

Bonnie E. Raquet

Bonnie Raquet (Rock-wet) of Williamsburg, Virginia, has been a member of the Thrivent Financial Board since 2010 and was elected to serve as Chair of the Board, effective February 2018.

Raquet was Cargill's corporate vice president, corporate affairs from 2000 until her retirement in 2011. Over that span, she led Cargill's worldwide corporate affairs activities, including government relations, media, communications, brand management, marketing services and corporate responsibility. She also represented Cargill's business and corporate policy interests.

Raquet joined Cargill in 1982 as an attorney. In 1985 she transferred to the corporation's Geneva, Switzerland, law department and returned to Minneapolis in 1988 as a senior attorney in its corporate law department. In 1996, she took on a new role managing the Government Affairs and International Relations office in Washington, D.C.

Raquet was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade in 2008. She is a member of the Global Advisory Council of TechnoServe Inc., a global economic development organization, and is Vice Chair of the board of directors and chair of the governance committee for The World Food Program USA. In addition, she is vice chair of the board of directors of Valparaiso University, and chairs the governance committee. She was recently a member of the Luther Seminary Foundation board of trustees and the seminary board of directors.

Raquet earned a bachelor's degree in history from Valparaiso University, a master's degree in history from Cleveland State University and her J.D. cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School. She is admitted to practice law in Minnesota and the District of Columbia.



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Raquet and her husband, Peter, live in Williamsburg, Virginia. They have an adult daughter and are proud grandparents. She is a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Williamsburg.