

## New Beginnings

I was 17 years old, no car, about to move almost 300 miles, and all by myself. Excitement, anxiety, adventure, joy – all of these ideas and emotions were floating around in my mind and in the pit of my stomach as I was preparing to start all over again.

Over the following years I started all over again several times: each time I got a new roommate, the first time I lived off-campus, the start of graduate school, marriage, first job, second job, etc. Restarting can be a daunting task but it can also be an exceptional opportunity. It is a time when we can let go of certain elements of our past that have shadowed us until now and it is a time when we can change and grow in all kinds of ways.

As Christians, change and new beginnings are at the core of who we are. As resurrection people God is calling us to a new beginning. This is one of the reasons Christian worship has traditionally taken place on Sunday. Sunday represents both the first day and the new day, a day of God's own making. As students each of you are on the verge of a new day whether this is your first semester or your fourteenth. As God's people you are all living in THE new day, a day that is bursting with opportunities.

May God bless you in your new beginnings!