

CALVARY CHURCH OF SANTA ANA

ELDER NOMINEES

Elder Bios for Affirmation Vote · Annual Meeting · May 4, 2025

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 2025 for a three-year term. The vote will take place during the Annual Meeting as part of the worship services on Sunday, May 4 in both the 9:00 am service in English and the 11:00am service in Spanish. Discover more about the Annual Meeting, the role of an Elder at Calvary Church, and more at CalvaryLife.org/Meeting



Rick Bergstrom trusted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 18 while attending Forest Home Christian Camp. Attending Calvary since 1976, it was in the Calvary College group that Rick met and later married his wife, Karen Bauer Bergstrom. Years later Rick and Karen realized that Karen had also attended Forest Home during that same weekend and was praying for his salvation even though she had not yet met him. He has been a member of Calvary since 1982.

Rick is currently serving on Calvary's Trustee Board and Calvary's Security Team. In addition Rick has previously served on Calvary's Building Committee, College Ministry staff and various ways in Student Ministries. Rick has also served previously on Calvary's Elder Board from 2007 - 2013, and 2015 - 2021. Over the past 45 years Rick has worked in the financial services and real estate industry. He is currently involved in residential real estate and commercial, industrial real estate development. Rick and Karen were married here at Calvary in what is now Samsvick Chapel and have been married for 42 years. They raised their four children at Calvary and two of their adult children are now raising their six (soon to be seven) children at Calvary.



Marcelino Rios was 15 years old in 1985 when his mom invited him to church for the first time, where he came to understand that he was a sinner and needed a Savior. He gave his life to the Lord, and was baptized, publicly recognizing Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

He went on to 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 where he has been involved with the Hispanic Ministry as a worship leader and teacher in Growth Classes and Men's Ministry. He just completed his first

3-year term on the elder board, and looks forward to continuing to serve in this way. Marcelino works as a manager for a distribution company of PVC products. He and his wife Olivia have been married for 30 years. They were blessed with a son, a daughter, and one grandson. The whole family loves serving together in Calvary's Hispanic Ministry. Marcelino loves playing guitar, riding his bicycle, and gardening at home.



Curtis Yates was raised in a Christian family and has attended Calvary Church since he was an infant. He prayed to receive Christ as a five year old in his bedroom. He rededicated his life to Christ at Hume Lake as a junior higher and was baptized in high school.

Curtis married his wife, Karen, in 2000 and together they have raised their three children at Calvary. Curtis has helped lead several Sunday School classes and Life Groups at Calvary over the last couple decades, including most recently Gentle & Lowly. He has also served through Homes of Hope, NeighborGood, Operation Love, and helped to launch Calvary's orphan care ministry and orphan care fund. He has also been a Trustee from 2001-2010, and 2020-present. Curtis has been an attorney and literary agent since 2000, guiding and shaping the careers of Christian authors and advising ministry organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors of The Christian Alliance for Orphans and The Turner Foundation in Santa Barbara. He enjoys baseball, reading, frisbee on the beach, and epic sunsets.

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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 [CalvaryLife.org/Leaders](https://www.calvarylife.org/Leaders)



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