Support: right now, and moving forward

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as-Salamu ’alaykum, friends.

As Williams effectively shuts down for the semester, starting this Friday, drastic changes are ahead for each of us. As we all figure out our plans and start to navigate challenges that each of our situations presents, I share the sense of sadness and uncertainty that we all might have.

Please let me assure you that all of the chaplains will continue to be available to you, either in person, by phone, or by Zoom throughout this week, and into the following weeks or months in which we will be off campus. If you would like to meet, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me via email or by text or phone (my cell is 413-672-7048). We will also have information on the Chaplains’ website: chaplain.williams.edu.

**Friday Prayer will still happen this week at 1:15pm.** The service will be brief but should offer us a collective moment for some pause and a regathering of our inward capacities, as well as heartfelt send-offs, before the transition. We will not serve our usual post-prayer lunch primarily due to time constraints.

To our Seniors, we know the latest news strikes in particularly unsettling ways for you in your last semester on campus. I welcome you to reach out to each other in support and to others in your support system. This change and disruption is immense, and it’s important for us to care for each other.

I pray that amid the changes, the uncertainty, and even enforced isolation, we can still find our points of connection and support. For my part, I will do all that I can to be present for you.

With love and salam,

Sharif