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Dear Deans and Faculty Colleagues,

As we begin the summer months, please know that all of us in the Emory University Office of Spiritual and Religious Life (OSRL) are here to support you and your faculty, staff, and students. If there are ways that we can be supportive or partner with you, please let us know.

We continue to witness increased engagement in our worship services, meditation sessions, educational programs, and interfaith opportunities. We are always seeking to help the community find ways to center and connect, especially in challenging times. Please learn more about our programs and services by signing up for our weekly e-newsletter on our website here: <http://www.religiouslife.emory.edu>.

We also wanted to bring to your attention some **major religious observances** that will take place during the coming academic year. Emory policies encourage students to work with their faculty members as early as possible in order to arrange reasonable accommodations for their participation in religious observances. Academic deans, OSRL, and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) are also available to consult.

Ideally, it is best when our academic, administrative, and programmatic schedules avoid major religious holidays that impact large numbers in our campus population. This helps to create a more inclusive and more supportive environment for all in our diverse community.

To assist, attached is a list of some major religious holidays that are observed by significant numbers in the Emory community. Please be aware that observant students may not be able to be present in the classroom or do academic work on these dates. Individuals may observe holidays that are not on this list, but again, these are some holidays that may impact larger numbers of students.

We hope this information is helpful to you, and as always, thank you for your support. We wish health and wellness to you and your loved ones in the summer and in the coming year.

With best wishes,

The Rev. Dr. Gregory W. McGonigle
Dean of Religious Life and University Chaplain