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### **Summary**

Main Entry: Joshua Grijalva Ethnic Baptist History Manuscript

Date Span: 1987

Abstract: Manuscript in five volumes of a history of ethnic Baptist history, focusing on the work of Southern Baptist missions and ministries with a wide range of ethnics and language groups in America. The manuscript was compiled by Joshua Grijalva, who wrote most of the narrative but also enlisted others to write histories of state ethnic Baptist work.

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### **Biographical Sketch**

Joshua Grijalva was born March 9, 1922 in San Antonio, Texas. He grew up in a Christian home and at the age of 10 accepted Christ and was baptized into the membership of the Calvary Baptist (Mexican) Church in San Antonio. He completed his B.A. degree at Howard Payne University in 1944 and his B.D. degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth in 1947. He concluded his educational training with his D.Min. degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas in 1981.

Grijalva served as pastor to churches in San Antonio and Denver, Colorado, before serving as Dean of the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio from 1962-1981. This appointment was through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. From 1981-1989 he served with the Home Mission Board as the National Consultant of Ethnic Leadership Development. In 1989 he was named President of the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary. He served in this position until his retirement on May 31, 1993. He continued to be active in retirement, working with other retired ministers. Grijalva served Southern Baptists on several SBC boards and has mentored hundreds of young pastors and leaders. He is the author of 22 books as well as numerous articles for journals and magazines. He died on April 4, 2018.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Joshua Grijalva Ethnic Baptist History Manuscript documents the work and ministry of Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board and state convention to evangelize and train ethnic communities and individuals in America. Much of the manuscript is written by Grijalva but he compiled brief histories of ethnic work from various state workers.

The manuscript traces the history of Baptist ethnic work from its beginning up to 1984. He focuses on the work of several individuals including; Loyd Corder, Gerald B. Palmer, Oscar I. Romo and J. L. Moyer. The writing includes a brief history of work on numerous ethnic groups and communities, including work in Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The work focuses on the mission efforts of Southern Baptists among American Indians, Haitians, Koreans, Laotians, Middle easterners, Hispanics, Vietnamese, the Deaf, and Seaman. The manuscript also includes a section on Woman's Missionary Union ethnic work. A significant section on Refugee and internationals is a part of the text.

One section of the manuscript includes historical information on ethnic work in each Southern Baptist state convention. Grijalva also includes a section on ethnic leadership training, ethnic congregational studies and statistics, and brief histories of Southern Baptist Ethnic Fellowships.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in numerical order by volume number.

### **Provenance**

Donated by Joshua Grijalva to the Dargan Library in 1993 and then transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library in 2016.

### **Preferred Citation**

Joshua Grijalva Ethnic Baptist History Manuscript, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Grijalva, Joshua, 1922-2018

Romo, Oscar I., 1929-2009

Corder, Loyd, 1916 –

Moyer, J. L.

Palmer, Gerald B.

Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board. Language Missions Division

Baptists, Korean

Church work with the deaf

Church work with refugees

Language missions

Home missions

Missions – Ethnic identity

Missions - Refugees

Hispanic Americans – Missions

Laotian Americans - Religion

Missions – Alaska

Missions – Cuba  
 Missions – Panama  
 Missions – Puerto Rico  
 Indians of North America – Missions  
 Vietnamese Americans - Religion

### **Related Materials**

Grijalva, Joshua. *Ethnic Baptist History*. Meta Publishers, 1992.

Grijalva, Joshua. *Heirs of the soil*. Home Mission Board, 1950.

Grijalva, Joshua. *A history of Mexican Baptists in Texas 1881 – 1981*. Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1982.

