Dear Colleagues:

Many of you received a message from the President of the university of Toronto this morning. The message is available online, if you have not seen it: https://www.utoronto.ca/message-from-the-university-regarding-the-coronavirus

UofT has canceled all face-to-face instruction until 3 April 2020 and are requiring courses be delivered by other means, starting Monday, 16 March 2020. St Mikes, along with all colleges in TST, will do the same. This will likely be as synchronous online instruction, but each instructor can develop alternative modes of delivery and instruction that are commensurate with the learning outcomes in each course. This morning I joined a conference call with TST's Director, Registrar and Graduate Director, along with the other heads of Colleges. We will be sending out a document that will provide resources and advice on how to complete your courses over the next three weeks. I expect that document will be ready for distribution before the close of business today if not sooner. Diana is also setting each of you up on Zoom, so if you decide to use this application, you will be ready to go.

Furthermore, we are cancelling all public events that are scheduled before 28 April 2020. This will include for us, our monthly pro-seminar, the Keenan Lecture and the commissioning mass.

I will also be sending out a communication to USMC theology students this afternoon.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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