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Stålsett was State Secretary in the ministry of Church Affairs and Education 1972-1973. In 1977 he was elected chairman of the Center Party and held that position until 1979. He was Secretary General of the Lutheran World Federation in 1985-1994. Subsequently, he was Rector of the Seminar of Practical Theology at the University of Oslo until he became Bishop of Oslo in 1998.

Gunnar Stålsett was a member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee 1985-1990 and again served in the committee from 1994.

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