2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Orthodoxy
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to biblical truth, the Gospel Jesus preached, and “the faith once and for all delivered to the saints”.

John 3:17-17; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Jude 3-4

Reconciliation
Calvary Baptist Church practices reconciliation with God and with one another which is the heart of the Gospel message, former enemies became friends through mercy, repentance and forgiveness; hostility is replaced by active good will and peace.


Diversity
Calvary Baptist Church cultivates and celebrates our congregation’s ethnic, racial, social-economic, generational and cultural diversity within our unity in Jesus Christ.

Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:5-11, 40-47; Gal. 3:26-29; Rev. 5:9-10

Faith
Calvary Baptist Church desires to trust God enough to obey His will, even when He calls us out of our comfort zone and tells us to take risks for Him.

Matt. 17:20; Heb. 11:6, 8-10, 13-16; James. 2:14-26

Life
Calvary Baptist Church believes that life is a gift from God our Creator and that every human being is made in the image of God and has intrinsic value and dignity; we also believe that God offers every person new life through the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Gen. 1:26-28; Deut. 30:11-20; Acts 17:22-34; 1 John 2:1-2

Love/Compassion/Justice
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to sharing God’s love with everyone and is resolved to stand up for what is just and right in the sight of God, according to His Word.

Micah 6:8; Mt. 25:31-46; 2 Tim. 3:16-17

Transformation
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to discipleship and spiritual formation, where every believer grows and matures and becomes a tender hearted and tough minded disciple of Jesus Christ, “speaking the truth in love”.

Matt. 10:16; Luke. 6:40; Rom. 8:28-30; 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Eph. 4:11-16

Proclamation (Word of Truth)
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to the faithful, loving, and uncompromising preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ and His Word, the Bible.

Psalm 19:7-14; John 6:60-69, 14:1-6; 2 Tim. 3:16-4:5; 2 Peter 1:19-21

Witness (Evangelism & Missions)
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and effectively in both local evangelism and international missions.

Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 10:13-15

Leadership
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to practicing biblical, servant leadership and to recruiting and training servant leaders in our congregation and the larger Christian community.

Matt. 20:28; John 13:1-17; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Our Mission, Values, and Disciple Making Process

Worship
We come together each Sunday, whether virtually or in-person, to sing, read Scripture, hear God’s word preached, and pray. In March 2021, Calvary announced that Hunter College, at Lexington Ave. and E. 68th St., will be our home for Sunday morning 10 a.m. in-person services for the next several years.

Connect
Connect Groups are the heart-beat of Calvary and make this big city feel like home. We have a place for everyone—regardless of whether you are just beginning to explore the Bible or have been a Christ-follower for years. Connect Groups enable you to build relationships and grow in your personal walk with Christ.

Serve
Serving is a gratifying way to grow personally, meet others, and discover your spiritual gifts. We organize opportunities where together, we can make a positive difference in our church, in our community, and throughout our world.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one God, eternally existent as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is God’s inspired and infallible Word, and is the supreme standard and final authority for all conduct, faith, and doctrine.

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His premillennial, personal return in power and glory.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but by willful transgression became sinful and is justly under the condemnation and wrath of Almighty God.

We believe that the only salvation from this guilt and condemnation is through faith in the righteousness and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that this salvation is the free gift of God’s love and grace. We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit and that His ministry is to reveal Christ to men, to convict of sin, to regenerate repentant sinners and, by His presence and power, to sanctify the lives of the redeemed.

We believe that the New Testament Church is a body of believers, baptized by immersion, associated for worship, service, and the spreading of the Gospel of the grace of God to all the world.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and communion; that baptism is only to be administered upon profession of faith in Christ, by immersion, thereby declaring our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that communion is only for believers, is to be preceded by faithful self-examination, and is in remembrance of the Lord’s death until He comes.

We believe that there will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust; the just, having been redeemed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be with Him throughout eternity in glory; the unjust, having died impenitent and unreconciled to God, to eternal condemnation in Hell.

COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

Realizing my guilt before God, I have confessed my sin to Him, and received the Lord Jesus Christ, who bore my sin on the Cross, as my personal Savior. (Romans 3:19, 23; 5:8; and John 1:12).

I ACKNOWLEDGE the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of all my life, and seek to confess Him as such before others by the testimony both of life and lip. (Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

I TRUST in the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in my heart, to keep me, guide me and lead me in the way of purity and holiness. (John 14:26; 16:13; Romans 8:2-4; and Galatians 5:22-25)

I ACCEPT the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and my final authority in all matters of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

I RECOGNIZE my responsibility to pray regularly for the work of this Church, for its pastors, officers and members, that the witness of all concerned may be to the glory of God and to the salvation of souls. (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 25)

I RECOGNIZE my responsibility by tithes and offerings to extend the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ both at home and abroad. (Malachi 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

I RECOGNIZE my responsibility to be regular in my attendance at the services of the Church, and at the Lord’s Table. (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 11:26)

I HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION, in obedience to my Lord’s command, thus signifying my union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:4)

I HAVE READ the Articles of Faith as contained in the By-Laws and am in complete agreement therewith. (1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7; Jude 3)

MEMBERSHIP STATS APRIL 2021 - APRIL 2022

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Dear Calvary Family,

Laura and I marvel and exult in the grace of God by which you called me to be your pastor. I confess along with the apostle Paul that I am not sufficient in myself for this weighty ministry of shepherding you, God’s people. But He who called us is faithful, and I am confident that His great power is sufficient to accomplish His work for His glory through the jars of clay that we are. Thank you, for that wonderful installation service. It was a great joy and affirmation to have our former pastors Rose and Epstein with us on that occasion, along with friends of Calvary, both old and new. I am grateful for your love and trust. I solicit your earnest prayers that I would remain faithful to our Lord and that I don’t “shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.”

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PREACHING

Robert MacArthur, in his first sermon preached at the opening of the 1883 building on West 57th St, declared: “A Baptist Church is loyal to the Word of God.” While that building is about to come down, our loyalty to the word of God remains. As your senior pastor, my primary ministry is preaching and teaching the word of God. I began my preaching ministry in February with the foundational stories that form us: The Story of Scripture; The Story of our Triune God; The Story of the Church; and Your Story and Mine. We are currently about halfway through our expositional study of Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians, “In Christ Alone.” God has raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and exalted Him above all principalities, powers and authorities. He has given the exalted Lord to the church as its Head so that through the church He may gather all things in Christ for His glory. Ephesians calls us to live out this reality as witnesses of Christ. God willing, we will study the book of Ruth next and celebrate God’s faithfulness to His people and their faithfulness to each other.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Ephesians teaches us that the risen Lord gave gifted servants to the church to equip His people for the work of the ministry. I am grateful for the pastors with whom I have the privilege to serve. We look forward to building a strong ministry team that equips the saints of Calvary in engaging the city and impacting the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray with us for God’s provision of the right servants for a few pastoral roles that need to be filled for us to function as an effective team. This will help me focus on discipling and mentoring leaders for the church as well as giving the needed time to prepare for preaching each week. I am grateful for the love and support of the elders, deacons, and other office holders who are faithful in their calling to serve the body.

OTHER MINISTRIES

In addition to my primary pastoral responsibilities, I am also currently overseeing the Council of Missions and New York School of the Bible. I am grateful to Jennie Work and her team for their tireless efforts in caring and praying for our missionaries. I am delighted that our 175th anniversary “servabration” will focus on local and international missions. Our vision is that every believer in Calvary will be engaged in impacting their spheres of influence with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Michael Herbert continues to provide effective leadership to the New York School of the Bible in the turbulent times in which we live. He and his team have successfully led the transition to offering our classes online and building partnerships with accredited institutions for NYSB students to continue in their educational endeavors. We are currently exploring a partnership with Wheaton College in offering their master’s degree program in Ministry Leadership here in New York City.

