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Rev. Prof. Dr  
Thomas SCHIRRMACHER  
Secretary General Elect  
World Evangelical Alliance

Dear Dr Schirrmacher,  
Dear Brother in Christ,

I received with great joy the news of your appointment as the new Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance.

I have had the pleasure to meet and work with you and other representatives of the World Evangelical Alliance at several occasions as we explored possibilities of working together facing developments in society and churches.

The relationship between the WCC and the WEA has developed throughout the last years and we have identified various ways of collaboration in responding to the needs of our communities around the world, while stressing the significance of strengthening our Christian witness.

In the light of the current global realities, we acknowledge anew the importance of joint actions and responses to a suffering and disrupted world. God is calling us in many ways to give witness of his love for every human being and to bring healing, unity and reconciliation.

On behalf of the World Council of Churches, I would like to congratulate you for your new calling to serve as the Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance.

God bless you in your new ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Saucă  
Interim General Secretary  
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