

Announcement to the Antioch College Community
By President Steven Lawry
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I announce today to the Antioch community my intention to step down from the presidency of Antioch College on December 31st, 2007. My family and I have taken this decision in light of the June 9th, 2007, decision of the Antioch University Board of Trustees to suspend operations at the College from July 1st, 2008. I look forward to contributing in other ways to the advancement of the kinds of values Antioch has traditionally taught and honored—engaged citizenship, free and open intellectual inquiry, and respect for human dignity.

I have every hope that that the College will re-open after a period of planning and fund-raising in 2012, as proposed by University Chancellor Toni Murdock. I believe that these efforts will succeed to the extent that the College once again has its own Board of Trustees. I am pleased with the priority that the Chancellor and the University Board are giving to matters of governance, and I will do everything I can to contribute to what I think will be a very important and constructive discussion on the College's governance in my remaining months as president.

I am deeply impressed by the expressions of loss, care and concern shown for the College by its alumni and members of the Yellow Springs community upon the announcement of the University Board's June 9th decision. I am further impressed by the determination of many, through their ideas, proposals, organizing and fund-raising, to ensure that the College re-opens and once again plays a vital role in American higher education.

Finally, I want to thank all of those at Antioch College—faculty, staff and students—who have made my time here truly interesting and rewarding. I appreciate the support and the many kindnesses you have extended to me and my family.