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TO: School of Theology Community

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SUBJECT: Status of Dean Search for the School of Theology

Last fall, I [announced](#) Dean Mary Elizabeth Moore's decision to step down after more than 11 years in her role and the [appointment](#) of a Dean Search Advisory Committee to help identify a successor at the School of Theology. A lot has, of course, transpired globally in the months since that announcement, impacting virtually every aspect of University operations – including the dean search. The Dean Search Advisory Committee, however, has done its job admirably throughout this challenging period, conducting a first round of in-person airport interviews, coordinating a second round of virtual interviews, performing extensive, careful review, and ultimately bringing forward to me four individuals it considered suitable candidates to serve as the next dean. I hope you will join me in thanking the Dean Search Advisory Committee for its hard work and thoughtful recommendations

Identifying a new dean is among the most important decisions we make as University leadership – all the more so for an institution of STH's caliber and historical significance to Boston University. I am excited for the possibilities presented by the candidates recommended by the Dean Search Advisory Committee, and I am optimistic that we will complete the search and have an announcement shortly.

As we work to complete this process, I am very grateful that Dean Moore has agreed to continue serving as dean for the fall semester, through December 31, 2020, with the new dean expected to begin their work on January 1, 2021. Dean Moore has been among our most respected leaders throughout her service to the School of Theology, bringing inspiration, compassion, and wisdom to her role and further elevating the school's national distinction as a center for religious and theological scholarship. We thank her for her continued dedication and the entire STH community for your patience and hard work throughout this process. I will provide additional updates on this process as they become available.