



— THE 2026 —  
**VOTING  
GUIDE**

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1 **RESOLUTION # 1**  
2 SPONSORED BY: Bylaws  
3 REGARDING: Prayer for Country and Unity of Believers  
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6 WHEREAS, Essential Resolution #1 requests us to pray for world, national and local leaders and all  
7 those in authority that we may live “peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and  
8 dignity” (1 Timothy 2:2); therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, that the SoCal Network in session requests all of our pastors and assemblies to arrange in  
10 each public service to have prayer offered for our leaders and all those in authority; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, that this Council remind our constituency of this Scriptural injunction, and be it further

13 RESOLVED, that the SoCal Network at this time prays for world, national and local leaders.  
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1 **RESOLUTION # 2**

2 SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbyters

3 REGARDING: Nominations & Election of District Superintendent

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6 WHEREAS, the office of District Superintendent carries significant spiritual, administrative, and  
7 fiduciary responsibility for the life and mission of the SoCal Network; and

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9 WHEREAS, the election of a District Superintendent benefits from a clear expression of broad-based  
10 confidence and unity among the credentialed ministers of the Network; and

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12 WHEREAS, many District Councils/Networks within the Assemblies of God Fellowship, as well as  
13 the General Council of the Assemblies of God, utilize higher voting thresholds for  
14 superintendent nominations; and

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16 WHEREAS, aligning the SoCal Network’s bylaws with widely accepted Fellowship practices  
17 strengthens consistency, credibility, and shared governance standards; therefore, be it

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19 RESOLVED, that the Bylaws, Article IX, 1, B, (2) be changed as follows:

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21 The names of the nominees for the office of District Superintendent shall be balloted upon until a  
22 candidate for the office has received a two-thirds vote of the ballots cast. In order for a candidate to be  
23 declared a nominee, that person must have received a minimum of ~~three~~ **ten (10)** votes on the nominating  
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1 **RESOLUTION # 3**

2 SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbyters

3 REGARDING: Qualifications for Executive Officers

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6 WHEREAS, Executive Officers of the SoCal Network are entrusted with ongoing leadership  
7 responsibilities that require consistent availability, responsiveness, and direct engagement  
8 with District churches and ministers; and  
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10 WHEREAS, requiring Executive Officers to be actively serving ministers residing within the Network  
11 ensures effective oversight, timely decision-making, and relational accountability; and  
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13 WHEREAS, clarifying qualifications related to active ministry status and residence within the  
14 Network helps ensure that those elected are able to fully carry the responsibilities of the  
15 office; and  
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17 WHEREAS, establishing clear eligibility requirements for Executive Officers honors those callings  
18 while ensuring that Network leadership roles are filled by ministers actively serving  
19 within the Network context; therefore, be it  
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21 RESOLVED, that the Bylaws, Article IX, 1, C, be changed as follows:

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23 A. Qualifications. The Executive Officers shall be ordained ministers **for a minimum of twenty-four (24)**  
24 **months**, of mature experience, sound Christian character, and ability. **They shall be active ministers and**  
25 **not classified with the General Council as “senior retired”**. They shall **currently reside in the geographical**  
26 **boundaries of the Southern California District Council and** who have been members **in good standing** of  
27 the District ~~in good standing~~, for at least **twenty-four (24) months** ~~two consecutive years~~ directly prior to  
28 ~~their nomination~~ **the date of their election**.  
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1 **RESOLUTION # 4**

2 SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbyters

3 REGARDING: Qualifications for Executive Presbyters

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6 WHEREAS, the role of Executive Presbyter requires regular interaction with pastors, churches, and  
7 ministry leaders within a defined region, as well as intercultural ethnic group or  
8 specialized category; and  
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10 WHEREAS, effective leadership is strengthened when Executive Presbyters are known, trusted, and  
11 relationally engaged within the regions, intercultural ethnic group or specialized category  
12 they serve; and  
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14 WHEREAS, proximity to the churches, ministers, intercultural ethnic group and specialized group  
15 enhances accountability, pastoral care, and informed decision-making; and  
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17 WHEREAS, clarifying that Executive Presbyters must be actively serving ministers residing within  
18 their region, serving in their intercultural ethnic group or in their specialized category  
19 ensures that this leadership role is filled by those currently engaged in the life and  
20 ministry of the Network; therefore, be it  
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22 RESOLVED, that the Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2, A be changed as follows:  
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24 Qualifications: Executive Presbyters shall be ordained ministers **for a minimum of two years**, of mature  
25 experience, sound Christian character, and ability. **They shall be active ministers and not classified with**  
26 **the General Council as “senior retired”**. **All Executive Presbyters shall currently reside in the**  
27 **geographical boundaries of the Southern California District Council and** ~~who~~ have been members of the  
28 District, in good standing, for at least two consecutive years directly prior to their nomination. ~~and who~~  
29 **Regional Executive Presbyters shall** have resided within said region from which they are nominated for  
30 **twelve (12)** consecutive months immediately preceding their election.  
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1 **RESOLUTION # 5**

2 SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbyters

3 REGARDING: Term of office for an Executive Presbyter

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6 WHEREAS, healthy governance practices seek to balance continuity of leadership with appropriate  
7 rotation and renewal; and

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9 WHEREAS, many boards, districts, and the Assemblies of God Fellowship utilize defined term limits  
10 as a best practice for executive and presbyterial leadership; and

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12 WHEREAS, the long-term health of the SoCal Network depends upon intentional leadership  
13 succession and sustainable governance structures; and

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15 WHEREAS, clear term limits encourage thoughtful succession planning while ensuring that leadership  
16 roles remain open to broad participation over time; therefore, be it

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18 RESOLVED, that the Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2, C, (1), be changed as follows:

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20 (1) The term of office for **an** Executive Presbyter shall be for three years. **All** The Executive  
21 Presbyters, after serving three consecutive terms, or up to a total of **nine consecutive** years, cannot  
22 succeed himself or herself. **The term limit of a maximum of nine consecutive years includes a total**  
23 **combination of years for any and all positions served on the Executive Presbytery, including Regional**  
24 **Executive Presbyter, Intercultural Executive Presbyter, Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter, Under**  
25 **40 Executive Presbyter, and General Council General Presbyter-Pastor. The consecutive nine-year term**  
26 **limit includes all years served in totality as an Executive Presbyter, regardless of the types of roles served.**  
27 ~~Said person shall not be eligible to serve on the executive presbytery for a minimum of three years after~~  
28 ~~stepping off. **An ordained minister would be eligible to serve again as an Executive Presbyter after**~~  
29 ~~taking a minimum one-year break in service. The same term limit shall apply to the Credentialed Female~~  
30 ~~Executive Presbyter, the Minister under the age of 40 Executive Presbyter, Intercultural Executive~~  
31 ~~Presbyters, and the General Council General Presbyter-Pastor.~~

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1 **RESOLUTION # 6**  
2 SPONSORED BY: Bylaws  
3 REGARDING: 2027 CPI Tithe Adjustment  
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6 WHEREAS, Article XIX, Section 5, A, (12), regarding Minister’s Contributions, calls for ratification  
7 by the District Council of the annual tithe adjustment; and

8 WHEREAS, the Finance Subcommittee and the Executive Presbytery have reviewed the Consumer  
9 Price Index for five reporting counties within the boundaries of the Southern California  
10 District and confirmed that the CPI for 2025 was 2.8% and be it further

11 RESOLVED, that the following amounts be adopted beginning January 1, 2027:

12 Ordained: \$318.00

13 Licensed: \$288.00

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## Executive Presbytery Voting Information

Below you will find the Bylaws, which govern the election of Regional and Intercultural Executive Presbyters, with qualifications, method of nomination, and election by the Council in session. Following are short biographical sketches on each of the nominations:

### Section 2. Executive Presbytery

The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the District Superintendent, the executive officers, twelve (12) ordained ministers, three of whom shall be chosen from each of the four (4) regions. The four regions shall be called North Region, South Region, East Region, and West Region. Geographical lines shall be determined by the Superintendent, the Executive Leadership team and the Executive Presbytery with equitable distribution of the number of churches in each region.

Additional members shall consist of one ordained Female, one ordained Minister under the age of 40, one Intercultural representative identified in the General Council Ethnic group category of Asian/Pacific Islander (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 1), one identified in the General Council Ethnic group category of Black (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 2), one identified in the General Council Ethnic group category of Hispanic (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 3), one at large Intercultural presbyter from any General Council Ethnic code other than Anglo (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 4), and one at large Intercultural Executive Presbyter from any General Council Ethnic group category except ethnic code Anglo nominated by the Intercultural Committee (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 5). No more than two Intercultural Executive Presbyters shall be elected from any one General Council Ethnic group category.

The Executive Presbyters chosen to represent the four (4) regions shall be called Regional Executive Presbyters. When a General Council Pastor Presbyter is elected or General Council Executive Presbyter, who is not already serving as a District Executive Presbyter, he or she shall serve as an additional Executive Presbyter. Further, the members of the Executive Presbytery who are not Executive Officers also shall be called non-resident Executive Presbyters.

- A. Qualifications: Executive Presbyters shall be ordained ministers of mature experience, sound Christian character, and ability who have been members of the District, in good standing, for at least two consecutive years directly prior to their nomination, and who have resided within said region from which they are nominated for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding their election. Qualifications for District Executives who serve also as Executive Presbyters shall be the same as given in Article IX, Section 1, A. The General Council Presbyter-Pastor who also serves as an Executive Presbyter shall have the same qualifications as given for Executive Officers in Article IX, Section 1, A.

## B. Nominations and Elections for Executive Presbyters

- (1) There shall be three executive presbyters from each region. In 2026, a minimum of six (6) candidates shall be presented for election in each region. One candidate shall be balloted on for a three-year term in each region. After an election, the remaining candidates shall be presented for a two-year term. After that election, the remaining candidates shall be presented for a one-year term. Thereafter, each term shall be for a full three years. These initial staggered partial terms will count as a full-term in regards to term limits. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes shall be necessary to elect an executive presbyter.
- (2) Intercultural Executive Presbyters 1 and 3 shall be elected in 2026 for one year and every three years thereafter, Intercultural Executive Presbyters 2 and 5 shall be elected in 2026 for two years and every three years thereafter, and Intercultural Executive Presbyter 4 shall be elected in 2026 for 3 years and every three years thereafter. These initial staggered partial terms will count as a full-term in regard to term limits. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes shall be necessary to elect all executive presbyters.
- (3) The Under 40 Executive Presbyter shall be elected in 2026 for three years and then be elected every three years thereafter. The Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter shall be elected in 2026 for two years and then be elected every three years thereafter. These initial staggered partial terms will count as a full-term in regard to term limits. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes shall be necessary to elect all executive presbyters.
- (4) Nominations.
  - (a) Regional Executive Presbyters: The Superintendent, District Leadership Team, and current Executive Presbyters will submit no fewer than three names for each open Regional Executive Presbyter position. In addition, any minister credentialed with the Southern California District Council may submit recommendations to the Superintendent. All recommendations will be submitted to the Executive Presbytery for consideration and who may express concerns, if there are any, directly to the Superintendent.
  - (b) Intercultural Executive Presbyters: The Superintendent, District Leadership Team, and current Executive Presbyters will submit no fewer than three names for each open Intercultural Executive Presbyter position. In addition, any minister self-identified with the General Council in the respective ethnic code may submit recommendations to the Superintendent. All recommendations will be submitted to the Executive Presbytery for

consideration who may express concerns, if there are any, directly to the Superintendent.

- (c) Under 40 Executive Presbyter: The Superintendent, District Leadership Team, and current Executive Presbyters will submit no fewer than three names for the open Under 40 Executive Presbyter position. In addition, any minister under the age of 40 who is credentialed with the Southern California District Council may submit recommendations to the Superintendent. All recommendations will be submitted to the Executive Presbytery for consideration who may express concerns, if there are any, directly to the Superintendent.
- (d) Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter: The Superintendent, District Leadership Team, and current Executive Presbyters will submit no fewer than three names for the open Credential Female Executive Presbyter position. In addition, any female minister credentialed with the Southern California District Council may submit recommendations to the Superintendent. All recommendations will be submitted to the Executive Presbytery for consideration who may express concerns, if there are any, directly to the Superintendent.

(5) Elections

- (a) Vetting committees will be formed to interview names submitted. The vetting committees for Regional Executive Presbyter will consist of two currently serving Executive Presbyters and two ordained ministers not currently serving as Executive Presbyters, and will be appointed by the Executive Presbytery.
- (b) There will be an additional vetting committee appointed by the Executive Presbytery to interview names submitted for Intercultural Executive Presbyters, Under 40 Executive Presbyter, and Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter. Special consideration will be given in the composition of this vetting committee to include adequate ethnic, age and gender representation.
- (c) The vetting committees will submit their recommendations to the Executive Presbytery who in turn will submit the nominees to the district council in session for election. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes cast shall be required for election.

(6) Should a Minister under the age of 40 Executive Presbyter, Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter or Intercultural Executive Presbyter be chosen as a Regional Executive Presbyter, he or she shall have the right to choose which office he or she will accept.

# North Executive Presbyter Nominees

## Moses Aguirre

Age: 45

### Schools attended:

- Cal State University, Northridge
- Chapman University

### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, Nipomo Faith Life Church

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Executive/Worship Pastor, Santa Maria Pacific Christian Center
- Associate Pastor, Nipomo Jesus Saves Full Gospel
- Associate/Youth/Worship, Santa Maria Outreach for Christ

### Network leadership positions:



## Kevin Foster

Age: 53

### Schools attended:

- AG Theological Seminary (MA)
- North Central University (BA)

### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, Fresno LifeBridge Community Church

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- SoCal Church Planting Team
- Region 2 Leadership TEam

### Network leadership positions:

- School of Ministry Teacher



## Kevin Gotchal

Age: 59

### Schools attended:

- Berean School of the Bible
- Hancock Junior College

### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, Arroyo Grande LifePoint Church

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Lead Pastor, Santa Maria South Valley Church
- Kids/Youth Pastor, Santa Maria Pacific Christian Center
- Kids Pastor, Sacramento New Life Community
- Lead Pastor, Avenal Assembly of God
- Youth/Associate Pastor, Homeland Harvest Valley AG
- Children/Youth Pastor, Nipomo Faith Life Church

### Network leadership positions:

- North Coast Sectional Presbyter
- Region 1 Leadership Team



## Rod Haro

Age: 71

### Schools attended:

- SoCal School of Ministry

### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, Fowler Worship Centre

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Lead Pastor, Exeter New Life Assembly
- Associate Pastor, Fresno Cornerstone

### Network leadership positions:

- North Region Executive Presbyter
- Region 2 Regional Leadership Team
- Men's Ministry Team



# North Executive Presbyter Nominees



**Loren Hicks**

*Age: 55*

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University (MA)
- Ozark Bible College (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Santa Maria Pacific Christian Center

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive Presbyter – LA Region
- Lead Pastor, LA Faith Tabernacle
- Chi Alpha Missionary
- Pastoral Ministry in Texas and Missouri

*Network leadership positions:*

- North Region Executive Presbyter
- Network Finance Committee



**Ken McMillan**

*Age: 52*

*Schools attended:*

- School of Ministry
- Global University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Armona Assembly of God

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth/bus ministry
- Sunday school teacher

*Network leadership positions:*

- Regional Arbitrator



**Renee Vinson**

*Age: 59*

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Region 4 Executive Presbyter

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth Pastor, Cerritos Assembly
- Co Pastor, Stonewood Chapel
- Adult Ministries, Bakersfield Canyon Hills
- Women's Ministries Director, Bakersfield Canyon Hills

*Network leadership positions:*

- North Region Executive Presbyter
- Region 4 Women's Ministries Regional Leadership Team
- Region 4 Arbitrator

# South Executive Presbyter Nominees



## Steve Bland

Age: 62

### Schools attended:

- Mattersey Hall (MA)
- Central Bible College (BA)

### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, La Palma Christian Center
- La Palma Police Chaplain

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Music Ministry Evangelism
- Music Pastor, Chicago Evangel AG
- Music/Associate, La Palma Christian Center

### Network leadership positions:

- South Region Executive Presbyter



## Brenton Fessler

Age: 46

### Schools attended:

- Northern Seminary (DTM)
- Fuller Theological Seminary (MA)
- Vanguard University (BA)

### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead/Planting Pastor, Orange RefugeOC Church
- Adjunct Professor, Vanguard University

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Network Executive Presbyter U40
- Associate Pastor, Brea North Hills Church
- Youth Pastor, Brea North Hills Church

### Network leadership positions:

- Director, SoCal Network School of Ministry



## Joy Qualls

Age: 49

### Schools attended:

- Regent University (PhD & MA)
- Vanguard University (BA)

### Current Ministry Position:

- Full Professor/Associate Dean, Biola University
- Teaching Team, RefugeOC

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Assistant Professor, Evangel University
- Teaching Team, Pasadena City Church
- Teaching Team, Revere Church, Longmont, CO

### Network leadership positions:

- GC National Advisory Council, Network of Women Ministers

# South Executive Presbyter Nominees

## Derrick Rosenior

Age: 52

### Schools attended:

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Howard University (PhD)
- Central Michigan University (MA)
- Fairmont State University (BA)



### Current Ministry Position:

- Professor, AG Theological Seminary
- Director, AGTS Center for Black Church Studies

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Assistant/Teaching Pastor – Orange County 1st
- Professor, Vanguard University
- Assistant/Young Adult Pastor, Embassy Church (DC)
- Adult Ministry Leader, Park Crest AG

### Network leadership positions:

- Intercultural Committee
- President, Black Fellowship

## Troy Singleterry

Age: 55

### Schools Attended:

- Southwestern AG College
- San Antonio College
- Bethany College



### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, San Diego City View Church
- Chaplain, San Diego Police Department

### Previous Ministry Position:

- Executive Pastor, Lancaster First Assembly
- High School, Associate Pastor- Bakersfield Canyon Hills
- High School, Young Adults, Associate Pastor - Portland Christian Center
- Youth, Associate Pastor - Lancaster First Assembly
- Assistant Youth Pastor, Fremont First Assembly

### Network Leadership Positions:

- South Region Executive Presbyter
- Missions Committee Member

## Eric Rountree

Age: 50

### Schools attended:

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Global University



### Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, El Cajon Hope City Church

### Previous Ministry Positions:

- Campus Pastor, El Cajon Newbreak Church
- Lead Pastor, El Cajon Central AG
- Executive Pastor, El Cajon Central AG

### Network leadership positions:

- Network Conference Planning Team
- Missions Committee
- Region 11 RLT Member

# East Executive Presbyter Nominee



**Craig Burton**

Age: 50

*Schools attended:*

- North Central University (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Joshua Tree Lighthouse Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Assistant Pastor

*Network Leadership positions:*



**Matt Dudley**

Age: 42

*Schools attended:*

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Victor Valley Community College
- Allan Hancock Community College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Desert Hot Springs The Spring

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate/Youth Pastor, Imperial Faith Assembly
- Young Adult Pastor, Victorville First Assembly
- Associate/Youth Pastor, Apple Valley First AG
- Youth Pastor, Apple Valley. Living Waters Chapel

*Network Leadership positions:*

- SoCal Network Assistant Youth Director
- President, U40 Fellowship
- Regional Youth Representative
- SoCal Network Students/Young Adults Executive Team



**Jake Evangelist**

Age: 48

*Schools attended:*

- Global University
- Imperial Valley College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Bishop Neighborhood Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth Pastor, Imperial Faith Assembly
- Campus Pastor, Bishop Crossroads

*Network Leadership positions:*

- SoCal Men's Executive Team
- SoCal Youth Executive Team
- SoCal Regional Youth Representative



**Josh Gerbract**

Age: 51

*Schools attended:*

- Northwest University
- Fuller Theological Seminary

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Victorville First Assembly of God

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Campus Pastor, Apple Valley First Assembly
- Executive Pastor, CFO -Victorville First Assembly of God
- Executive Pastor, Auburn Family Church
- Executive Pastor, Seattle Calvary Christian Assembly
- Children's Pastor, Seattle Calvary Christian Assembly
- Children's Pastor, Yakima Stone Church

*Network Leadership positions:*

- East Region Executive Presbyter
- Region 5 Regional Leadership Team
- Bylaws Committee

# East Executive Presbyter Nominee



**John Meadors**

Age: 62

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University (MA)
- San Diego State University (BA)
- Global University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Lancaster Christian Life Assembly
- Board, Antelope Valley Teen Challenge

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate Pastor, SJC South Coast Christian Assembly

*Network Leadership positions:*

- School of Ministry Teacher
- Sectional Presbyter, Mojave Section
- Region 5 Leadership Team
- Pastoral Care Team
- Kidmin Leadership Team



**Victor Ruiz**

Age: 69

*Schools attended:*

- Latin American Theological Seminary (BA)
- Cal Poly Pomona (BA)
- Cal State Fullerton (MS)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead/Founding Pastor, Chino Living Word Assembly

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Board Member, Latin American Bible College
- Youth Pastor & Christian Education Pastor

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Region 8 Leadership Team



**Rene Parish**

Age: 70

*Schools attended:*

- Fuller Theological Seminary (MDiv)
- Oral Roberts University (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Norco Beacon Hill AG

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate Pastor, Norco Beacon Hill AG
- Youth Pastor, Riverside Central AG

*Network Leadership positions:*

- East Region Executive Presbyter
- Region 8 Leadership Team
- SoCal Network Finance Committee
- Region 8 Arbitrator
- Riverside Sectional Presbyter
- President, SoCal Women In Ministry Fellowship

# West Executive Presbyter Nominee



## **Randall Araujo**

*Age:* 35

*Schools attended:*

- AG Theological Seminary (MA)
- Evangel University (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, The Heart LA Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive & Family Life Pastor, Modesto One Church
- Associate & Interim Lead Pastor, Las Vegas The Champion Center

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Region 9 Leadership Team



## **Adam De La Vega**

*Age:* 58

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Wilmington Port City Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive Pastor
- Youth Pastor

*Network Leadership positions:*

- West Region Executive Presbyter



## **Joe Gutel**

*Age:* 51

*Schools attended:*

- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (MA)
- Vanguard University (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Chatsworth Riverstone Chapel

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Church Planting, Chatsworth Riverstone Chapel
- Associate Pastor, Covina Hearts on Fire
- Missionary - Egypt

*Network Leadership positions:*

# West Executive Presbyter Nominee



## **Ricky Murphy**

Age: 49

### *Schools attended:*

- Global University
- Physical Therapy (BS)

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Norwalk New Hope International Christian Center

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth Pastor, Norwalk New Hope International Christian Center

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Treasurer, AG Fil-Am Fellowship



## **Dennis Schreiber**

Age: 66

### *Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University (BA)
- Bethany Bible College

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Alhambra Bethany Church
- Chaplain, Alhambra Police Department

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth/Worship Pastor, Lomita Harbor Church
- Lead Pastor, Artesia Community Church
- Lead Pastor, Granada Hills AG
- Youth Pastor, Oxnard Bethany Chapel

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Regional Leadership Team, West Region
- San Fernando Sectional Administrative Committee
- San Fernando Men's Ministry Representative
- Harbor Section Youth Ministry Representative



## **Eli Simental**

Age: 62

### *Schools attended:*

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Azusa Pacific

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Sylmar Centro Familiar Cristiano

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- West Region Executive Presbyter
- Director, SoCal Men's Ministry
- Hispanic Men's Ministry
- Missions Committee
- Intercultural Committee

# U40 Executive Presbyter Nominee



**Wendy Angeles Garcia**

Age: 34

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University (MA)
- The Faculty of Theology (BA)
- LABI (AA)
- Santiago Canyon Community (AA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Youth Pastor, Westminster Nuevo Amanecer AG
- Finance Committee, Westminster Nuevo Amanecer AG
- Social Media Director, Westminster Nuevo Amanecer AG

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Region 10 U40 Representative

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Assistant Director, School of Ministry
- Member, Bylaws Committee
- Executive Team, Mujeres de SoCal



**Randall Araujo**

Age: 35

*Schools attended:*

- AG Theological Seminary (MA)
- Evangel University (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, The Heart LA Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive & Family Life Pastor, Modesto One Church
- Associate & Interim Lead Pastor, Las Vegas The Champion Center

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Region 9 Leadership Team



**Jimmy Gomez**

Age: 39

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University (BA)
- SoCal School of Ministry
- Global University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Associate/Youth Pastor, Imperial Faith Assembly
- Imperial High School Football Team Chaplain
- Faith Academy Campus Pastor

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate/Youth Pastor, Wilmington Port City Church
- Associate/Youth Pastor, El Sereno Calvary Chapel

*Network Leadership positions:*

- U40 Executive Presbyter
- Network Conference Planning Team
- Missions & Bylaws Committees
- Next Gen Leadership Team



**James Mila**

Age: 38

*Schools attended:*

- SoCal School of Ministry

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Barstow Crossroads AG

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate Pastor, Barstow Crossroads AG
- Next Gen Pastor, El Centro First AG
- Youth Pastor, Hesperia First AG

*Network Leadership positions:*

- U40 Representative, Region 5

# Credentialed Women Executive Presbyter Nominee



## **Randall Araujo**

Age: 35

### *Schools attended:*

- AG Theological Seminary (MA)
- Evangel University (BA)

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, The Heart LA Church

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive & Family Life Pastor, Modesto One Church
- Associate & Interim Lead Pastor, Las Vegas The Champion Center

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Region 9 Leadership Team



## **Linda Hicks**

Age: 59

### *Schools attended:*

- Ozark Bible College (BA)
- University of North Texas

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Associate Pastor, Santa Maria Pacific Christian Center
- Administrative Assistant, North Region (Region 1)

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive Pastor, West LA Faith Tabernacle
- Chi Alpha Campus Missionary (UCLA)
- Children & Worship Pastor, Miller AG
- Children & Worship Pastor, Cisco First AG

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Assistant Director, SoCal Women's Ministry
- Finance Committee
- Region 1 Ministry to Women Rep
- Region 9 Credential Women/Women/Girls Rep



## **Joy Qualls**

Age: 49

### *Schools attended:*

- Regent University (PhD & MA)
- Vanguard University (BA)

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Full Professor/Associate Dean, Biola University
- Teaching Team, RefugeOC

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Assistant Professor, Evangel University
- Teaching Team, Pasadena City Church
- Teaching Team, Revere Church, Longmont, CO

### *Network leadership positions:*

- GC National Advisory Council, Network of Women Ministers

# Credentialed Women Executive Presbyter Nominee



## **Colleen Severson**

*Age:* 56

### *Schools attended:*

- Global University
- Vanguard University (MA)
- UC Santa Barbara (BA)

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Chi Alpha Director UCSB
- Associate Director, International Students- UCSB

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Chi Alpha Associate Director UCSB
- Chi Alpha Intern, Western Washington University

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Sectional Administrative Committee
- Region 1 Leadership Team
- Network for Women Ministers Team



## **Nicky Stade**

*Age:* 46

### *Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University (BA)
- SoCal School of Ministry

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Associate Pastor, Orange RefugeOC

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Communications Coordinator, National Network of Women Ministers
- Staff Pastor, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Female Executive Presbyter
- Executive Director of Women of SoCal

# Intercultural Executive Presbyter #1 Nominee

(One Year Term)



**Alan Dionson**

Age: 58

*Schools attended:*

- Fuller Theological Seminary (DMin & MDiv)
- Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (MA)
- University of San Jose (AB)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Pomona Charisma Life Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- President, Immanuel Bible College, Philippines
- District Youth Director, Philippines
- Senior Pastor/Church Planter, Immanuel Fellowship

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter #1 - Asian & Pacific Islander
- SoCal Network Intercultural Committee



**Ricky Murphy**

Age: 49

*Schools attended:*

- Global University
- Physical Therapy (BS)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Norwalk New Hope International
- Christian Center

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth Pastor, Norwalk New Hope International
- Christian Center

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Treasurer, AG Fil-Am Fellowship



**Paul Vicente**

Age: 47

*Schools attended:*

- Capital Bible College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Oxnard Bethany Chapel

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Lead Pastor, Oxnard Full Life
- Administrative Pastor, Oxnard Full Life
- Youth Pastor, San Jose Full Gospel AG
- Secretary, Filipino American Ethnic Fellowship

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Region 1 Leadership Team

# Intercultural Executive Presbyter #2 Nominee

(Two Year Term)



## Woody Robinson

Age: 64

### *Schools attended:*

- Teen Challenge Ministry Institute

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Lynwood Worship Center & Hawthorne South Bay Celebration Church

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate/Children's Pastor, Lynwood Worship Center
- Interim Pastor, LA Skid Row Ministry
- Associate/Children's Pastor, San Francisco Living Hope Church
- Church Planter, Watts Family Christian Center

### *Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter #5
- SoCal Network Intercultural Committee
- Black Fellowship Team Member
- Region 9 Leadership Team Member



## Derrick Rosenior

Age: 52

### *Schools attended:*

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Howard University (PhD)
- Central Michigan University (MA)
- Fairmont State University (BA)

### *Current Ministry Position:*

- Professor, AG Theological Seminary
- Director, AGTS Center for Black Church Studies

### *Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Assistant/Teaching Pastor – Orange County 1st
- Professor, Vanguard University
- Assistant/Young Adult Pastor, Embassy Church (DC)
- Adult Ministry Leader, Park Crest AG

### *Network leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Committee
- President, Black Fellowship

# Intercultural Executive Presbyter #3 Nominee

(One Year Term)



**Daniel Bielewicz**

Age: 65

*Schools attended:*

- Latin American Bible College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Fontana First Assembly of God & Yucaipa All People's Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Lead/Worship/Youth/Assistant Pastor
- Evangelist
- Teacher

*Network Leadership positions:*



**Joe Ibanez**

Age: 53

*Schools attended:*

- Social School of Ministry
- Latin American Bible Institute
- Facultad de Theologia
- Bethel Christian College & Graduate School
- Riverside City College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Westminster Nuevo Amanecer

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate Pastor, Corona New Hope Family Worship Center
- Youth/Young Adults/Couples Pastor, Whittier Christian Center
- Youth Pastor/Church Planter, Nueva Vida en Cristo
- Outreach Director/Church Planter, New Life in Christ
- Adjunct Professor, LABI

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Committee Team
- Hispanic Fellowship Team
- School of Ministry Teacher



**Ivan Villalta**

Age: 59

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University
- California State Christian University
- Latin Theology Studies, La Puente
- Latin American Bible Institute

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Duarte Torre de Alabanza & New Life

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

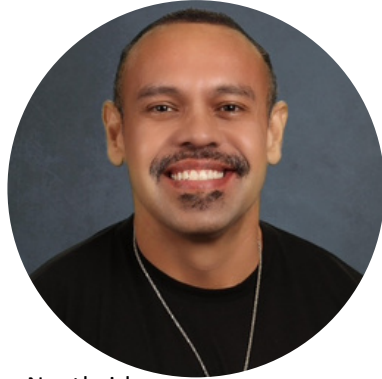
- Church Planter

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter #3 - Hispanic
- Spanish Men's Ministry Director
- Plant SoCal Spanish Planting Director
- School of Ministry Spanish Teacher

# Intercultural Executive Presbyter #4 Nominee

*(Three Year Term)*



**Moses Aguirre**  
Age: 45

*Schools attended:*

- Cal State University, Northridge
- Chapman University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Nipomo Faith Life Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Executive/Worship Pastor, Santa Maria Pacific Christian Center
- Associate Pastor, Nipomo Jesus Saves Full Gospel
- Associate/Youth/Worship, Santa Maria Outreach for Christ

*Network leadership positions:*



**Alan Dionson**  
Age: 58

*Schools attended:*

- Fuller Theological Seminary (DMin & MDiv)
- Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (MA)
- University of San Jose (AB)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Pomona Charisma Life Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- President, Immanuel Bible College, Philippines
- District Youth Director, Philippines
- Senior Pastor/Church Planter, Immanuel Fellowship

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter #1 - Asian & Pacific Islander
- SoCal Network Intercultural Committee



**Renea Brathwaite**  
Age: 61

*Schools attended:*

- Evangel University
- AG Theological Seminary (MA)
- Regent University (PhD)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Dean of Theology and Ministry, Vanguard University
- Board Chair, Revive Church Long Beach & El Monte
- Member, National Assemblies of God Commission

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Dean, North Central University
- Pastoral Teaching Team (Glad Tidings Church, VA)
- Young Adults and Worship Pastor (Revival Center, NY)
- Worship Leader (Full Gospel Assembly, NY)
- Church Planter and Ministry Coordinator (Barbados)

*Network leadership positions:*

- Dean, Ohio School of Ministry - Ohio Ministry Network

# Intercultural Executive Presbyter #4 Nominee

(Three Year Term)



**Joe Ibanez**

Age: 53

*Schools attended:*

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Latin American Bible Institute
- Facultad de Theologia
- Bethel Christian College & Graduate School
- Riverside City College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Westminister Nuevo Amanecer

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Associate Pastor, Corona New Hope Family Worship Center
- Youth/Young Adults/Couples Pastor, Whittier Christian Center
- Youth Pastor/Church Planter, Nueva Vida en Cristo
- Outreach Director/Church Planter, New Life in Christ
- Adjunct Professor, LABI

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Committee Team
- Hispanic Fellowship Team
- School of Ministry Teacher



**Ivan Villalta**

Age: 59

*Schools attended:*

- Vanguard University
- California State Christian University
- Latin Theology Studies, La Puente
- Latin American Bible Institute

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Duarte Torre de Alabanza & New Life

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Church Planter

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter #3 - Hispanic
- Spanish Men's Ministry Director
- Plant SoCal Spanish Planting Director
- School of Ministry Spanish Teacher

# Intercultural Executive Presbyter #5 Nominee

(Two Year Term)



**Daniel Bielewicz**

Age: 65

*Schools attended:*

- Latin American Bible College

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Fontana First Assembly of God & Yucaipa All People's Church

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Lead/Worship/Youth/Assistant Pastor
- Evangelist
- Teacher

*Network Leadership positions:*



**Simon Gounder**

Age: 53

*Schools attended:*

- New Covenant Bible College
- Global University

*Current Ministry Position:*

- AG U.S. Missionary working with Asian Indians
- Executive Director, Global Asian Indian Ministries
- Board Member, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions
- Board Member of Give Clean Water

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Pastor, Artesia Community Church
- Lead Pastor, Anand Assemblies of God Fiji
- General Council Executive Presbyter of Fiji
- Executive Member, Indian Ethnic Council AG Fiji

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter 4
- Region 10 Intercultural Representative



**Ricky Murphy**

Age: 49

*Schools attended:*

- Global University
- Physical Therapy (BS)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Lead Pastor, Norwalk New Hope International Christian Center

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Youth Pastor, Norwalk New Hope International Christian Center

*Network Leadership positions:*

- Treasurer, AG Fil-Am Fellowship



**Derrick Rosenior**

Age: 52

*Schools attended:*

- SoCal School of Ministry
- Howard University (PhD)
- Central Michigan University (MA)
- Fairmont State University (BA)

*Current Ministry Position:*

- Professor, AG Theological Seminary
- Director, AGTS Center for Black Church Studies

*Previous Ministry Positions:*

- Assistant/Teaching Pastor – Orange County 1st
- Professor, Vanguard University
- Assistant/Young Adult Pastor, Embassy Church (DC)
- Adult Ministry Leader, Park Crest AG

*Network leadership positions:*

- Intercultural Committee
- President, Black Fellowship

**REPORT OF THE STEERING AND RULES COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED STANDING RULES OF THE 105<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God  
May 12-14, 2026

- Rule I. All business sessions shall be under the supervision of the District Superintendent, who shall delegate responsibilities at his discretion.
- Rule II. The Order of Business of the Conference shall be as follows:
1. Election of officers as determined by the Chair.
  2. District Council reports as determined by the Chair.
  3. Unfinished Business.
  4. New Business.
  5. Adjournment.
- Rule III. The Chair of the Roster Committee shall be ready to report at any business session at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Rule IV. Members desiring to vote must wear badges, issued by the Roster Committee upon registration, for identification purposes and shall be seated in adequate areas designated for voting members.
- Rule V.
1. Recommendations of various committees serving the District Council that are to be presented in the form of resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for editing and presentation to the body in session.
  2. All votes will be done by electronic voting fobs or voice vote at the call of the Superintendent.
  3. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If no election has been declared after the second elective ballot, the two candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.
  4. No motion may be made from the floor except: courtesy, subsidiary, privileged, incidental and emergency motions. The body in session will determine by majority vote, without debate, whether a resolution is an emergency.
  5. The Superintendent shall determine the order in which the resolutions shall be presented to the body in session.
- Rule VI. The Conference, by two-thirds vote, can temporarily suspend Rule V and immediately consider a question or set an Order of the Day for considering a given question. (Suspension of Rule V will be temporary, and it will be back in force immediately following said vote.)
- Rule VII. No member shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question for longer than ten minutes the first time and five minutes the second time, without permission of the Conference granted by a two-thirds vote without debate. The presentation of the

resolution, a response to an inquiry for information or clarification does not count as a time of speaking regarding the question. Should a motion on the floor be changed substantially by amendment, the Chair may allow a member who has spoken twice the privilege of speaking again on the question.

Rule VIII. All reports and other material for the permanent records of the Conference shall be printed and/or digital, and immediately upon presentation, copies shall be given to the corporate officials.

Rule IX. 1. Nominations for each office to be filled shall be made according to the bylaws. Election requires a two-thirds vote. In the event that an individual receives the required vote for election on a nominating ballot, said ballot shall be declared to be an elective ballot.

2. Elections:

- A) Regional Executive Presbyters
- B) Under 40 and Credentialed Female Executive Presbyters
- C) Intercultural Executive Presbyters # 1 - # 5

Voting shall be in the order determined by the Superintendent.

Rule X. Orders of the Day:

1. Orders of the Day shall be determined by the Superintendent.

Rule XI. The minutes of all sessions shall be referred to the Executive Presbytery for reading and approval, thus dispensing with the reading of the minutes during the Council.

Rule XII. Announcements to the Conference shall be in writing and referred to the District Secretary. The Chair may, at his discretion, make other announcements.

Rule XIII. The Secretary shall destroy all ballots, written and/or digital, at the conclusion of the District Council.

Rule XIV. The rules contained in the current issue of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Conference in all cases if they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God and these Standing Rules.

Respectfully presented,

2026 STEERING AND RULES COMMITTEE

Ron Gravell, Chairman  
Executive Leadership Team



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