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Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board. Ethnic Ministries Collection. AR 631.12.  
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### **Container List**

Box 1

- 1.1 Volume 1. Ethnic Baptist History (p. 1-43)
  - This section describes the emergence of Ethnic Baptist history. The manuscript includes information on all ethnic groups served by Southern Baptist, primarily through the work of the Home Mission Board.
- 1.2 Volume 2. General Language histories (p. 44-361)
  - History of Indian Baptist missions
  - American Indians
  - Story of Asian Southern Baptists
  - Case history: Mein and other Southeast Asians
  - Glimpse of the Asian Indian
  - Canada
  - Cuba
  - Deaf
  - History of Diplomatic work in Washington, D.C.
  - Eastern Europe
  - Haitians
  - Mexican Baptists in Texas
  - Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Story of Hispanic Southern Baptists
  - History of Hispanic work in New Mexico
  - Koreans
  - Laos

Middle Eastern history  
 Panama and Canal Zone  
 Puerto Rico  
 Vietnam  
 History of Western Europeans  
 History of Language Woman's Missionary Union

2.1 Volume 3. State Ethnic Histories (p. 362-674)

Alaska – various authors  
 Arizona – Delbert Fann and Mrs. G. D. Crow  
 Arkansas – Jim Files and Minh Vam Lam  
 California – Interview with Lonnie Chavez, Andrew Chan and Joshua Grijalva  
 Colorado -- Robert Nyberg and Hae Won  
 District of Columbia – Language Mission Staff and Mario Acacia  
 Florida – Hubert Hurt and Language Mission Staff  
 Georgia – Jerry K. Baker  
 Hawaii – Veryl Henderson and Yoshiyuki Kawata  
 Illinois – James E. Godson  
 Indiana – Language Mission Staff  
 Iowa -- W. Ross Harmonson and Lowel L. Houe  
 Kansas –Nebraska – Language Mission Staff  
 Kentucky – Language Mission Staff  
 Louisiana – Rafael Melian  
 Maryland – Ronald L. Rodgers and Language Mission Staff  
 Michigan – Eugene Bragg  
 Mississippi – Ted Shepard and Language Mission Staff  
 Minnesota-Wisconsin -- Language Mission Staff  
 Missouri – Elian Pantosa  
 New England States – Hanna Ibrahim and Language Mission Staff  
 New Mexico – Abel Becerra and Language Mission Staff  
 New York-New Jersey – Manuel Alonso and Language Mission Staff  
 Nevada -- Language Mission Staff  
 North Carolina -- Language Mission Staff  
 Ohio --Don Davidson and Language Mission Staff  
 Oklahoma – Eugene L. Sloan and Anita Aycox  
 Oregon-Washington – Harold Hitt  
 Pennsylvania-S. New Jersey – Stanley Smith  
 Puerto Rico – Donald T. Moore and Language Mission Staff  
 South Carolina -- Language Mission Staff  
 South Dakota-North Dakota – Glen Field and Language Mission Staff  
 Tennessee – James C. Redding and Ruben Canas  
 Texas – Ken Shipan and E.E. Atkinson  
 Utah-Idaho – Bruce Conrad  
 Virginia – Virginia University  
 Wyoming – Jack Herrington

- 2.2 Volume 4. Makers of Ethnic History (p. 675-750)
- Makers of Ethnic History
    - Loyd Corder
    - Gerald B. Palmer
    - Oscar I. Romo
  - Challenge of New Frontiers, 1940-1965
  - J. L. Moyer: A man of love
  - Strengthening Language Mission, 1966-1981
  - Missions “to the end of the world” and beyond, 1966-1985 and beyond
  - America’s Ethnicity, 1980
  - Language Congregations/Units, 1984
  - Highlights of Forty-Five Years, 1940-1985, Hispanic
  - American Indian Highlights
  - Highlights: Decades of Change
  - Highlights of Korean work
- 2.3 Programs that Grow Ethnic Missions in America (p. 751-1016)
- Missions in Ethnic America
  - Ethnic Evangelism
  - Contextualized Leadership Training
  - Language WMU Report
  - Ethnic Fellowships
  - Internationals
  - Language Literature
  - Refugee Program
  - Seaman’s Ministry
  - Microcosmic Urban Ministry
  - Ethnic/Language Congregations Study, 1980-1984
  - Hispanics – Observations, 1980-1984
  - Conclusion: “On the edge of tomorrow”