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Michael Kinnamon is a widely respected theologian with deep and longstanding involvement in global ecumenism. Formerly on the staff of Faith and Order in the WCC, he also served as Miller Professor of Mission and Peace at Eden Theological Seminary and as General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. He has recently retired from a three-year appointment as Spehar–Halligan Visiting Professor of Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue at Seattle University’s School of Theology and Ministry.

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