

**Christian Life Commission Section
BGCT Bylaws**

D. Church Missions and Ministries Committee

1. The Church Missions and Ministries Committee shall recommend policies to be adopted by the Executive Board for the operations of core ministries of the Convention, such as services to churches, enhancement of missions, and expansion and development of resources and leadership.

2. Christian Life Commission

(a) The Christian Life Commission will have the responsibility to provide information to the churches and the Convention regarding ethical and moral concerns from a biblical perspective, to help Texas Baptists understand the issues in light of Christian ethical teaching, and to recommend appropriate application and ethical responses.

These concerns and issues may include but are not limited to citizenship, religious liberty, racial and ethnic reconciliation, and other ethical issues.

The Commission will research and provide information regarding public policy issues and will advocate for public policy positions as determined by the Christian Life Commission. The Christian Life Commission will inform and report to the Executive Board on public policy matters.

The Commission will speak to and not for the Convention and the churches; however, if authorized to do so by the Convention or the Executive Board, the Christian Life Commission may speak on behalf of the Convention.

On behalf of the Convention, the Commission will seek to develop dialogue and build relationships with other religious bodies and to seek cooperation in matters of common concern without compromising Baptist convictions.

(b) The Commission will be made up of fifteen (15) members, three (3) from the Church Missions and Ministries Committee and twelve (12) other persons who do not serve on the Executive Board and who have great interest in Christian ethics. Such persons shall be members of churches affiliated with the Convention.

Persons serving on the Commission will be nominated by the Church Missions and Ministries Committee and approved by the Executive Board.