



Kirk D. Farney

Board Member

Kirk Farney has been on the Thrivent Board of Directors since November 2011. He chairs the Strategy committee and serves as a member of the Investment and Executive committees.

Farney brings a wealth of educational, financial and business experience to the board, which helps ensure Thrivent remains strong and stable and is well-positioned to help people achieve financial clarity and lead full lives.

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 managing director and global head of Asset-Backed Finance.

He graduated with honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign where he received a bachelor's degree in finance and agricultural economics. He earned a master's in business administration degree in marketing from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, a Master of Arts in theological studies from Wheaton College, as well as 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, his wife Cheryl, and their family reside in Hinsdale, Illinois.

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