Religion in Louisiana: A History

Louisiana Baptist Convention Is Formed in 1848 by Hardest

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The first Baptist convention, and possibly the most successful, in the history of Louisiana was held at the Baptist Church in New Orleans. This convention was held in 1848, and it was attended by more than 500 ministers and lay leaders from all over the state. The meeting was called by the Rev. Thomas H. Dumas, who was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Orleans.

The purpose of the convention was to discuss the issues facing the church at that time, and to work towards solutions. The convention was divided into several committees, each charged with addressing a specific issue. These issues included education, missions, and the role of the church in society.

One of the key issues discussed at the convention was the need for better education for Baptist ministers. The convention agreed to establish a theological seminary, which would provide training for future Baptist leaders. This was a significant step towards addressing the need for better education in the Baptist community.

Another issue that was addressed at the convention was the need for greater support for missions. The convention agreed to increase the amount of money allocated for missions, and to establish a missions committee to oversee the work of the church in this area.

The convention also discussed the role of the church in society. It was agreed that the church should not only provide spiritual guidance, but also be involved in the political and social affairs of the state. This was a significant shift in the church's approach, and it paved the way for a more active role for the church in the public sphere.

The convention was a significant event in the history of Louisiana Baptistism. It helped to lay the foundation for the growth and development of the church in the state. The issues discussed at the convention continue to be relevant today, and the solutions that were developed have had a lasting impact on the Baptist community.

The convention was a turning point for the Baptist church in Louisiana. It marked a new era of growth and development, and it set the stage for the continued growth and influence of the church in the state.

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