2020 Law School Invocation

CHP:
As we gather, we pause to recognize that Stanford sits on the ancestral and unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Ohlone people. We recognize that every member of Stanford has, and continues to benefit from the use and occupation of this land, since the institution’s founding in 1885. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university’s relationship to Native peoples.

In that spirit of honor and reverence, let us be together.

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PKN: As we begin these legal studies in these uncommon and perilous times, physically distant yet united in our explorations, may we bring a discerning mind and a heart of wisdom. May we care for one another as much as we care for ourselves. May we hold all truth sacred and learn to see beyond the surface. May we use our learning and law for tikkun olam, to repair the brokenness in our world.

CHP: Teach us to seek beyond and beneath all the knowledge we pursue. In a world flooded with information and parched for justice, guide our learning, our teaching, our living with courageous loving. Shape our hearts as surely as our minds around the common good, and help us to discover what is most good in all that is most common.

PKN: As we move forward together on our path towards learning and understanding, may we remain curious, steadfast, engaged, open hearted and open minded. May all of our efforts yield a greater sense of purpose and justice throughout the world.

PKN: With open hearts, discerning minds, and compassionate action may we come together to be all these things and more as seekers of justice and peace for the benefit of humanity.

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