



NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[March 13, 2020] The Governor of Wisconsin has declared a health emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in consultation with the Board of Directors, the seminary administration is implementing the following measures to go into effect on Monday, March 16.

1. March 16-20 residential seminary classes will be taking a hiatus. Residential classes will resume on March 23 but will be conducted by means of remote or online technologies. Students should pay close attention to their @nashotah.edu emails and Populi for instructions from their professors as to the adjustments that will be made accordingly.
2. Beginning on March 16, our daily Eucharist will be celebrated by a priest and server without participants. The service will be available via live streaming only.
3. The refectory will continue to be in operation at its normal times but will run on a take-out basis only.
4. The library will be open to enrolled students and to faculty but closed to the general public. There will be hand sanitization stations and persons assigned to sanitize door handles and keyboards periodically. Patrons studying in the library are required to sit 6 feet apart.
5. Members of the community are discouraged from gathering in groups, and there will be no gatherings held under seminary sponsorship or auspices.
6. All campus visits, guest preachers, and extracurricular events will be canceled or rescheduled, including the April 1-2 prayer book event.
7. Nashotah House staff and faculty are urged, where possible, to work remotely, and non-essential, in-person faculty and staff meetings are suspended until further notice.

These measures will go into full effect on Monday, March 16, 2020. If health officials lift emergency status, we plan to resume our normal community life with the Palm Sunday Evensong service (April 5, 2020). We will continue to monitor the situation in the coming weeks and to communicate future developments.

For the time being, students and staff should consider the April 20-24 residential week and the summer courses to run as scheduled, aware, of course, that this could change. All Nashotah House students in every program should take care to read their @nashotah.edu emails for future notices.

In addition to these measures, we will be encouraging our community to follow the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

Please exercise due caution; take care of your families and friends; be in prayer for the seminary and especially for the safety of the vulnerable.