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Jack Fortin, author of "The Centered Life," (Augsburg Fortress Publishing, \$9.99, available at www.centeredlife.org) was named executive director of the Center for Lifelong Learning at Luther Seminary in 2000. Fortin also leads the seminary's Centered Life initiative. The initiative, which he helped develop and introduce in 2001, is an ecumenical tool for creating sustainable change in congregations and people's lives.

Prior to joining Luther Seminary, Fortin served on the Luther Seminary board of directors while serving from 1995 to 2000 as director of Wilder Forest, Amherst H. Wilder Foundation's experiential education center in Marine on St. Croix, Minn. He concurrently served as teaching pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Marine on St. Croix. From 1991 to 1995, he served World Vision, Inc., in Federal Way, Wash., most recently as senior vice president of operations.

Fortin worked for Young Life, Inc., from 1971 to 1991, most recently as divisional vice president in Colorado Springs, Col. In 1987, Fortin was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and he served as teaching pastor at Advent Lutheran Church in Madison, Wis., from 1987 to 1991.

In 1971, Fortin graduated with honors from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., with a master's degree in divinity. A native of Rockford, Ill., Fortin earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Rockford College in Rockford, Ill.

Fortin is a chairman of the board of World Servants. He is on the board of the National Youth Leadership Council Emeritus Advisory Council, he is a member of the national and regional boards of Seeing Things Whole, Inc., and he is a board member of Lutheran Orient Mission Society. He also serves as a managing associate and senior consultant for Human Technologies International.

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