



Deborah M. Ackerman

Board Member

Deborah (Debbie) Ackerman joined the Thrivent Board of Directors in 2020. She serves on the Finance and Audit and Investment committees.

With her leadership experience in the financial services industry, Ackerman helps ensure that Thrivent remains strong and stable and is well-positioned to help people achieve financial clarity, enabling lives of meaning and gratitude.

Most recently, Ackerman founded Project Sunflower, a private equity firm focused on women investing in buyout transactions. She is passionate about empowering women in private equity and has recruited a network of extraordinary women. 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 and advisory board seats at both organizations.

She 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.

Ackerman earned her Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the University of Illinois—Champaign and a master's in business administration (finance) from the Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University.

She and her husband, Doug, have three children, live in Wilmette and attend First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette. She enjoys skiing, tennis and is a competitive runner.

About Thrivent

For over 100 years, Thrivent has been helping people build their financial futures and live more generous lives. Today, it's a Fortune 500 diversified financial services organization committed to providing advice, investments, insurance, banking and generosity programs and solutions to help people make the most of all they've been given.

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