Greetings from the whole University Chaplaincy Team

From The Venerable Priya Sraman, Buddhist Chaplain:

From Imam Abdul-Malik Merchant, Muslim Chaplain:

From Thomas B. Dawkins, Music Director and Organist

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Greetings to you during this multifaith season of light when Advent wreaths, Hanukkah menorahs, Yule logs, Kwanzaa kinara, and Christmas tree lights shine. These vessels of light join others that glow and inspire at different times of the year: Diwali diyas, Ramadan lanterns, Buddhist sky lanterns, Tibetan lanterns, Hanukkah lights, and Earth Day lights. These, too, illuminate love, proclaim hope, and usher in stories about the resilience and creativity of humanity to repair our hurting world.

These marvels around you, including your fellow humans, your home planet, and your simple aliveness in this moment, are bound together in a web of life that endures--a web of interdependence and shared values of love and belonging. They proclaim hope that new life and liberation are at hand. And they remind us that we together seek both justice and joy!

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The entire University Chaplaincy team offers, in their own words, their greetings and wishes for your winter season.

Dear Tufts community and friends,

While we cannot be together in person this year, we will still gather (virtually) to celebrate this rich and joyous multifaith season of light.

On December 6, 2020, we celebrate the 115th anniversary of the University Chaplaincy at Tufts University. The University Chaplaincy is a religious ministry of the University Community that supports students and all others in the Tufts community. We celebrate this anniversary through a series of messages from our chaplains.

I hope these months are a time of replenishment and renewal. In the lead-up to the winter solstice, I encourage you to find a moment of stillness amid the busyness of your days. This is a time to tend to the gifts within you that you bring to the world. May the light that you bring to the world bring joy and peace to others.

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Deep peace of the quiet earth.

Peace (and perseverance!) be with you all.