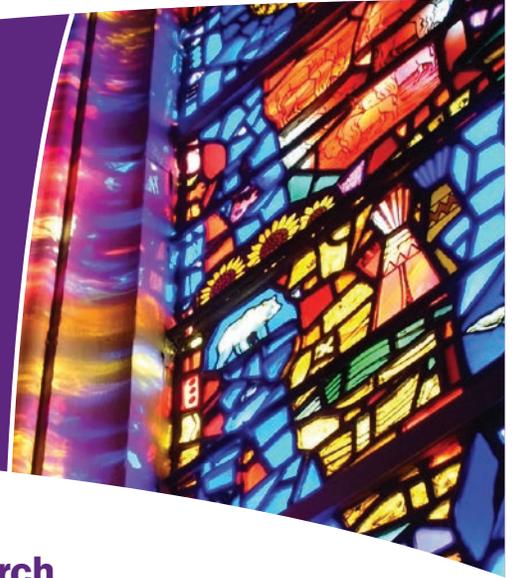


## CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCATE

Putting your faith into action



### Help your fellow parishioners. Strengthen your church.

Are you someone who:

- Is passionate about your church and its mission?
- Wants to make a difference in the lives of those in your church and community?
- Is a Thrivent member and supporter?

When it comes to the people in your church, you know what really matters, and—as a congregational advocate—you will connect your church to Thrivent resources to:

- **Help others learn to be wise with money.** For example:
  - Teach people how to protect themselves by arranging an Identity Theft workshop.
  - Coordinate a youth program to stress the importance of “share, save, spend.”
  - Connect a friend with a Thrivent Financial representative to create a plan for retirement.
- **Create opportunities for generosity within your church.** For example:
  - Lead a Thrivent Action Team to support a cause your church is passionate about.
  - Organize a Thrivent Builds® with Habitat for Humanity® work day to help construct a house with a family in need.
  - Encourage eligible members to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

**“Thrivent is a membership organization of Christians joined in a movement of being wise with money, living generously and changing lives.”**

As a membership organization, we treasure our volunteers. We provide the necessary support and resources for you to succeed in your role, as well as the opportunity to work in partnership with others, such as:

- Other advocates within your church.
- A Thrivent Financial representative.
- Your local Community Engagement Team.

# Understanding Your Role

## Connect

**Build and nurture connections with a variety of people:**

- Church leadership (pastors, council, other committees, etc.).
- Thrivent members within the church.
- Thrivent Financial representatives.
- Director of congregational advocates.

## Learn

**Gain an understanding of the church's needs and ministries through:**

- Actively listening (i.e., asking clarifying questions and checking for understanding) as you talk with various individuals in the church.
- Reading church newsletters, bulletin announcements, annual reports, etc.
- Participating in church and community events, council meetings, etc.

**Explore various Thrivent programs and resources that can help address the needs of your church, including:**

- Educational workshops.
- Generosity Programs: Thrivent Choice® and Thrivent Action Teams.

## Communicate

**Share what you have learned about the needs and ministries of your church:**

- Share these with other Thrivent members and Thrivent Financial representatives to think about what resources and programs might be most appropriate for your church.
- Communicate back to the church as to how Thrivent can help address their needs and support their ministries.

**Communication resources such as posters, flyers and invitations are also available to help you promote various events and programs.**

If you'd like to get involved, please visit

<https://service.thrivent.com/forms/members/leader.html>.

Or, contact the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836 and say "fraternal."



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