



*From the Office of the Interim President
Dr. Kristine M. Stache*

RESPONDING TO COVID-19: UPDATE AS OF APRIL 1, 2020

In our ongoing efforts to care for one another and our neighbors, Wartburg Theological Seminary has put into place temporary policies that will remain effective through Tuesday, June 30th—with a possibility to be extended or rescinded before that time—to help us steward our shared life together. To our knowledge, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Wartburg community. We intend to do what we can to preserve health, minimize the spread of the virus, and decrease anxiety where possible. *Care for one another during this time continues to be our top priority!*

Effective through June 30, 2020:

1. All courses will move exclusively to online delivery through distance education and we have created opportunities for the staff and faculty that are able to work remotely.
2. We are moving forward as a worship-centered community, gathering daily for worship via Zoom.
3. The Wartburg Campus will be closed to the public but remain open with modified library and food pantry hours for students, faculty, and staff.
4. All events previously scheduled through June 30th have been canceled or moved to a distance format via Zoom. Please visit our website for details on specific events.
5. All students are expected to follow the policies set forth by the governments, organizations, and synods where they are serving.
6. Please practice care and consideration for yourself and others. If you are symptomatic, stay home. If you have questions or need assistance, ask for help. Consult with medical staff if symptoms persist.

The WTS COVID-19 task force continues to monitor the situation carefully and will do our best to keep you updated as things change. We continue to pray for all who are ill, for the most vulnerable, for healthcare workers, public health officials, for local, regional, state, national and international policy makers, and all who are fearful about this virus.

May the peace of God that passes all understanding be in your hearts and minds (and homes and neighborhoods) in Christ Jesus! AMEN.

Prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristine M. Stache". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Kristine Stache, Interim President