To the UVM Community:

Our country and community have gone through a challenging election yesterday with some of the results still being finalized. Many on our campus are feeling a range of emotions, wonder, and concerns. As we move forward as a nation and community, many questions remain how the transition and change will affect our lives and society. There will be much discussion and exploration of the meaning and impact of this election for some time to come.

We write at this important historical moment to remind all members of the UVM family that we are a caring and inclusive community that is committed to the safety, security, and wellbeing of each and every person.

We recognize that this is a challenging time for many of our colleagues and students, who may be feeling isolated and concerned for personal welfare. Our University denounces any form of bias, discrimination, or violence. It is especially important, now, to continue to work together and support each other. We encourage you to take advantage of available programs and resources available at the University and to reach out to one another for support and encouragement.

A post-election program is being hosted today by Living Well and the Interfaith Center from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Living Well Studio in the Davis Center. There will be tea and reflections throughout that time, along with meditations (4:15 pm & 6:40 pm) and a structured discussion at 5:3 pm.

If anyone needs additional support, please contact the Counseling Center (for students) at 802-656-3340 or InvestEAP (for employees) at 802-864-3270. In addition, there are various offices on campus that offer specific support such as the LGBTQA Center, the ALANA Center, the Women’s Center, the Center for Cultural Pluralism, the Office of International Education, the Dean of Students Office, and the Interfaith Coordinator who is the liaison to the Spiritual and Religious Life Council.

In the time ahead, we will continue, as a University community, to uphold the values of Our Common Ground and remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a safe, open, inclusive, and respectful campus community and educational experience for our entire community.

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