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Dear Members

Thank you for being part of the Thrivent Member Network – Great Lakes Region. It is our goal to provide you resources to guide you toward achieving financial clarity and living lives full of meaning and gratitude.

We have a great slate of events planned for members this year! We launched a live event broadcast series this year to ensure that members spread throughout the entire region have a chance to engage. All you do is sign up and log on from the comfort of your own home to participate. You can find information about these virtual opportunities and all our upcoming events on our new **website**. The site was designed to inform you about all the things happening throughout the region, so we hope you'll bookmark it as a resource and spend some time exploring.

We made a great impact in our community in 2019, and we want 2020 to be even better! Show your gratitude for the gifts you've been given by using your Thrivent membership benefits: Thrivent Action Teams, the Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity Partnership, and Thrivent Choice®. Engaging in these resources is a powerful tool that helps our local communities thrive.

Blessings,



Craig Smaagaard

President

Thrivent Member Network – Great Lakes Region

Make Your Thrivent Choice



Thrivent Choice® enrolled organizations can receive funding to help support their important work. The program allows you to make online personal donations and we cover the processing fees so 100% of your donations goes to the organization you care about.

And, if eligible, you can direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to further amplify the impact. We're excited to share that over \$1.7 million was paid out in the Great Lakes Region through Thrivent Choice® to churches and nonprofits our members love in 2019. Your actions make a difference, so hop online (thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more about Thrivent Choice® today, and if you are eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars®, be sure to direct your 2019 funds by March 31!

Thrivent Action Team Spotlight

Wondering what to do for your Thrivent Action Team? Consider supporting an existing event! That's exactly what Carolyn Floyd from Sterling Heights, Michigan did! She used her seed money purchase lunch for 40 students during the Detroit Cooperative Lutheran Church and Inner City Youth Group's Speed Professional event. Speed Professional is a twist on the traditional career fair as it serves as a youth social activity where young professionals seek career advice from established professionals.

Each discussion was 10 to 15 minutes so students could talk to each professional. What a great way to use your Thrivent Action Team!

Apply to use your Thrivent Action Team today, and help your community thrive!



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website connect.thrivent.com/great-lakes-tmn or email greatlakestmn@thrivent.com.

MARCH

19 The Power of Your Thrivent Membership

The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham, MI

APRIL

02 Retirement Outlook for GenX & Millennials

Live Online Broadcast

20 Celebrating the Power of You – Annual Member Meeting

Jack Roth Stadium Club, Ann Arbor, MI

MAY

07 Money & Marriage

Live Online Broadcast

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