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Subject: Update to the Antiochian Community

Dear Antiochians and Friends,

Earlier in the summer I announced my plans to retire from the presidency of Antioch College at the end of the 2021 academic year. (You may read the letter [here](#)).

Today I write with further news on my tenure at Antioch. For some time, I have been monitoring a recurrence of prostate cancer. After evaluating the medical options and consulting with my family, I have decided to seek a combination treatment involving both hormone and radiation therapy, which is likely to last six months or more.

In light of the need to focus on my health in the months ahead, the Board of Trustees and I are in agreement that I should step away from the presidency. The Board has encouraged me to prioritize my health and developed a leadership transition plan that will work well for the College.

Beginning December 1, I will officially become president emeritus of Antioch College. Leadership of the College will be shared by three senior vice presidents--Sharen Neuhardt (operations), John Jacobs '76 (finance) and Shadia Alvarez '96 (equity and strategic development)--working collaboratively with one another and with staff, faculty and students. This is intended to be an interim arrangement until a new president is appointed.

As president emeritus, I will continue to work closely with board members and others primarily in an advisory capacity, focusing on strategic projects and partnerships that advance Antioch College Works and the College's distinctive approach to the applied liberal arts.

Board chair Maureen Lynch will be communicating shortly about the ongoing work and planning for the presidential transition.

Being Antioch College's president has been the honor of a lifetime; and continuing to serve the College as its president emeritus will be no less a privilege. Never more than now has it been as critical for there to be an Antioch College--a community of learning emboldened by the difficulties of the time, inspired by the accomplishments of its alumni and renewed constantly by the promise of each new cohort of students.

Antioch's values--own your education, learn experientially and act for justice--are indeed inspired landmarks by which to trailblaze, map-make and navigate the changing and ever-challenging terrains we face individually and collectively. Antioch College's three "Cs"--classroom, community and Co-op--continue to evolve, adapt and reform as new laboratories for lively, ongoing education.

That education is dynamically evident in each of you who are alumni. As I recently told alums during one of the many splendid virtual Reunion 2020 gatherings, it is what makes Antioch a college that works in a manner that will endure.

I look forward to occasions when I can speak with you over the remaining academic year and beyond. Meanwhile, be well and get out the VOTE!

With warmest regards,
Tom

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