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The Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, one of the most prominent and influential ecumenical leaders and educators of our time, was the ninth General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Prior to his unanimous election in 2007, he was chair of the Council's Justice and Advocacy Commission. He also served as General Secretary of the Consultation on Church Union (now Churches Uniting in Christ) and as an Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission.

Dr. Kinnamon, now retired, was a seminary and university professor for thirty years, also serving as Dean of Lexington Theological Seminary from 1988-98. He has lectured and preached on ecumenical and other themes across the United States and in numerous regions overseas, especially South Asia and the Middle East. His recent writings in the field of ecumenical and interfaith studies include *Can a Renewal Movement Be Renewed?: Questions for the Future of Ecumenism* (2014), *The Ecumenical Movement: An Anthology of Key Texts and Voices*, 2nd Edition (2015), and *The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear* (2017). His book, *Unity as Prophetic Witness: W.A. Visser 't Hooft and the Shaping of Ecumenical Theology*, was published in the fall of 2018 by Fortress Press, and a substantial revision of his book (with Jan Linn), *Disciples: Who We Are and What Holds Us Together*, was published by Chalice Press in June of 2019.

Kinnamon's Ph.D. is from the University of Chicago Divinity School (1980) in the field of Religion and Literature. He was named the Divinity School's Alumnus of the Year in 2013. He holds ordained ministerial standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has been active—locally, regionally, and nationally—in the mission and ministry of that denomination, and is a frequent speaker at Disciples events. He is married to Mardine Davis, an art consultant, and has two grown daughters and three grandchildren.