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Dear Meadville Lombard Theological School Community,

Our times demand of us extreme caution and being forward-oriented in thinking through unclear scenarios. With the awareness that there is minimal certainty of how we will continue to be in health and safety in the months to come, the faculty and leadership team arrived at the decision to hold our Spring 2021 Intensives online.

We believe that this decision aligns with our shared affirmation of our worth and dignity as well as care and concern for the interdependent web of our existence. We honor the reality that, at this time, many of us balance multiple responsibilities like caring for others, employment, education, and safeguarding our health. We furthermore recognize that, on top of various comfort levels with travel, that navigating different states quarantine restrictions can represent a barrier for access for members of our learning community.

We hope you understand this decision as one of care for our wholeness and that we are committed to being a learning community that continues to thrive and innovate as we respond to the challenges ahead.

In service,

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