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United Theological Seminary has been following the news regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus closely, which is changing rapidly each day. The Seminary administration has decided to take the following precautionary measures until further notice:

- Students enrolled in on-campus courses may choose to attend classes virtually via the Seminary's LIVE (Live Interactive Virtual Education) classroom technology. This option is available at the discretion of each student.
- Contextual Ministries courses are moving to an online format. The instructor will be communicating directly with students to provide more information.
- On-campus community lunches are on hold.
- All peer group meetings for Doctor of Ministry focus groups are postponed.

March 16-20 is the Seminary's planned Spring Reading Week, during which time no classes take place. The administration will continue to monitor the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak and will be reevaluating what proactive measures are appropriate and necessary to help prevent the spread of the virus among students, faculty, staff and our local community. The Seminary's distance education team is prepared to hold all classes online if the need arises.

In the meantime, we ask the United community to use prudent discretion regarding their personal health and decisions to travel to campus. For example, those who have a history of respiratory problems may wish to make arrangements to attend classes online or work from home.

Updates will be posted to this page as developments arise.

We are praying that God will heal those who are sick with the virus and other illnesses, that God will work through those who are developing a vaccine, and that God will bless us all with wisdom and faith in the midst of this crisis.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.... 'Be still, and know that I am God!'" — Psalm 46:1, 10