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Dear Incoming Doctoral Students,

Welcome! As the representative for the Lancaster Theological Seminary doctoral students in the year ahead of you, I wanted to introduce myself to you and offer myself as a possible resource to you as you transition to academic life at the Seminary. There may be specific questions you may have for a student who has just completed what you are about to begin. I'll refer you to a professor or administrator if this is the best route to answer your question/s, or, if it's specific to student life, I'd be happy to answer your question/s myself.

Professor Marty Kuchma, who taught the core course you'll be taking this fall, *Listening Is An Act of Love*, was our first year advisor. Marty is warm-hearted and wonderful. One of the best pieces of advice he gave to us and will give to you has carried us through as a class. We look after one another. We have intentionally bonded and work well together through the program. We check in with each other at appropriate times, cheer or console each other during the ups and downs of our professional and personal lives, and carefully listen to each other as we look into or continue the discernment process of our final projects.

I felt God nudging me to write to you. Lancaster Seminary has been an incredible experience for me. It's a gift. If you have questions on your first semester, your upcoming intensive week, if you'd like to speak to a second year student who has taken a course you are registered for, or if you simply need an ear as you move into this phase of your academic pursuit, I would be happy to speak with you or connect you to a member of my cohort. We all extend peace and blessings to you as you begin this transformative journey.

Do not hesitate to contact me. I will be looking to meet you when I am on campus with you. We are at the seminary at the same time, October 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless you all.

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