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Rev. Mark Jeske of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been a member of the Thrivent Financial Board of Directors since May 2011. He currently serves on the Human Resource and Governance and Thrivent Church Solutions Committees.

A Milwaukee native, Jeske has served as senior pastor of St. Marcus Lutheran Church, an inner-city congregation, since 1980. Today, St. Marcus is a thriving, multicultural congregation with more than 1,100 members. The congregation operates numerous outreach ministries, and its elementary school, which has more than 900 students, has been nationally recognized for its Christ-centered focus and academic excellence.

While attending Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, Jeske spent a year in Colombia starting a mission church as part of his internship assignment. He also spent two years teaching at Northwestern Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, prior to beginning his ministry at St. Marcus.

Jeske hosts *Time of Grace*, a television program that began on a single Milwaukee station in November 2001. Today it airs on more than 125 stations, numerous cable networks, five satellite channels, the American Forces Network and via the Internet.

Jeske is author of several books, including his latest, *Hope in a Moment: Devotions for Everyday Life*, a Bible commentary and more than two dozen daily devotional booklets. He is also an accomplished instrumentalist and is passionate about understanding history and culture.

Jeske and his wife, Carol, have four children and reside in Milwaukee.