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Consultant for communities of faith, service and learning

Kathleen S. Hurty is professionally active as a grant-writer, researcher, and consultant to faith-based organizations seeking collaborative ways of living out their mission in these times. She is also a Teaching Fellow in Leadership Studies at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hurty is the former executive director for Church Women United, an ecumenical movement of Christian women throughout the United States. Prior to joining CWU, Dr. Hurty was on the executive staff of the National Council of Churches, working with ecumenical and interreligious organizations throughout the country. Her experience also includes involvement in California public education where she served as a classroom teacher, staff developer, and school principal.

Kathleen holds a Ph.D. in Education from the University of California at Berkeley. She is a recipient of the Wittenberg Award from the Luther Institute, Washington, D.C., and the Alumni Award of Merit from Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. In addition to a number of articles on leadership, Dr. Hurty has authored a chapter in *Women and Church* (Friendship Press, 1991) and in *Women Leading in Education* (State University of New York Press, 1995), and has recently completed a segment on “Protestant Women’s Colleges” for the *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*. (2005) The Women’s Funding Network published Dr. Hurty’s *Monograph on Women, Faith and Philanthropy* (May, 2006).

A teacher at heart, she has led a number of leadership seminars, written curriculum, and served as keynote speaker for various conferences and assemblies. Stimulated by a Rockefeller grant for Programs Addressing Community Tension, Dr. Hurty led a team in the development and production of a National Interactive Satellite Teleconference on *Building Hospitable Community: Confronting Bias and Countering Xenophobia*. A grant proposal written by Dr. Hurty for the California Council of Churches to engage the religious community in working with low income people in desperate need of energy assistance and advocacy was funded by the Hewlett Foundation.

Dr. Hurty has served on the boards of several organizations including the Trustees of the Interchurch Center in New York City, representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America of which she is a member. She also serves on the Ecumenical Board of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Madison, WI, and on the Board of Directors of Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS – a liberal arts college of the ELCA. She is a recent participant in The Pluralism Project (Women’s Conference and Network) at Harvard University. Former chair of the Commission on Church in Society, ELCA, she worked with board and staff to craft a participatory process for moral discernment and decision-making to assist congregations in struggling with difficult issues. She was a member of the Executive Council of the former Lutheran Church in America, and represented the LCA at the Lutheran World Federation Sixth Assembly in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. An active global justice advocate, Dr. Hurty has participated in World Council of Churches Assemblies in Vancouver, BC and in Harare, Zimbabwe, and in the Second China-U.S. Conference on Women’s Issues in Beijing, China.

She and her husband, the Rev. David L. Hurty, have four grown children and six grandchildren. Her interests include spending time with family, music, theater, art, reading and travel.

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