God has given Calvary the great legacy of preaching “Christ Crucified, Risen, and Coming Again,” for 175 years in our great city and to the world beyond. As we navigate this time of displacement from and return to our location on West 57th, we entrust ourselves to our God “who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.”

Pastor Abraham
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS

Calvary’s Worship Arts ministry exists to glorify God creatively. We encourage our artists to give God their best, while supporting other departments, and leading the way with celebrations and outreaches. Art has the power to lower defenses, to unify, to heal, to excite, and to communicate the Gospel in unexpected ways. When we create art, we imitate our Creator. All that we have—all that we are—we offer back to Him.

“I’ll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.”

GOALS

- **Invest in Sundays:** restart ensembles, continue building our worship team, improve our livestream, identify special music, readings, and video stories.

- **Attract new artists:** For Sundays and for projects, with intended discipleship in small groups.

- **Increase online arts presence:** Build a track record with a dedicated webpage and YouTube channel.

- **Arts workshops for children:** training in music and dramatic arts.

- **Build a Calvary Arts volunteer production team.**

- **Tell It From Calvary Podcast:** post current sermons plus a curated archive of former senior pastors.

- **Special feature presentation videos.**

- **Video concert production – similar to our Candlelight and Freedom concerts.**

- **Develop a heart of worship within our congregation:** encourage the appreciation of musical preferences and giftings of others.
FAMILY MINISTRIES

We offer high energy, creative, and interactive experiences designed especially for babies, toddlers, kids, and students. Our gatherings are gospel centered. We teach the Bible in an age appropriate way in each ministry so that the children and students can understand and apply what they learn. Our Family Ministry embraces Calvary’s vision to, “engage the city and impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

We teach our children and students what that looks like in their own phase of life. We want every child to hear the gospel in a way that makes sense, have an opportunity to receive Christ if they’re ready, and then grow in their faith in Christ. We also work to partner with parents to set them up to have faith conversations at home with their children.

Looking ahead, our Student Ministry is going on a mission trip to Boston, MA in early July to share the gospel with children, teenagers, and adults. Our Student Ministry is also attending Generate Camp at Eastern University outside of Philadelphia, PA in late July.

Our Kids Ministry is attending CentriKid Camp again (for the 3rd time) at Skycroft Conference Center in Middletown, MD in July.

Throughout the year, we have other events planned for our Family Ministry including VBS, Summer Kickoff Party, Jingle Jam, Easter Jam, Student Ministry Winter Retreat, and more.

Whether on Sunday mornings, at a camp or retreat, or at another event, our focus is to see children and teenagers come to know Christ and receive the eternal life He gives. We want students to know Christ, grow in their faith in Him, and then help others around them to know Him.
The purpose of CROSSROADS is to create and promote communities of young adults who are becoming mature disciples, growing in love for Jesus Christ and being faith-ful witnesses in word and deed to their neighbors of every background.

Our vision is to see young adults transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and sent to be witnesses in their spheres of influence. Church attendance has suffered and atrophied because of COVID19 with many church members being slow to return to in-person worship. According to BARNA®, many young adults prefer a hybrid church future. In addition, biblical illiteracy among young adults is at an all-time high with distrust in the church increasing. Despite these factors, young adults long for community, purpose, and direction. To address these needs, the proposed ministry philosophy for CROSSROADS will incorporate these main initiatives for the upcoming year.

**ONGOING:** In partnership with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/NYC we will actively invite young adults from Hunter College to socials and our growth groups (bible studies).

**BI-ANNUALLY:** Our bi-annual retreats serve to provide spiritual formation for young adults who need to hear from Jesus without distractions, form deep relationships that will be a foundation for accountability and discipleship and integrate visitors.

