

State of Calvin 2023



Faith. Learning. For *life*.

Dear Calvin Constituent,

Our annual school Society meeting is an important opportunity for us to gather, share and commit ourselves to the good work God has given us to do here in South Holland.

This year the State of Calvin will give you 5 opportunities:

- **Hear what God has done & looking ahead to the future**
- **Approve the 2023-2024 budget**
- **Approve a change to our Constitution**
- **Approve 3 new board members**
- **Approve 2 current board members for an additional term**



Calvin Christian School is entrusted to a Board of 12 trustees (minimum) who have the responsibility of serving the Society, leading it, and making decisions that are representative of its constituency. In its 100+ year history, Calvin has been blessed to have volunteers who are willing to serve the school and its families. Calvin depends on board members that are dedicated to its mission and long-term success and are willing to commit their time, talent, and treasure to the school. At this time, the Board of Directors is requesting your participation as we seek to fill 3 board vacancies. We honor those retiring: Craig Irvine, Ryan Stegenga, and Priscilla Torrence.

Voting will take place on Thursday, May 11 at 7:00pm during our annual State of Calvin meeting hosted on campus. We look forward to your attendance.

The membership of this Society consists of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of children attending this school, and other supporting individuals over the age of 18 years, who by doctrine and life, manifest themselves to be Christians; who subscribe to this constitution and its bylaws, who also:

- 1) indicate their support of this constitution by signing a statement that all students of Calvin Christian School will receive an education based on the Reformed Confessional Standards, namely the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort, which are summarized in the [Foundational Beliefs of Calvin Christian School](#), and
- 2) contribute annually set fees to designated funds as established by the Board of Directors.

According to Board Policy, part 2) of this membership qualification is satisfied by anyone, other than a tuition-paying parent or guardian of a student at Calvin, that has made contributions totaling \$35 or more within the prior year to CCS through the General Fund, Tuition Assistance fund, any capital campaign in progress, or the Calvin Christian School Foundation.

Our Constitution states: *“Each year the Board of Directors shall have the option either to nominate and present a slate of at least twice the number of candidates as there are vacancies resulting from retiring members (a ‘double slate’) or it may nominate a single slate of candidates for any or all vacancies if the board has not identified sufficient candidates to present a double slate.”* This year we present a single slate. Voting will be a simple yes or no vote for our three candidates seeking a 2-year term and three who are seeking an additional term on our board. All members of the Calvin Christian School Society can vote.

**Absentee ballots will be available through the school office
(708-331-5027 / office@calvinschool.org).**

Here is the proposed change to our Constitution:

The Board of Calvin Christian School proposes the following amendment to the Constitution.
Article IX, number 2.

We acknowledge that earlier a proposal was approved that stated that “at least 60% of all faculty shall be members of a church of reformed persuasion”. This year we are asking that this percentage be a simple majority.

Rationale:

1. This is important for keeping the staff more reflective of the percentage of the student body present at Calvin.
2. In addition, earlier, the Board approved the implementation of Teaching for Transformation. This program grounded in Reformed theology comes with a deep hope that Christian schools could be places where everyone would discover their place in God's epic plan. Teaching for Transformation has a framework that the learning happening in every classroom is rooted in a compelling vision of the kingdom. Learners are connected to God's story and this story invites them to be a part of how God is making all things new.
3. Through this program, we are ensuring that every teacher is equipped and ready to teach from a reformed perspective regardless of the particular church they attend. This program is ongoing as is the training.
4. The Board is deeply committed to ensuring that teaching from a reformed perspective is still very evident and is distinctive of Calvin Christian School.

Here are our three school board candidates:

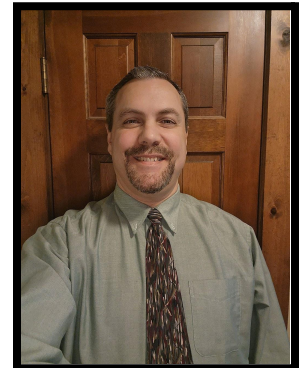
My name is Tim DeYoung. My wife, Megan, and I are both lifelong residents of South Holland. We have three daughters: Avery, Audrey, and Alise. Avery and Audrey are current students at Calvin, and Alise will be at Calvin next year. I am a Calvin alumnus, as are my grandmother and great-grandfather, so it's extra exciting for me to have my children at Calvin!

I am a member of First Reformed Church of South Holland where I currently serve as the Deacon Treasurer. I also have been serving as an Economic Development Commissioner the Village of South Holland since 2007, and as an Executive Committee member of the Heritage Community Party of South Holland since 2001.

I attended DeVry University in Addison, Illinois where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in 1998.

I have been working as the Head of Information Technology at the South Holland Public Library since 2000, and as the Webmaster and Digital Media Creator for the Village of South Holland since 2004.

I am excited about this opportunity to serve Calvin Christian School families and students, and it is an honor to be involved.



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My name is Lynnette Williams. My daughter London and I live in Country Club Hills with my mother who has lived there for over 35 years. We have been a part of Calvin Christian School for four years. London is currently in 3rd grade. I have been a member of New Landmark M.B. Church for 19 years where I serve as a member of the Scholarship Committee and sing in the adult choir. I am also a supporting parent of the youth department.

I received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Columbia College in Columbia Missouri and a master's degree in Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago Illinois.

I have worked in Higher Education for 8 years, and most recently was an Enrollment Advisor at Maryville University until being laid off in February 2023. As an Enrollment Advisor, I worked with students interested in bachelor's and master's programs.

I am honored with the opportunity and look forward to being able to serve the families of Calvin Christian School.



My name is Dr. Sandra Womack Johnson. My husband, Rev. Dr. Walter B. Johnson Jr., and I live in Matteson, IL. We have three children: Walter III, Turquoise, and Zantoria, along with three grandchildren LaTiana, Christopher (CJ), and Zahria. CJ and Zahria are current students at Calvin Christian School. I am part of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the 4th District of Chicago. I fellowship with Greater Institutional AME Church, Chicago, IL.

I earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, and a Business Administration Degree from Chicago State University in Chicago, IL.

In my personal and professional vocation, I have aimed to support individuals, strengthen systems, and build community. My career has primarily been in the area of Community and Economic Development.

I appreciate the stellar Christian education that Calvin Christian School offers its students. I am honored to be part of a learning institution that works to build God's children through Christian education.

The following board members have agreed to serve an additional term. Board members can serve a maximum of 3 consecutive two-year terms. Voting will ratify their willingness to stand for this additional two-year term:

- **Elsa Fennema**, member of the executive committee (for a 2nd two-year term)
- **Rob Lagerwey**, member of the executive and finance committees (for a 2nd two-year term)
- **Dianne McCullough-Travis**, member of the education committee (for a 2nd two-year term)

Thank you for your support of the Christ-centered education at Calvin that God began in South Holland over 100 years ago and that continues to shine for His glory today.

Elsa Fennema
CCS Board President