



Dear EMU Alumni,

What an unprecedented week of upheaval in our country and around the world. I want to share with you that I am so thankful for our talented and courageous leadership team at EMU. The team has been responding swiftly and calmly to rapidly changing updates from national, state, regional and health offices regarding COVID-19. We have one unwavering goal: to keep our campus community safe and informed.

All of us here are especially mindful even in the urgency of the moment that EMU alumni matter; that you are a precious constituency. We know that you are serving and leading your communities locally and around the globe during this pandemic, which may be especially chaotic in some of your locales. You give us hope, because we know that you are doing everything you can to help your families, neighbors and communities engage responsibly in this global uncertainty. Thank you for living into values that we hold dear at EMU: Christian discipleship, service, community building, and peace.

One of the best ways you can support us right now is through prayer. In a moment in which it feels like there are no perfect responses, we are trying to find ways to express our values with high impact. To draw from our vision statement, we “aspire to grow unifying leaders who model the life and lessons of Jesus.” We invite you to pray with us, to Jesus, for our students, faculty and staff and for our communities.

In this moment, we take sustenance in knowing that EMU alumni will lead together, creating communities that are unified in care for each other. EMU faculty member Carmen Schrock-Hurst encouraged our beloved community in her recent “[Prayer for Mercy](#),” that we not be overcome by fear. Each time we wash our hands, we remember to open our hands, and our hearts, to those in need.

With gratitude for your work, your prayers, and your support in these difficult times.

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