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RE: Grace Christian University's Spring 2021 Plan

Dear Grace Students,

As you complete the Fall 2020 semester, staff and faculty are preparing for the Spring 2021 semester. Grace is committed to your education and we want you to be aware of the plans for Spring semester. **We fully intend to be back in person for classroom instruction as well as on campus services including housing, dining, library services, and athletics for Spring 2021.**

**Classes** for Spring 2021 begin on January 11, 2021. We expect, with God's enabling, to hold face-to-face classes. Faculty will continue to utilize remote learning connections for students who may need to request this option or for those who are quarantined. Grace will continue to limit class sizes so that we can adhere to social distancing and maximize personalized learning.

**Campus housing and food service** will continue to be available to students. We will continue to follow Kent County Health Department guidelines for spacing throughout the Dining Hall. We are also prepared to continue providing to-go meals for students who prefer to take their meals back to their housing.

**Chapels** will continue to meet with a limited number of students in Baker Chapel and additional remote locations around campus. We will worship the Lord!

**Athletics** will resume with schedules for basketball through January and February. Spring sports, tennis and track and field will also be running.

Obviously we cannot promise what is out of our control - and we know that ultimately God is the One who controls all things. Lord willing, we will move forward with in-person education and extracurricular activities in this amazing learning community of Grace!

Finally, we want to encourage you to finish the **Fall 2020** semester well. You are almost finished! Stay focused, work hard and communicate with your peers and professors as you continue to pursue excellence in the classroom. The Michigan State Health Department extended its mandates for colleges and universities to continue online instruction through December 20th which means we will continue doing what we have been for the past three weeks in reference to online classes while continuing campus services.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to faculty and staff across the campus as needs arise. God bless you as you finish strong and look to the spring semester for more success.