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### Mexican Baptists Vote Unification Approval

SAN ANTONIO--(BP)--Messengers to the golden anniversary meeting of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas voted here to unify their work with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Under the unification agreement, the Mexican convention will function as a departmental convention, promoting educational and spiritual growth programs similar to Texas Baptists' Sunday school and training union conventions.

More than 275 Latin-American churches in the state are affiliated with the Mexican convention. These churches had previously participated in Texas Baptists' associational and state-wide programs. A Texas Baptist language missions department has co-ordinated the work for several years and will direct the new program.

I. E. Gonzales, pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Tex., and Mexican Convention president, presented the unification proposal. Messengers had been instructed by their churches on how to vote on the proposal.

Some opposition to the merger had stalled the unification move last year and promoted a two hour discussion before approval this year. Messengers who had been instructed to vote against the merger said they expected co-operation from their churches.

The unification will now be considered by the Texas Baptist executive board and by messengers to the annual Texas Baptist Convention meeting at Lubbock, Tex., Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Approval is expected from both groups.

Dallas Lee, new language missions co-ordinator for Texas Baptists, said there are some 30,000 Baptists among the state's two million Latin Americans.

Nearly 700 persons attended the Mexican Convention sessions, along with representatives from the Texas Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Folks & facts. . . . .

. . . . .Walter Delamarter, interim secretary of the Texas Baptist Human Welfare Commission, has accepted a position as executive director of the Edna Gladney Home, an adoption agency and home for unwed mothers at Fort Worth. Delamarter has served with the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1957. He was public relations co-ordinator for the four children's homes and domestic relations consultant for the Texas convention before being named interim secretary of the newly-created Human Welfare Commission. (BP)

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. . . . .William B. Lucas of Fort Worth has been named superintendent of missions for the Tarrant Baptist Association of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Lucas has been the association's religious education director since 1953. He had previously served as minister of education at First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Worth. (BP)

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. . . . .Harry Leon McBeth, teaching fellow in the church history department for the past three years, has been named instructor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

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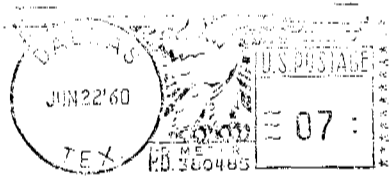
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. . . . .Euell Porter, professor of sacred music at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has received honorary charter membership in the choral conductors' guild "in recognition of outstanding work in the general field of choral music." Porter is also minister of music at the Seventh and James Baptist Church at Waco, and directs the church's 82-voice choir. At Baylor, he is director of the 46-member Baylor A Cappella choir and the 92-voice chapel choir. (BP)

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