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Seasons

By Marjorie Harris

The seasons change, but God stays the same! Living here in the “Valley of the Sun,” it is not as easy to experience the changing seasons in nature all around us. Although I will say that the sun itself looks different in the Autumn season. Growing up in Western Colorado, the farmers burned their ditch banks in the fall, and it was to me a wonderful smell that filled the air. I have lots of memories attached to the changing of the seasons.

You must know that most everyone refers to Ecclesiastes 3 when talking of seasons. It is a familiar portion of scripture that reminds us that to everything there is a season. Let me draw you to another scripture found in Hebrew 13 and verse 8. “*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever!*” The changing seasons do not affect His promises or put limitations on His presence. He is ever near, and His character never changes.

The seasons are marked by particular weather patterns and daylight hours, resulting from the earth’s changing position with the sun. Therefore, the seasons change due to the earth’s tilt toward or away from the sun. Our lives fluctuate not due to our inherent closeness to God - because He is always near us by His Spirit. They change because of our heart’s tilt toward or away from Him. Our souls can prosper in every season of life when we trust Him through faith in Jesus.

Just think about this: earthly life is seasonal, and heavenly life is eternal. I’ve often thought about the ascent during a flight. It is often cloudy at take-off, and until we reach cruising altitude, we are often in and out of the cloud cover. But suddenly, the windows of the jet let in the sun’s rays that could not be seen while under the clouds. Simple thought, I know; however, a great spiritual truth. The sun is always shining above the clouds.

So, as we enter this wonderful (my absolute favorite) season of the year, Autumn, remember that one season follows another. Seasons will change until the end of this world has happened, but our God remains the same and steadfast. The sunshine of His love and guidance is above any clouds we encounter. He is truly the Savior of the world, and I am so grateful He is mine.

My husband, along with eight of our network pastors, will embark this month on their Botswana, Africa adventure to be feet on the ground.

Their goal is to catch the wind of what God is doing in Botswana and will do through our Network efforts to win Botswana for Jesus. Thank you to each church and pastor who has joined the campaign to supply what is needed to accomplish the great commission in Botswana. A report of this adventure will follow in October's publication. Keep giving and keep praying. May God take what we give and multiply it by His hand to finish the projects we have been asked to help with.



Around the Network



The Network's Native American Pastors & Leadership Retreat happened in this past month of August. Pastor Jim Lopez, our Native American Ministries Director, did a super job of organizing this year's retreat and getting the word out. We had excellent attendance. My husband was privileged to speak, and guest speaker, Pastor Dobie Weasel, provided encouragement and inspiration. Our feedback has been terrific, and when asked if they wanted to repeat this event, there was a resounding 'Yes!' How we love the work of the Lord that is happening on our Reservation land and among our Native Americans! Enjoy these photos taken by Pastor Jackie Holgate.

Pastor's Adventure led by Pastor Leigh Metcalf could not have been better. An awesome group of men hiked, jeeped, four-wheeled, swam, talked and ate together those four days. The result is always affirming and uplifting. Relationships are strengthened and the men who have been a part of these adventures always come home looking forward to another time of getting away and enjoying the outdoors. Thank you, Pastor Leigh, for your vision to see this ministry continue.



Sincerely,
Pastor Harris and Marjorie



Minister's Renewal

OCTOBER 24 & 25



*You're
Invited*

CORNERSTONE
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AVONDALE, AZ

MINISTER'S RENEWAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY/OCTOBER 24th

7:00PM - OPENING SERVICE

Guest: Brent Teague, West Africa Director

TUESDAY/OCTOBER 25th

9:00AM - SESSION 1

Worship: Cornerstone Team

Guest: Ed Ivey - Special Gift Presentation for Lead Pastors

10:30AM - BREAK - COFFEE & SNACKS

10:45AM - SESSION 2

Guest: Rick DuBose, Assistant General Superintendent

11:45AM - LUNCH | BOXED LUNCH ON GROUNDS

1:00PM - SESSION 3

Guest: Rick DuBose, Assistant General Superintendent

Concluding in a time of prayer

3:00PM - DISMISSAL



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Carrying on the Mission



Acts 26:17-18 says, **“I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”**

This scripture has never rung truer than it does today. More people on planet Earth are living in spiritually dark and unreached areas than ever before in human history. Of the billions of spiritually lost in our world, close to 3.3 billion remain completely unreached—without adequate (or any) gospel witness in their communities.

Missiologists refer to this group as the “NO’s.” No church, no bible and no Christian witness. Sadly, people of the “No” group are resistant to the gospel for many reasons: geography, tradition, language, religion, philosophy, government and many more. However, our mission is poised to reach them at this critical juncture.

Today we have 2,600 AGWM missionaries serving in diverse capacities worldwide. Our mission has not changed since 1914 when the Holy Spirit was poured out on a handful of believers who audaciously committed to “The greatest evangelism thrust the world has ever seen.” And today, 108 years later, this mission continues with the sole purpose of establishing the Church among all people everywhere by reaching, planting, training and serving.



We have a storied past filled with millions of salvations, miracles and victories. We rejoice greatly in the Lord for what He has done, but we are also sober about the current reality of billions who have yet to hear the message of God's redeeming love. We cannot and will not ignore these realities. Carl Henry famously stated, "The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time." As believers, we must do whatever it takes to finish the Master's business.

Friends, our greatest soul winning days are ahead of us! As we do our part to prepare our hearts through prayer and a deeper personal commitment, the Holy Spirit will usher in an end-time harvest. We must engage in missions like never before. We need more missionaries called, equipped and sent. We need intercessors dedicated to demolishing demonic strongholds and interceding for the Church to be established around the world.

We must be a Pentecostal church ablaze with passion to reach the unreached. We need to be prepared to give the supreme sacrifice of sending our sons and daughters to the global harvest field. These types of commitments become the seedbed to nurture the growth of workers who witness, give, pray and surrender their lives for the sake of the gospel.

May we never forget the words of Jesus who said, **"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" John 4:35**

It's harvest season and I want to encourage you to continue your faithful commitment to pray, give and send our missionaries around the world to reach the lost. As we commit to working with the Lord of the Harvest, we will see countless millions experience Christ's love.



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Estate planning means arranging to preserve, manage, & distribute assets after someone passes or is incapacitated. It helps meet lifetime financial goals in a tax-efficient way. Also, it helps provide for survivors' needs and handle property disposition.



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BENEFITS OF A LIVING TRUST:

1. **COST SAVINGS** - Avoiding probate can save substantial fees & costs.
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3. **TAX SAVINGS** - A trust arrangement can reduce estate taxes for a married couple in certain situations.
4. **BENEFICIARY PROTECTION** - Setting up a trust arrangement in either a will or revocable trust can protect beneficiaries who are too young or otherwise unsuitable to receive all of their inheritance outright in a lump sum.

Pastor Harris and I have signed up to use Safeguard Estate & Financial to set up our Living Trusts and believe that it would be beneficial for you or members of your congregation to be set up for success.

Safeguard has given us a "Church Family Special" of only \$795.

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Experience Community.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:24-25

Many of you attended the Equipping Day with Dr. Linda Seiler in July. What an amazing and timely presentation! She is a true gift to our A/G fellowship and the Church at large today. