



Deborah M. Ackerman

Deborah (Debbie) Ackerman was elected to the Thrivent Board of Directors in 2020. She serves on the Audit and Strategy committees.

Ackerman is co-founder and senior advisor to Twin Bridge Capital Partners, a private equity firm based in Chicago. She has spent her career managing and leading organizations, including the private equity funds program at PPM America. She has held numerous board, board director and advisory board seats at both organizations.

Ackerman has deep roots at Thrivent. In addition to serving as executive chair of the Thrivent Member Network–Chicagoland Region (2017 to 2019), her great-grandfather was one of the founders of Aid Association for Lutherans, which was one of Thrivent’s predecessor organizations.

Ackerman has served as chairman of the Illini Leadership Council and is an advisory board member of Girls on the Run–Chicago, a program for 8- to 13-year-old girls that promotes empowerment by teaching life skills through lessons and running. She is an active leader at First Presbyterian Church in Wilmette, Illinois, where she serves as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and liturgist and is sponsoring a mission to build schools in Malawi, Africa.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the University of Illinois–Champaign and her MBA in finance from the Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University.