

## Proposal to be brought up during 2019 VBCD business meeting

I, Ross Gilson, propose that we remove Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV) from the VBCD Constitution and By-Laws and merge into one under Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Reason: This is to avoid confusion between the affiliations. To be consistent, we need to connect all deaf church communities under Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Here are some changes to be made:

### The Constitution

#### ARTICLE II: GOALS (MISSIONS)

##### **F) Affiliations:**

**Current:** 1) To be affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and the Southern Baptist Conservatives (SBCV).

**Proposed:** 1) To be affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV); **both will collaborate under the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).**

#### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

**Current:** a) Any deaf, hard of hearing or hearing people ... churches that are affiliated with **Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV), the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV) and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).**

**Proposed:** a) Any deaf, hard of hearing or hearing people ... churches that are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

**Current:** b) Any preachers, pastors, laymen, chaplains ... churches affiliated with **the BGAV or SBCV and SBC**.

**Proposed:** b) Any preachers, pastors, laymen, chaplains ... churches affiliated with SBC.

**Current:** c) The membership of VBCD is made up of any registered member of a **Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) or Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV)** church.

**Proposed:** c) The membership of VBCD is made up of any registered member of a **Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)** church.

## **ARTICLE VI: MESSENGERS**

**Current:** Messengers to VBCD shall be deaf/hard of hearing/hearing people who are active members and leaders of a local **BGAV or SBCV** church.

**Proposed:** Messengers to VBCD shall be deaf/hard of hearing/hearing people who are active members and leaders of a local **SBC** church.

## **The By-Laws**

## **ARTICLE II: MESSENGERS**

**Current:** 1. A registered member of a Southern Baptist church in the **Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) or the Southern**

Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV) and a member of good standing...

**Proposed:** 1. A registered member of a Southern Baptist church in the **Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)** and a member of good standing...