**QUARTERLY:** Each season, CROSSROADS will partner with HOPE NY to serve individuals in need. It’s an opportunity for our young adults to practice their faith. We believe that service cultivates humility and is a means to encourage young adults to actively and regularly share their faith.

**MONTHLY:** In response to the crisis of credibility that exists among many non-believing young adults in NYC, CROSSROADS will host monthly event socials with the purpose of broadly inviting young adults to connect and build trust with Christians. We are focusing on using network mapping to identify young adults within our circles who we can invite to these socials. The hope is to host them well and invite them to a small group gathering (using Habitudes training).

**WEEKLY:** Each week, CROSSROADS will host a Sunday after-service fellowship as well as a mid-week Small Group that examines the scriptures inductively. Our goal is to help young adults learn how to study and apply scripture in a manner that leads to transformation. The discipleship cycle will be used where students:
- **Hear the Word** – Study the bible inductively in community
- **Actively Respond** – Apply what they have heard
- **Debrief** – Return to process how God was faithful

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE & CONNECT MINISTRY**

In the book of Acts, Luke presents the church in Jerusalem as a model for us to follow. They had so many beautiful attributes that I find so attractive. Here are a few of my favorites:

They had a deep devotion to the Lord Jesus and the Apostle’s teaching. Everyone was welcome and respected irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or skin color. They sacrificed for the needs of the poor. They devoted themselves to prayer and fellowship (and the breaking of bread!).

**SMALL GROUP FINDER**

The Small Group Finder (SGF) enables our fellowship to learn about each of the in-person and virtual small groups that Calvary is hosting.

The SGF can be found on Calvary’s website, under the Connect tab, and on the Calvary mobile app.

**Small group attendance varies from 15-20 people.**

**Our vision for small groups is:**

- Disciples grow as we engage Scripture. When small group leaders ask questions they move us to engage Scripture personally. Talking alone doesn’t necessarily produce transformation, but discovery, discussion, and applying the Word will.

- Service projects and sharing our faith are essential elements of discipleship. Disciples aren’t formed in a classroom alone, but our faith is forged on the bumpy road of relationships as we serve the lost and share our faith with them.

- Small groups were Jesus’ preferred method for leadership development because that’s where we learn application, accountability, and where we give and receive affirmation.

- Small groups are the first line of congregational care. As we feel safer to meet in person, our shared meals will feed our fellowship, fuel our prayers, and foster our mutual ministry.
WOMEN’S MINISTRY

“WOMEN IN A CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP”

Calvary’s Women’s Ministry welcomes all women with open arms aiming to connect them to God and others, and equipping them to live out God’s purpose in their lives. Through Bible studies, healthy small groups, authentic mentorship, and fellowship opportunities, our Women’s Ministry seeks to ignite a passion for Christ in the heart of every woman. We focus on making disciples who are relational, intentional, and equipped. This season we continue learning what it means to grow our women’s ministry in a culture of discipleship. As we embrace the Great Commandment and fully engage in the Great Commission, this God-sized vision will encompass our entire community. Now that we are meeting in-person at Hunter College, our women’s ministry activities will again meet in-person and/or through a combination of in-person and on-line gatherings.

Beverly Quinlan
Women’s leadership Team Coordinator

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT BIBLE STUDIES:
Know truth for yourself as we study the Bible inductively in this gathering that meets the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Leader: Priscilla Hodges

THE WOMEN’S FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY:
We began the Fall season studying the subject of Discipleship, using the book entitled “The Ways of the Alongside: Growing Disciples Life to Life” by Bill Mowry. We took a deep dive into the meaning of Discipleship, answering these questions - What is discipleship? How do we disciple another? We are currently studying a series called “The Lives of Great Men of God – David a Man of Passion and Destiny,” by Charles Swindoll.

Leader: Marilyn Lebowitz

STANDING IN THE GAP:
An opportunity to intercede in prayer for our families, communities, the church, the nation, and the world.

