Prayer for Welcoming New Faculty and Staff

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Thank You, O Holy One, for all that has led to this wonderful day. It is with great anticipation, hope, and joy that we greet our new companions. With them, we enter into a most historic period in the life of our university. Bless the wisdom, talents, diversity, and novelty that they bring and share.

For those of us who have called this campus our professional home for years or decades:

Help us to bring out the best in those we welcome today, as they will bring out the best in us. Help us to foster their career endeavors and to be receptive to their fresh ideas. Help us to be gracious and supportive guides to those we now call "our new colleagues," but whom we will soon call "our friends."

Together, help us to do Your work by doing our work with excellence and reverence. God bless our shared mission and future.

Amen.

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