



Kirk D. Farney

Kirk Farney was appointed to the Thrivent Board of Directors in November 2011. He chairs the Strategy committee and serves as a member of the Finance and Executive committees.

He currently serves as vice president for advancement, vocation and alumni engagement at Wheaton College in Illinois. In that role, Farney oversees alumni relations, development, planned giving, the college's Center for Vocation and Career, institutional partnerships, media relations, marketing communications and advancement services. Additionally, he holds faculty rank in the college's Department of History.

Farney spent more than 25 years as an international banker with J.P. Morgan Securities in Chicago, most recently as global head of asset-backed finance.

He graduated with honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign where he studied finance and agricultural economics. He earned an MBA in marketing from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, a Master of Arts in theological studies from Wheaton College, and a Master of Arts in history and a Ph.D. in American religious history from the University of Notre Dame.

Farney has served in various offices at his church, St. John's Lutheran Church in La Grange, Illinois. Throughout his career, he has held leadership positions with a variety of ecclesiastical, educational and human care organizations, most recently as a member of the Concordia University Chicago Board of Regents, and on the boards of the Wheaton College Alumni Association and Wheat Ridge Ministries.

Farney and his family reside in Hinsdale, Illinois.