Leader: Vivette Hagues

MONTHLY WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP 2021/2022:
The focus of Women’s Fellowship is on discipleship. Using “Crossroads on the Journey,” our emphasis this year has been on each of us pursuing a lifetime commitment and transformation. During our upcoming season, we’ll be encouraging and equipping one another to disciple. Our goal is to “stimulate one another to love and good deeds” as we use our unique situations, opportunities, and gifts to grow spiritually and build up the Body.

Leaders: Cathy Canary and Beverly Quinlan

WOMEN’S ANNUAL RETREAT:
There will not be a women’s retreat this summer, however, we have considered partnering with Hope Gathering for an NYC women’s event this fall/winter.

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE:
We all share the call to make disciples, women mentoring women the Titus 2 way–woman to woman. With a focus on inspiring and equipping women to reach their friends and neighbors, we will introduce “IFTable” a tool that creates a regular rhythm of connecting with women in your places of influence.

Leader: Beverly Quinlan

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS & MOMSNEXT):
We believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come face to face. We rally women to come together and help each other through this time called motherhood, one gathering at a time.

Leaders: Rachel Archer, Esther Shin and Beverly Quinlan

VESTED IN PRAYER (V.I.P.):
A monthly prayer meeting.

Leader: Sharon Shah

Calvary’s Women’s Ministry participated in the Fall 2021 Hope Gathering event, where women from over 60 different NYC churches gathered to hear stories of extraordinary and everyday hope, worship God, experience curated works of original art, and meet diverse women who are like-minded in pursuit of the life of God.
The year 2021 was a season of unexpected challenges and hopefulness, but by the grace of Jesus and the help of a dedicated staff, NYSB accomplished some important milestones. In July 2021, April Baez was succeeded by Emily Griffin as the part time student coordinator for NYSB. This occurred at a critical time for the school as we were preparing to launch the new Blackbaud learning management system and the Fall I & II classes. In addition, we lost two long term instructors from our staff with a combined history at our school of nearly sixty years. We mourned the passing of Diane Sanbula, our former assistant registrar of ten years and the most diligent and vocal supporter of NYSB. In spite of these changes NYSB had a good year and we have a solid foundation and infrastructure on which to build as the school expands.

Below are some of our highlights from the past year:

- We expanded our online class offerings by adding Tuesday night classes.
- Dr. Lawrence Taylor retired at the end of June 2021 after 30 years as an instructor.
- Our virtual Convocation on November 13, 2021 had 49 online participants with 12 certificates awarded.
- On September 23, 2021, the “You Can Understand the Bible” webinar with Dr. Bob Utley had 18 participants.
- Our school catalog and class offerings were fully online with interactive links to class instructor pictures and profiles along with the class descriptions.
- October 3, 2021, Dr. Abraham Joseph, a former student, was voted in as Senior Pastor.
- Several new instructors were added to our teaching staff including Dr. Binu Thomas, Dr. Joe Cina, Dr. Nelson Thermitus, Nancy Gavilanes, MA, Rev. Roberto Munoz, M.Div., and Rev. Happy Thampikutty, MA.
- In 2021 we have seen many evidences of the grace of Jesus at work thru NYSB but our best days are ahead of us. We have a highly qualified teaching staff with many doctorates. Our teaching staff is the most ethnically and generationally diverse it has been. We have an amazing support staff and a wonderful new Senior Pastor and Chancellor, Dr. Abraham Joseph. Finally, we have loyal and dedicated students who love Jesus. All we need now is for the Spirit of Jesus to give NYSB favor so it will grow numerically and in kingdom impact in New York City. Pray for that, spread the news about NYSB and most importantly register for one of our classes this year. You won’t regret it as I believe you will draw closer to the resurrected Christ through it. Selah.

Our student enrollment has been consistent after a $20 increase in the tuition cost.

