal counsel that STCH Ministries’ amended articles do not change the relationship between STCH Ministries and the BGCT and will, therefore, need to be approved by the Executive Board.

**Background Attachments:** 1) Redline version and explanation of changes

**Recommendation:** We recommend adopting the Restated Certificate of Formation of STCH Ministries.