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Dear Esteemed Faculty and Staff of Trinity College,

"It's all moving so fast. It's hard to keep up with these developments. What's going to happen next?" These utterances are the worries that I and you have doubtless heard repeatedly during these uncertain times. No one is so brave that they aren't disturbed by something unexpected. But you have proven brave enough and nimble enough to move forward through all that the media and our restive society have thrown our way.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, please accept our gratitude for your commitment to Trinity's call to you as educators and supporters of our mission. You have selflessly put in countless hours, thought through a myriad of differing scenarios that could affect us, anticipated the needs of our students, and created solutions that serve those needs. That compassion and care is what define the generous spirit of this Trinity team and each and every one of you who comprise an institution committed to fostering and ministering to our students.

Thank you for your adaptability and willingness to flex your ingenious minds on behalf of all of us who represent Trinity College. Yes, it's certainly moving too fast, but we are confident in your ability to see us through this anxious season. We cannot forecast the next month nor even the next week, but we can prepare for the eventuality of more difficulties to come. I am not worried. We have the best working on it. It is you! And for that dedication this board is in your debt,

Cornie Thornburgh Chair, Trinity Board of Trustees