

PTS HONORS JACK ISHERWOOD WITH ANDERSON AWARD

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Isherwood also served on a number of Pittsburgh community boards. His management roles over the past four decades have included managing principal of Birchmere Investments Inc., president and CEO of Metalized Paper Corp., president and CEO of Pittsburgh Brewing Co., president of Pittsburgh Food and Beverage, and COO of G. Heileman Brewing Company.

A graduate of Grove City College, at Pittsburgh Seminary Jack audited some 40 courses taught by more than 20 faculty members. Recognizing his extraordinary dedication to theological education, the Pittsburgh Seminary Alumnae/i Association named him an honorary alumnus last fall. Isherwood continues to be dedicated member of Meridian United Presbyterian Church.

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