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Dear Members of the 2019-20 Trinity Divinity Class,

I hope you are looking forward to the coming academic year as much as I am.

As you know, this is both an exciting and challenging time in the life of our churches, as indeed it is in society more generally. The moral and political questions that demand a considered and mature response from human beings continue to require people of faith and insight to respond with creativity and courage. Here at Trinity College, we seek to be a community that learns together, and supports one another, so that we can respond effectively to these challenges.

This is why it is important, during the first week of September, that we all engage as much as we can with the events of Orientation Week. The beginning of the academic year is a time to re-form ourselves as a community of learning disciples, so that – together – we can meet the challenges of the coming year. Please consult the scheduled and attend as many events as possible.

A significant part of our communal life together is our common worship in the chapel. Note that all MDiv students are required to participate in the worship life of the College (Anglican or Orthodox). Part-time students should attend at least one service a week, and full-time students at least twice. The chaplain, Andrea Budgey, will contact MDiv students to begin organizing the worship teams who help plan and lead weekday liturgies.

Students in other programs are strongly encouraged to participate in community worship services. There are daily services in the chapel, and our main community Eucharist is on Tuesdays at 5:30pm, following by a community meal in the Divinity Common Room (DCR).

Should you have any questions about which courses to enroll in, please contact the appropriate member of staff indicated below. You will also have opportunities to meet them in person during Orientation Week.
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Regarding specific course requirements in 2019-20, there are some small changes to the MDiv curriculum to note.

- First and second year students (in credits 0-20): instead of registering for PPOL (Principles and Practices of Liturgy), you are required to complete TXJ2401H (The History, Theology, and Practice of Anglican Liturgy), and TRP2031HF (or some other course in preaching). Third year students are to complete the PPOL program they have already begun.

- Trinity will not be offering our own version of ‘Introduction to the New Testament’ this year. I encourage those seeking this course to particularly consider one of the following:
  - First semester: (a) EMB1501HF L0101 (Tuesdays, 9am-12); (b) RGB1501HF L0101 (Tuesdays, 5-7pm)
  - Second semester: (a) SMB1501HS L6101 (Saturdays online); (b) KNB1501HS L6101 (online)

- Note that Prof. Jesse Billett will be on sabbatical this academic year, and so will not be offering any courses. His usual offerings will be available in 2020-21.

May God bless you and this coming year of study. I look forward to meeting and talking with you at the various Orientation events in September. Until then, enjoy the rest of the summer months.

Warm regards,

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