



### **A Message from the CFV Director:**

The word that keeps coming up is “unprecedented.” I have taken great comfort in being able to rely on and seek wisdom from mentors and friends who are much older than myself over the years, and it is very unsettling to realize no one has been through what we are experiencing now. But in that reality, there is also a comfort that we are all working to meet the moment as best we can, despite the uncertainty. Butler University is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic with seriousness and care, and the implications are huge. As students are encouraged to not be on campus and all classes go virtual, the CFV is being thoughtful about how we can continue to promote our vision of inviting all Butler community members of all faiths, doubts, and philosophies to discover lives of purpose, meaning and contribution in this unsettling time. I want to share a few thoughts:

- **We are here for you.** Below you will read about our **Spiritual Care Conversations** resource, which anyone can use to request a virtual caring conversation. Technology has changed what the word “here” means. We are “here” with immense virtual ability to be a source of care and support to you. Use the links below or email our staff and we can be a source of support.
- **Challenging times present new questions of meaning.** Finding a buoyant and resilient form of hope that can weather the daily changing information is important. For many involved in the CFV, that language of hope is expressed through faith and philosophical commitments. Our **CFV Communities** are exploring new ways to stay connected, retain spiritual and theological practices, and be in community. Faith, spiritual, and secular life on campus are not cancelled, but adapted into virtual space. Please keep connecting with your communities or reach out to student leaders or

faculty/community advisors to learn more about how a given community is continuing to engage in new ways.

- **Continue to ask big questions.** This new reality invites some large questions about how we engage with community, how we find meaning and purpose in virtual worlds, how we serve others without being in contact, how we balance realism with optimism, and how we adapt to change. The CFV will be asking these big questions and seeking to explore the answers with many of you through online platforms. Please stay tuned for those invitations.

In these three points, there is a hope to take care of yourself, a commitment to maintain religious and philosophical exploration and practice, and an encouragement to keep reflecting on this new moment. As the semester continues in this new way, we aim to make these three ideas our focus. We look forward to navigating it together, unprecedented as it may be.



With Care,

**Daniel Meyers**

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