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Dear Colleagues,

We write to update you on some of the changes here at the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life (CRSL) and reiterate our appreciation and hope to continue to collaborate with you now and in the future.

While our Dean of Religious Life Jennifer Walters has gone on to be the Dean of the College at Bryn Mawr, we are excited both for this new phase of discernment, and committed to staying close to the values and mission developed under Jennifer's leadership. I am pleased to be the Interim Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, and am working closely with Kim Alston and Maureen Raucher, who have taken on additional responsibilities in their roles as Program Coordinators. As part of this current arrangement my position reports to Julianne Ohotnicky, Associate Dean of the College and Dean of Students. Julie is helping us, in conjunction with Donna Lisker, Dean of the College and VP for Campus Life, with a programmatic and strategic planning process so that we are equipped with robust information as we prepare a search for new leadership in the CRSL.

Together with the help of Rabbi Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser, student workers, and our community religious advisers, we are looking forward to working with you and other members of the community to continue our multi-faceted programming. We are grateful to have close working relationships with the Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, the Jandon Center for Community Engagement, the Wurtele Center, Residence Life, and the Department of Religious Studies, to name a few. As noted we remain committed to both striving to meet students' needs for worship communities and spiritual exploration; *and* being a Center for ethical reflection and social justice seeking in college and beyond.

We also see part of our role as heeding the call to respond to the most pressing moral and ethical issues of our time, and are grateful for opportunities to continue to collaborate with you in doing so. We hope you will be in touch with us and are grateful for your support and feedback for our Center in this time of transition. We also encourage you to visit our website at <https://www.smith.edu/religiouslife> which has updated information on our programs and services.

Sincerely yours,

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