

March 16, 2020

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will continue to operate remotely through April 5, 2020. Faculty and staff will be working remotely and available via email and published phone numbers. Instruction will be conducted in modes other than in campus classroom settings. Faculty should be in touch with classes to announce how instruction will proceed after spring break.

All On-Campus Events Cancelled or Switched to on-line from March 13 through April 5, 2020
Various events that were scheduled to occur on campus are being reviewed for the possibility of cancellation, postponement, or switching to a virtual experience. No campus events will take place during the closure. Details of those changes will be communicated directly with participants from the organizing department.

Library services

Until further notice, the library (McMillan, lower level) is closed. Checked-out resources should not be returned at this time. No overdue charges will be charged during the Seminary's closure. Library staff can be reached by email.

Worship

Chapel worship is cancelled through April 5. However, the Worship Committee will explore options for creating a digital worship experience.

Employee offices

All staff and faculty will work remotely to the maximum extent possible during the period March 13 – April 5 2020. Technology Information was distributed via email on Monday, March 16 to help explain how to utilize the seminary resources while working remotely. Staff are to work with their supervisors to establish norms for their working.

Package Delivery/Mail Service

Do not have packages shipped to the McCord Desk during the closure. Packages arriving in the next few days will be processed as normal. Mail will be delivered to student mailboxes as normal. All office mail will remain in the main mail room in departmental boxes, rather than delivered to offices.

Social distancing, hand washing, and properly covering coughs and sneezes remain the primary ways to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Closing the Seminary at this time gives the community the necessary space to stay well. We will continue to monitor the situation in the nation, the area here, and especially this Seminary Community.