- Winterim 2021: 9 students
- Spring I, 2021: 65 students took 89 courses
- Spring II, 2021: 81 students took 99 courses
- Summer, 2021: 14 students took 2 courses
- Fall I, 2021: 72 students took 103 courses
- Fall II, 2021: 69 students took 98 courses
We continue to contact these dear folks and we always welcome recommendations to be added to the list. Wishing everyone plenty of God’s blessings!

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela JB Clenance, Ph.D., CHMM
Chairperson

The draft deaconesses committee action plan was finalized by the Elders this past January. This plan is a guidance for the Deaconesses to serve in many capacities under the guidance of the Elders. In addition to contacting CBC’s sick and homebound members and friends of Calvary, the ladies enjoy serving in many capacities. Starting this past August, the deaconesses were asked to provide the offertory prayers twice a month. We find this is a great opportunity for CBC to be familiar of who are the deaconesses serving at CBC. We have also called members to encourage them to return to Church by safely worshipping at Hunter College of CUNY. The deaconesses continue to look forward to serving the Lord as He see fits for us to serve Him.

We would like to acknowledge some members and friends that have gone to be with the Lord: Mrs. Mary Pixley, Mrs. Gloria Fuller and Ms. Nancy Emlich.

We also have added members to the homebound list: Ms. Berril Broome, Ms. Viola Brown, Ms. Megan Clark, and Ms. Doreen Henry.

Only by God’s grace, are we able to finally start to recover from this COVID-19 pandemic. We all continue to be thankful of our Lord’s unconditional love He has bestowed upon us. The Deaconesses’ committee continues to pray and encourage CBC members to remain faithful in His presence as we all continue to handle this pandemic.

The 2021-2022 elected officers are:

Chairperson: Mrs. Pamela JB Clenance
Assistant Chairperson: Ms. Linda Mangaoang
Secretary: Mrs. Deborah Mathias
Chaplain: Ms. Ruth Reyes
Nominating Committee Representative: Ms. Sharon Shah

DEACONESS COMMITTEE REPORT

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. God has promised us His strength. He will never give you a trial you are unable to handle.” Isaiah 41:10
MISSIONS

Embracing the New Normal: PROCLAIMING AN UNCHANGING GOSPEL THROUGH OUR CHRIST CENTERED FAITH.

The purpose of missions at Calvary Baptist Church is to fulfill the Great Commission, at home and abroad, by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Gospel declares Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Little did we realize that the 2020 pandemic would continue to impact missions and outreach in 2021. Planned short term missions trips to Cuba, Jordan, Mongolia and even locally to Pennsylvania had to be canceled, but the 83rd Annual Missions Conference went ahead as planned and we were able to encourage, educate and lift up our Lord, Jesus Christ, through it.

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTABILITY AND NEW MISSIONARIES

Beginning in 2019, every missionary is required to fill out a Biennial Application for continual support. In 2021, 42 of our missionaries filled out this form and their status was reevaluated and updated. Three new missionaries were voted in and three are pending for congregational vote. They are located in India, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and two locally in NYC.

83RD ANNUAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 16TH & 17TH

For two days over the weekend, Calvary members, guests and missionaries were able to connect and participate through hybrid in-person/virtual and virtual only events. David Garrison, president of Global Gates, was the conference speaker and he challenged us to reach the still unreached people groups (UPGs), especially those who are right at our doorsteps.

Saturday morning we spent praying for the UPGs in the New York tri-state area with Chris Clayman leading. In the afternoon, David Garrison did a workshop on reaching the UPGs. In the evening, there was a virtual only event on Missions and Trauma. Calvary folks interacted virtually with our missionaries all over the world. They shared and we learned how to support and pray more effectively for them.

Highlights for Sunday included the in-person interactions with our missionaries; after the morning service, the missionary displays, lunch at Dallas BBQ, and later at Trinity Baptist Church, presentations by missionaries from Bangladesh, Iran/Middle East, and a local church plant mission.

