Dear Tufts Community,

I have witnessed incredible tenderness and support within the Tufts community in the last few days, and I continue to be grateful for the strength that we have together as a community. Madie Meister-Roth, a graduate student in the Department of Political Science, died on Wednesday, October 13th. She was an exceptional student and someone who cherished the values of community and belonging.

This is a time of mourning, healing, and remembering. The University Chaplaincy, along with our partners across campus, is here to support you in any way we can. We are available to light a candle for Madie, to sit in quiet reflection, or to write a card in support of Madie's family or friends. If you would like to attend, please complete this brief form.

The full resources of University’s support services are available to you. The University Chaplaincy, along with our partners, is here for you.

Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger, University Chaplain

I have been thinking about what it means to be a community that values diversity and inclusion. I have been thinking about what it means to be a community that values love, empathy, and compassion.

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The University Chaplaincy

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Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

- **Diwali/Mahavir Nirvana**
  - **Tradition:** Jainism
  - **Dates:** Wed., Nov. 3, 2021
  - **Description:** As with several other festivals, Diwali is associated with one of the stories about the destruction of spirits on the Day of The Dead.

- **All Saints Day**
  - **Tradition:** Christianity-Roman Catholic
  - **Date:** Wed., Oct. 20, 2021
  - **Description:**observes All Saints Day, a Catholic Christian observance in memory of all the faithful who are deceased. In some Latin cultures, this day is observed in mid-summer.

- **Reformation Day**
  - **Tradition:** Christianity-Protestant
  - **Date:** Wed., Oct. 20, 2021
  - **Description:**Reformation Day will explore the complexity of Ali, from his refusal to fight in the Vietnam War, membership in the Nation of Islam, public intellectual, Donna Auston, to talk about Muhammad Ali and his legacy of interfaith cooperation. Coinciding with the anniversary of the death of Coretta Scott King.

- **Visions of Peace Movie Screening and Discussion**
  - **Date:** Thursday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. ET, held virtually
  - **Description:**Join Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) President, Eboo Patel, in conversation with filmmaker, David McMahon, and public intellectual, Donna Auston, to talk about Muhammad Ali and his legacy of interfaith cooperation.

- **Tisch College Civic Life Lunch King Boston: Building Boston's Beloved Community with Imari Paris Jeffries**
  - **Date:** Thursday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. ET, held virtually
  - **Description:**Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and their time and work together in Boston. In his role at King Boston, Imari Paris Jeffries, Tisch College Civic Life Lunch King Boston: Building Boston's Beloved Community with Imari Paris Jeffries

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Upcoming Events at the LGBT Center

Now in its sixth year, this project is sponsored by the Tufts LGBT Center, the University Chaplaincy, and the SMFA with support from the Rockefeller Foundation. Proposals accepted until October 20. Proposals accepted until October 20 - today!

- **Visions of Peace**
  - **Date:** Thursday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. ET, held virtually
  - **Description:**Fall in love again. Fall in love with that part of yourself you believe no one else can love. Fall in love with yourself. Fall in love with this world. Fall in love with peace. Fall in love with justice. Fall in love with equal rights. Fall in love with the world that you and I can make together. Fall in love with your vision for our collective futures. You can submit a proposal in PDF format is October 20 at 11:59pm. Artists of all skill and experience levels are invited to submit proposals for installations at 230 Fenway in the Terrace Gallery (2nd Floor B-Side), for the 2022 Visions of Peace exhibition. Visit the Tufts LGBT Center website for more information.

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Dr. Hyun Kyung Chung, M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Ecumenical Studies at Union Theological Seminary. Foci of her studies include: articulating the spirituality of women's everyday work, Christian-Buddhist dialogue, interfaith peacemaking and an eco-feminist theology. Please read the President’s official message to the University about Madie here.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP using this form by Friday, October 15, 2021. Be sure to find the link to this event on the Harvard Divinity School calendar.

See No Stranger

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Dr. Patel is the founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a national non-profit that works with young people to build an inclusive and interdependent interfaith society.

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