# **Thrivent Member Case Study**

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### Why does Thrivent Innovate?



Insurance industry is ripe for major disruption



New players entering the picture and changing the game

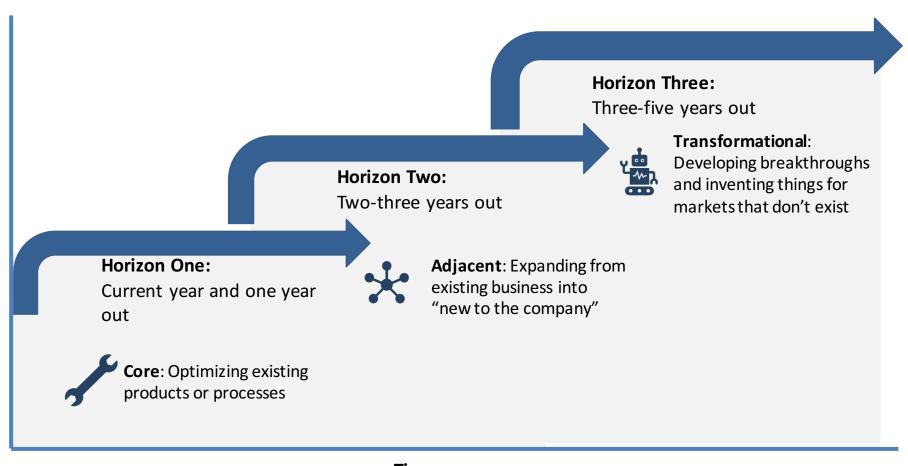


Investments in innovation are increasing and more prominent on earnings calls



Driving a need for innovation to be actively explored

#### Innovation at what level?



Time

### **Corporate Disciplines**

• AGILE

Deliver value to your customers faster while gathering their feedback along the way.

#### > CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Build and optimize processes that deliver the best customer experience and value.



#### **♦ INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT**

Design desirable solutions and experiences for customers through empathy and rapid learning.

proficiency of changes to the customer experience.

This integrated platform of corporate disciplines helps us build capabilities and drive change in the organization.

# Continuous Improvement



An **ongoing improvement** of
existing products,
services or processes
through incremental
and breakthrough
improvements.



Allows us to continuously adapt and improve our business models while ensuring value is delivered to our customers.

#### **Agile**



To stay competitive and current we need a new operating model to deliver value faster.



We need an engaged workforce where the entire team is making decisions, solving problems and taking wise risks.

We need a new way to work that allows teams to **test ideas quickly** with customer input, aligned to clear business priorities

# Change Management



Discipline that guides how we **prepare**, **equip** and **support** individuals to successfully adopt change in order to drive organizational success and outcomes.



A structured approach for supporting the individuals in the organization to move from a current state to a desired future state.

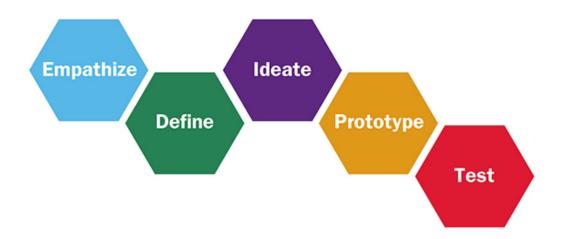
### **Innovation & Development**

An approach to development that creates products, services and experiences focused on meeting our customers' needs.

Accelerates growth through a cycle of better ideas by designing based on the consumer.

**Reducing waste** by testing and validating assumptions and stopping ideas that won't be used or won't work.

Managing risk by exploring concepts in a smaller, cost effective pieces and only investing in proven ideas.



#### Process to discover customers' need:

- Build deep empathy for them.
- *Define* what their needs are.
- Generate *ideas* that could satisfy those needs.
- Build *prototypes* that could solve that need.
- Test those prototypes with them to get their feedback.

## **Long Term Strategic Development**

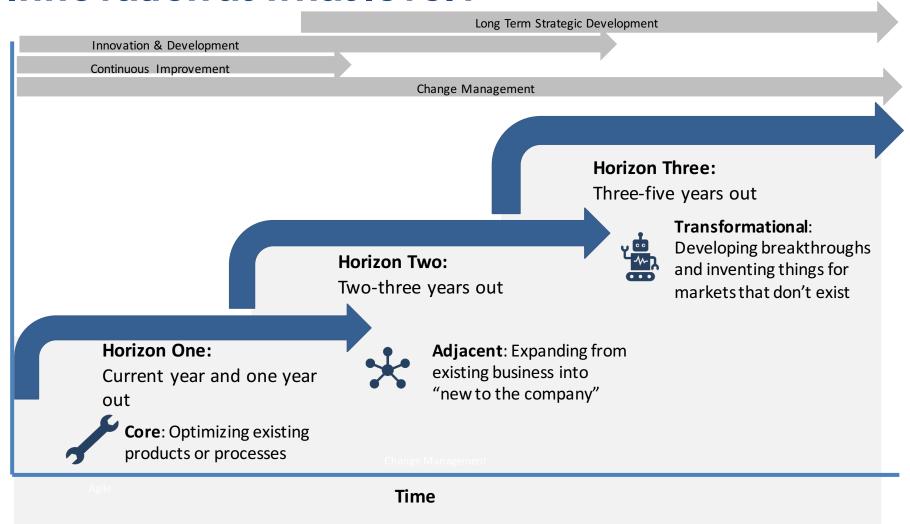
Lean and nimble team structured to...



Seek out new trends through startups and innovative partners Support internal awareness of technology trends across the enterprise & understand business needs Connect enterprise to relevant startups and innovative partners

Enable early proof of concept testing outside of current core business limitations

#### Innovation at what level?



# **APPENDIX**



## Long Term Development: Benefit to Enterprise



Minimize risk within a testing environment that is designed to protect data and access to Thrivent's core systems



Improve speed of learning with a centralized fast-track model of engagement



Gain first-hand understanding of emerging technology to inform future vendor relationships

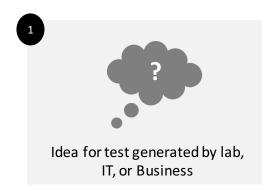


Manage expenditures by avoiding repetitive testing and identifying enterprise contract opportunities



Opportunity to increase value of testing engagements by including multiple business objectives and sharing learnings across the enterprise

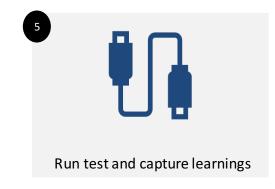
#### Long Term Strategic Development: Process We Follow in Lab

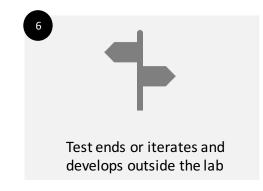














## **Thrivent's Corporate Disciplines**

