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BIBLICAL VIRTUES

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We may see the university through the lens of Christian virtues

Charity (Caritas)

Examples:

- Helping fellow students
- Contributing to faculty through peer reviews.
I am sometimes shocked by reviewers – harsh, purely negative or critical, unconstructive. We can offer a better way.

Patience (Patientia)

Examples:

- In discovery and writing – with ourselves, with others
- In the unfolding of our creativity
Impatience is built into contemporary academic life – more, faster, wider – racing to get ahead of others
Can we be forbearing with ourselves in discovery, writing?
Can be gentle with ourselves?

Kindness (Benevolentia)

Not a value associated with universities

Examples:

- Being kind to fellow students, faculty, collaborators
--kindness in our dispositions
- A rejection of one-up-manship

Humility (Humilitas)

Lack of humility is a big problem in universities. Perhaps it is the least common virtue in universities.

Examples:

- we can be humble by questioning, by listening, by inviting other points of view
- conversation and dialog offer relational approaches that cultivate humility
- as scholars we can be:
 - Aware of the limits of our work
 - Mindful of how much we've relied on others
 - Welcoming of critique, refinement, elaboration

Integrity

We readily observe the absence of integrity in university life:

- Plagiarism
- Overstating results
- Understating limitations in data or method
- Incompletely acknowledging our borrowings and dependencies
Examples: by our honesty in our work
- Integrity

We are called to integrity in every dimension of our university practices.

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