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The friendship between the two theologians goes back to the year 1909, when Barth was assistant minister at Kellers congregation in Geneva. Keller adopted Barths theology and was the first to propagate it in the English speaking world under the term «theology of crisis». Barth and Keller differed, at least at the beginning, in the question of ecumenism of which Keller was one of the most important representatives between World War I and World War II. But the two friends were entirely united in the resistance against National Socialism and in the support of the Bekennende Kirche in Germany.