

# ELDER NOMINEES

Elder Bios for Affirmation Vote · Annual Meeting · May 29, 2022 at 9:00 am

The following men are recommended to you, the members of Calvary Church, by the Nominating Committee and the Board of Elders, for Elder affirmation. Please vote yes or no for each nominee to join the Elder Board in July 2022 for a three-year term. The vote will take place during the Annual Meeting as part of the United Sunday service on May 29 at 9:00 am in the Worship Center with everyone from the English/ASL and Spanish services, first grade and up together.

Discover more about the Annual Meeting, the role of an Elder at Calvary Church, and more at [CalvaryLife.org/Meeting](https://CalvaryLife.org/Meeting)

## NEW ELDER NOMINEES

**Jim Babbage** Jim surrendered his life to Jesus when he was 20 years old, back in 1987. He was watching the Ten Commandments movie with his then girlfriend and her parents on a Good Friday and when Jim began to ask questions, his girlfriend's father took the opportunity to share the Gospel and lead Jim to Christ. Jim married that wonderful girl and today, Jim and Pamela have been married for 34 years and Jim has been walking with Jesus for 35 years. Jim quickly grew into a passionate follower of Jesus and over the years he has served as an Associate Pastor at two different Calvary Chapel churches in Orange County and planted an outreach ministry to students at Chapman University in Orange, CA. In 2018 Jim and Pamela became members of Calvary Church and have served in various ways but most recently Jim has been leading the Wednesday Night Men's LifeGroup. He has a passion for Discipleship and the Word of God and helping people grow in their relationship with God. Jim works as a commercial banker where he is blessed to serve churches and Christian business owners. He and Pamela have two young adult daughters and look forward to being grandparents someday. Jim is an avid surfer and stand up paddler and loves being in the ocean.



**Marcelino Rios** Marcelino was 15 years old in 1985 when his mom invited him to church for the first time, where he understood that he was a sinner and needed a Savior. He gave his life to the Lord, and after a while was baptized, publicly recognizing Jesus as his Lord and Savior. After this he went to live and study at a biblical institute for a year, where he learned how to preach the Word of God. At the age of 18 he came to the United States. Since then has served in different ministries in Orange County, including Calvary Church for almost 5 years where he has been involved with the Hispanic Ministry as a worship leader and teacher in Growth Classes and Men's Ministry. This will be his first time serving as an Elder. Marcelino has been working for 5 years as a manager in a distribution company of PVC products. He and his wife Olivia have been married for 30 years. They were blessed with a son and a daughter, who are now 29 and 24, and both are also active and serving in Calvary's Hispanic Ministry. Marcelino loves playing guitar, riding his bicycle, and gardening at home.



# RETURNING ELDER NOMINEES

The following men are recommended by the Board of Elders, for renewal of their second term as Elders.

**Norm Alexander** Norm became a Christian at the age of 16. Growing up with sporadic attendance at various churches, he realized he believed in heaven and hell but felt “fuzzy” about how to determine his eternal destination. God enabled him to settle the issue at a church service in 1978 when Norm fully yielded his life to Christ. In 1985, Norm became a member at Calvary and married his wife, Susie, at Calvary in 1986. Norm has served in Nursery and Children’s Ministry, VBS, leading and teaching adult LifeGroups and discipleship classes, and weekend mission trips to Mexico. Currently, Norm and Susie are mentor/teachers of the Compass (Young Adults) LifeGroup. Norm previously served as an Elder from 2012-18, as well as for the last 3 years. Norm works as a chief financial officer for small to mid-sized companies. By God’s grace and a truly amazing wife, Norm and Susie have raised three boys and a girl, all of whom are now young adults. Norm loves watching English Soccer, especially Manchester City.



**Dave Brown** Dave was blessed to grow up in a Christian home with a faith heritage that goes back to his great, great-grandparents and their service in church. Dave accepted Jesus as his personal Savior at the age of 7 on Halloween evening and literally had hell scared out of him. His mother and father helped with the prayer and the life to follow. Dave continued to go to La Crescenta First Baptist Church, but with a new purpose after that. Much of his spiritual growth came at Grace Community Church and EV Free Fullerton while he attended Biola University. Dave’s second best decision came when he married his wife, Patty, almost 33 years ago. The Brown family started attending Calvary Church of Santa Ana in 1989 and became members in 1991. The Lord blessed Dave and Patty with four children who have all accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Dave has been involved with leadership in young family Sunday School classes, and is serving on the security team in addition to the Elder Board these last 3 years. He and Patty serve together in premarital mentoring, College Ministries and by leading small groups in their home. Dave is a businessman and has worked in sales since 1987. He likes making his wife laugh, mountain biking, soccer (he still thinks Arsenal is better than Norm’s Manchester City), backpacking with his kids and dear friends.



**Brandon Elrod** Brandon gave his life to the Lord at the age of 9 and first came to Calvary Church in 1985 as a 7th grader. He had a misplaced sense of value and identity in out-serving others, volunteering in various age-stage ministries over the next 20 years, even skipping “fun” trips and retreats so he could do the “hard” work trips or short-term missions. He was working to look good to God and knew all about Him, but he didn’t actually know Him and burned out. In his season of exhaustion and exasperation, he began learning to listen for God’s voice and respond to opportunities to join Him where He is at work which has led to some really fun adventure! Brandon has been privileged to author several books, serve as an Elder, disciple pastors around the world, and experience a growing awareness of God’s presence and protectiveness over His earth that he is called to steward. You may see him pruning trees or planting flowers on campus as part of the beautification effort here, which he sees as an act of worship to the Lord. His deep desire is to increasingly see this campus be a beautiful space where people immediately encounter the presence of God. Brandon is married to Desiree who runs the Prayer Counseling Ministry here at Calvary. They just celebrated 27 years of marriage and have three grown children. He has learned much from Desiree and loves the fact that she is the person who modeled for him what it is like to hear the Lord’s voice all those years ago. Brandon is a naturalist by profession but went on to earn a Master’s degree in Biblical Studies and a Doctorate in Church History, so he loves to merge these passions together and explore how God has interacted with humanity historically through His Creation!



There are hundreds of people serving here at Calvary and around the world. The men who serve on the Elder Board represent a piece of that larger picture of the body of Christ as they guide the ministries of Calvary Church. Whether on pastoral staff or a voluntary member of the Elder Board, all those who provide leadership for Calvary need your encouragement and prayers. Discover more about the leadership of Calvary at [CALVARYLIFE.ORG/LEADERS](https://CALVARYLIFE.ORG/LEADERS)