

## Community Support During Ukrainian Crisis

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Dear Trinity Community,

As the world continues to witness the Russian invasion of Ukraine with dismay and disbelief, our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people and to those affected in the surrounding regions. As an academic community, it is important for each one of us to remember that a number of Trinity students, faculty, and alumni are from Eastern Europe or have deep ties to the region. We ask that everyone in our community remember to extend kindness, support, and care to them during this unsettling time.

As a reminder, many resources are readily available to our community including:

- Counseling and Wellness Center: (860) 297-2415
- Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: (860) 297-4251
- Office of International Students and Scholars: (860) 297-4254
- Office of Multicultural Affairs: (860) 297-4251
- Office of Spiritual and Religious Life: (860) 297-2013
- Office of Student and Community Life: (860) 297-2305

Given the complexity of the moment, any student is welcomed by these offices, whether just to talk or to seek greater support.

We are also working on organizing a community gathering for reflection and solidarity. This Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 p.m., during Quiet Space time, we are inviting the Trinity College community to gather for a peace vigil in the Chapel, to pray for peace in Ukraine and to stand in support and solidarity with the members of our community most acutely affected by this unfolding crisis. This vigil will include space for members of our community to speak, offer poems, reflections, or prayers.

Thank you for caring for each other and finding opportunities to gather in solidarity to hope for a peaceful end to this international crisis.

Sincerely,

Joe DiChristina

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