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## **A Message to our Campus Community**

As we enter the Thanksgiving holiday break, we are grateful for many things, especially the enduring mission of North Park University and the lives and legacies of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Many of us will gather with family and friends in the coming days and pause to be grateful for the gift of the precious people in our lives.

At the same time, our hearts are heavy on behalf of so many who are newly grieving the loss of dear ones through senseless acts of violence and murder at the University of Virginia, the University of Idaho, and Club Q in Colorado Springs, CO. We grieve with the families and friends of those lost. We hold them in our hearts, with hope for healing. For those who need support processing, Counseling is available at 773-244-4897 as is University Ministries at (773) 244-4980.

As we depart from one another - or as we remain on campus during the coming days - may we join together in thanksgiving to God for His abiding presence and hope – and cling to the promise that He will be near to the broken-hearted, (Psalm 34:18.)

We hope that all members of the campus community find time with loved ones. May God bless and keep you, now and always.

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