In general, the weekend was a success in spite of the pandemic. Comments from the attendees were that it was "a blessed time", "eye opening", "very helpful", "thought provoking", "want to explore more on these topics", "great missional conversations", "I learned a lot, wish it was longer". Truly we are thankful to our Lord, to God be the glory.

OLSON FUND BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECTS

$75,000 from this fund was distributed to three desperately needed translation projects for Bibles in native dialects:

- $25,000 to Somali Bantu Magy Gusha (Shambara) dialect translation with SIL/Wycliffe.
- $25,000 to Warga 2 (Afghanistan) with Wycliffe Bible Translation.
- $25,000 to the IlumiNations project which is a movement of Bible translation agencies working together to translate the Bible into every language by 2033 (nearly 4,000 languages still need translation work).

FAITH PROMISE DISBURSEMENTS

With Faith Promise offerings every quarter, the Council was able to disburse $68,180 to our missionaries for special projects or needs that were over and above their monthly support. At the end of 2021, there is a balance of $20,668. Thank the Lord for your giving and prayers!!

Moving Forward in 2022 The Council of Missions is partnering with Global Gates and Chosen People to reach the unreached in our “Jerusalem”. The 84th Annual Missions Conference will be in conjunction with the 175th Celebration, a serv-a-bration, where we will focus on serving locally and worldwide for the sake of the Gospel and to make Jesus Christ known as Savior and Lord.

Disbursements by Use

- $7,000 10%
- $5,100 12%
- $16,100 24%
- $36,980 54%

Disbursements by Region

- Missionary Additional Support 12%
- Ministries/Outreach 31%
- Special Projects 16%
- Christmas Gifts 18%
- Africa 54%
- Asia 16%
- East Europe 16%
- Middle East 21%
- North America 21%
- All (Christmas Gift) 16%

Missions and Outreach 2021 submitted by Jennie Work, Chairperson of the Council of Missions.
It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve Calvary as the Executive Pastor in 2020 and 2021. Now I am on the eve of embracing a new season leading outreach at Calvary as we engage the city and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The church’s call to missions is immense.

**CALVARY’S OUTREACH WILL BE DIVERSE IN ESSENCE, PARTNERING WITH A VARIETY OF ESTABLISHED MINISTRIES, LIKE:**

- City Relief
- Don’t Walk By Homeless Outreach
- Heart 4 Muslims
- Jews for Jesus
- The Bowery Mission

**WE’RE COMMITTED TO:**

- Praying, sharing the gospel, and inviting people in the Hunter neighborhood to worship with us.
- Building unique outreach opportunities around MLK Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- Exploring ideas you may have. We would love to help you engage the city.

Entering people’s needs when crisis is upon them is a strategic vision. We know many people come to Christ as kids, in college, and when major crises occur. So once or twice a year we will go on a disaster relief trip (and there are plenty of opportunities these days). Most exciting of all is to meet one another’s needs here in NYC (and NJ) on a regular basis. Let’s help each other move, let’s forge deeper relationships where we encourage one another in the faith and grow in His ways that are higher than our ways. Sometimes I describe this as project-based outreach. We’ll call it “Life on Life”. It will be for His glory and the fame of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Tom Basile
## NOMINATING COMMITTEE LIST
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Vera Cook Vanore

### ELDER:

Sylvester Sharp

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### SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Naomie Gregoire

### WINNIE:

Aqua-Jameson

### DEACON:

Timothy Dunmore

### USHERS:

Myra Ford

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Robert Beatty

### PASTORAL:

Krisitin Jones

### DEACOENESS:

Sharon Shah

### USHERS:

Timothy Dunmore

### HEAD USHER:

Myra Ford

### ASSISTANT HEAD USHER:

Lurine McRae

### USHERS:

David Michaud

### JAQUAN DILLARD:

David Dixon

### SHARON WIJH:

Joseph Tino

### NATASHA LUCAS:

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