

On behalf of the Faculty: A commitment to students and staff

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A Liturgy of Commitment

All: We, the Faculty, want to affirm publicly our commitments to Northern Seminary and all its people.

Commitment to our calling

We the Faculty at Northern Seminary publicly affirm today our calling to follow in the way of Jesus, to preach, teach, write, and practice a holistic gospel, to teach our students in order to nurture their growth as disciples of Jesus, and to care for them as those who have been cared for by the Great Shepherd, Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Commitment to Northern Seminary

We the Faculty of Northern Seminary publicly affirm our commitment to our beloved institution, Northern Seminary, grateful to God for its historical educational ministries to the city of Chicago, to churches both city and rural, and now to students throughout North America and the world through Northern Live.

We also affirm our commitment to Northern Seminary's present, with its now deep challenges, expressing publicly our heart-felt sorrow and commitment to those who have been wounded by its leaders. We believe the witness and impact of Northern Seminary can be revitalized and restored as we work together to heal the wounded and walk with one another toward our future.

We commit ourselves to Northern Seminary's future, to whoever may lead this seminary, to whoever may teach its classes, and to whoever may work in its offices. We believe Northern Seminary has a vital role to play in the education of future church leaders, both lay and ordained.

Commitment to our Staff

We the Faculty of Northern Seminary here publicly affirm our commitment to our staff and employees, who over the last few years have experienced anxiety and fear, who have been mismanaged, and who have demonstrated time and time again their faith in Christ and commitment to aid and comfort one another.

Commitment to our Students

We the Faculty of Northern Seminary know that the students are the lifeblood of this seminary. That we as Faculty teach only because of our students. We know their vital ministries now and their capacities to influence their churches, communities, and our nation. When it comes to faith and character and commitments to justice, we believe the students at Northern Seminary are the finest of the finest. We stand with them in these challenging days.

Commitment to our Programs

We the Faculty of Northern Seminary know the rich diversity and depth of our various programs, both in the traditional Master of Divinity but also in the unique specializations in women's studies, theology, Bible, culture, and mission. We are committed to teaching in them, to sustaining them, and to promoting their growth for the future education of the students of Northern Seminary.

A United Voice:

We the Faculty pray for the Board, that it seek the Lord's mind and do the right thing for the sake of Northern Seminary, and for our president.

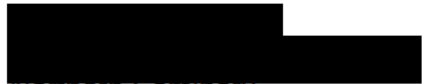
We the Faculty of Northern Seminary stand united in our commitment to Northern Seminary, to its staff, to its students, and to one another as faculty.


We are here with you and for you.

May God the Father send us, may God the Son liberate us, and may God the Spirit anoint us.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

Amen.


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