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Texas, Mexican Baptist Conventions May Unite

DALLAS--(BP)--Officials of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas have met with representatives of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here to map plans for uniting the two organizations.

A seven-member committee from the Mexican Baptist Convention extended the proposal to unite with the Texas Baptist Convention earlier this year.

Action on the proposal is expected during the annual meeting of the Mexican Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Tex., June 20-24. The organization will observe its 50th anniversary this year.

If approved at the Mexican Baptist Convention, the proposal will be submitted to the Texas Baptist Executive Board and finally to the annual Texas Baptist convention in Lubbock, Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Pastor I. E. Gonzales of the First Mexican Baptist Church of Corpus Christi and president of the Mexican Baptist Convention, said the proposed move would avoid unnecessary duplication by the two groups. Objective of the proposal is to develop a more effective program of evangelism and fellowship.

All Spanish-speaking Baptist churches in the state are members of both the Mexican Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Nearly all of the Latin-American churches and missions have received financial aid from the Texas Baptist Convention. In turn, they contribute to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Texas Baptists have sponsored work with the Spanish-speaking congregations in the state for the past ten years through their language missions department.

While full details are not completed, an annual convention will probably still be conducted for Spanish-speaking Baptists, along with area-wide pastors' and workers' conferences.

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Folks & facts.

.Yandall Woodfin, religion professor at Baylor University, Waco, for the past five years, has been named associate professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

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Missionaries' Mother
Named Mother Of Year

DALLAS--(BP)--A 69-year-old mother who decided not to serve as a Baptist missionary in order to establish a Christian home has been named 1960 Texas Baptist Mother of the Year.

Mrs. W. T. Walker of San Saba, Tex., was named Mother of the Year just prior to Mother's Day.

Before she met her husband, Mrs. Walker felt that God wanted her to serve as a missionary. But when she decided to marry, she promised God that if He wanted her to rear a family instead of being a missionary, she would establish a home with a missionary atmosphere.

Today Mrs. Walker's two daughters are home missionaries in Arizona and Washington, and three of her nine grandchildren are, or plan to be, Baptist preachers.

The Walker's eldest daughter, Mrs. I. B. Williams and her husband were the first Baptist missionaries to the Latin Americans in Arizona. They work in three missions in Williams, Ariz. One of their three children, Tommy, 16, wants to be a medical missionary.

Garnett, the Walker's second daughter, and her husband, E. C. Branch, are missionaries to the Indians in Crewport, Wash. Their two sons, Carlis, 26, and Terry, 24, are both Baptist ministers.

Bill, the Walker's son, is a layman at the First Baptist Church of Carrizo Springs, Tex. As a crop-duster and stock farmer, Walker serves his church as Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the deacons.

The Mother of the Year award is sponsored jointly by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Texas Baptists' newspaper, the Baptist Standard.

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Relief and Annuity Film
Premier Set During SBC

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DALLAS--(BP)--"The Time Is Now," a new film produced by the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, will have its premier showing at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

The new color film will be shown for the first time publicly during the convention's 9:15 a.m. session on Thursday, May 19, said R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board.

In production for almost a year, the film was under the supervision of Floyd B. Chaffin, associate secretary of the board.

"The Time Is Now" will be available to churches, associations, districts or any other Southern Baptist group, said Chaffin. State offices in each convention, the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, and its field men in several state conventions will have copies of the film available.

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.Forrest C. Feezor, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene May 29. Frederick Eby, professor emeritus of the history and philosophy of education at the University of Texas, will bring the commencement address on May 30.

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.Mrs. Andrew Q. Allen, wife of the late Sunday School secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named dean of women at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. She succeeds Floy Barnard who had held the position for the past 27 years.

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BWA President To Speak
To Seminary Graduates

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the featured speaker for the spring commencement exercises at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, on May 13.

Southwestern will confer and award 236 degrees and diplomas-- 11 in the school of music, 97 in the school of religious education, and 128 in the school of theology.

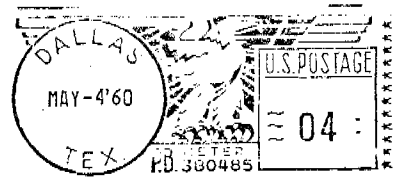
Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., has served as president of the Baptist World Alliance since 1955.

He is a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, with a B.A. degree, and the Rochester Theological Seminary with the B. D. degree. Six colleges and universities have honored him with the doctor of divinity degree.

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