# CALVARY CHURCH OF SANTA ANA

# **ELDER NOMINEES**

Elder Bios for Affirmation Vote · Annual Meeting · April 30, 2023 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 2023 for a three-year term. The vote will take place during the Annual Meeting as part of the worship service on Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 am.

Discover more about the Annual Meeting, the role of an Elder at Calvary Church, and more at <u>CalvaryLife.org/Meeting</u>

# **NEW ELDER NOMINEES**



## **Craig Bryson**

Craig accepted Christ through the influence of Calvary Church's College Ministry in 1971. He and his wife, Betty (Zuercher), were married at Calvary in 1973, and he has been a member since 1974. They served as Short Term Missionaries, supported by Calvary, in Colombia (where Betty grew up) with GMU/Avant from 1975 to 1978.

Craig has served at Calvary for many years in various roles, including leadership in the Homebuilders Sunday Morning LifeGroup, as Trustee Team Member and Church Treasurer, and as Reach Global

Team Member and Chairman. He has previously served a total of 5 three year terms on the Elder Board, including time as Elder Secretary and Elder Chairman.

Craig and Betty live in Anaheim Hills, have three grown sons, all happily married, and 10 grandkids. Craig & Betty love to travel in their small RV and paddle their kayaks. Craig co-owns (with his son Drew) and operates Christian Resource Management, which provides administrative services to Christian ministries. He also serves on the boards of several of those ministries.



### **Tom Shook**

Tom grew up in Anaheim, California and graduated from Western High School in 1978. In 1979 he met Gayle and a year later they were married. After a rough start, they began to attend church at the invitation of Gayle's older brother. After going to church on and off for about two years, on Easter Sunday 1987 Tom committed his life to Christ and accepted Jesus as his Savior. His life was completely transformed and from that moment until now his life's purpose has been to know Him and make Him known.

The Shook family started coming to Calvary Church in 1987 and entered the Practical Missionary Training program under Pastors Fred Morse and Bob Foyle. During that time, they served in Children's Ministry, International Students Ministry, and Church Planting Ministry. In 1992 their training was complete and the family was commissioned to serve the Lord in Outer Mongolia, where they spent 17 years helping to establish the church. Upon completion of that work, Tom served as an Asia division leader overseeing staff and heading up crisis response for Asia. In 2013 they moved to Malaysia to focus their energy on reaching a country in North Asia. Tom and Gayle returned to the US in 2019 and launched His Refuge a ministry to refugees and immigrants.

Tom and Gayle have three children and 11 grandchildren, all living in Southern California. Before becoming a Missionary with Calvary, Tom worked as a shop foreman in a metal manufacturing business here in Orange County. In his free time, Tom enjoys budget restoration of classic cars. He has restored a 1964 VW Beetle, a 1962 Ford Falcon, and his current project is a 1969 VW Bus.

### RETURNING ELDER NOMINEES

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



#### **Ross Bennet**

Ross trusted Jesus to be his Savior at the age of six in Tustin, California on a hot summer Sunday night service in 1968 and was baptized soon thereafter. After high school graduation, Ross started working at Disneyland and met his lovely bride Jana while they were both working in the 25th anniversary parade. The rest, as they say, is history. This June, they will celebrate their 38th anniversary along with their five wonderful children (ages 18 to 33).

Ross has attended Calvary for nearly 25 years and served previously as an Elder from 2010 to 2015, in addition to various ministries including children/youth, LifeGroups, special events, and most recently served together with Jana in the Alpha Course. Ross retired from Verizon Wireless in 2015 after 20 years of crunching numbers and started a consulting practice where he continues his work telling clients their story by the numbers. Ross' hobbies include mountain biking, camping & fishing, and spending time with family and friends in God's great outdoors.



#### Richard E Cavecche

Rick received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior his senior year in college. During his years at Long Beach State, a friend demonstrated a daily example of a real life lived in Christ. God spent a great deal of time working on Rick's heart, and through his friend's witness sparked an interest in spiritual matters that ultimately led to his personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Rick and his wife Carolyn began attending Calvary Church 36 years ago when they were expecting their first child, and have been involved in several ministries that include young married

fellowship and adult fellowship classes, teaching Sunday School to 2 and 3-year-old children, and assisting in Junior and High School ministries. Rick has recently served on Calvary's Elder Board and the Board of Trustees. Currently Rick and Carolyn have been mentoring engaged couples and providing pre-marital counseling at Calvary for 13 years.

Rick has been married to Carolyn for over 42 years, raising 3 children with her, helping them become amazing adults. All three of his children attended Calvary Christian School. Rick is now experiencing the pure delight and unconditional love of being a grandparent to four. Rick started working in the construction industry when he was 15 years old, and is now an executive with a regional construction company.

#### MORE ABOUT LEADERSHIP AT CALVARY

There are hundreds of people serving here at 1010 N Tustin Ave and around the world. The men who serve on the Elder Board represent a piece of that larger picture of the body of Christ at work 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 <u>CalvaryLife.org/Leaders</u>

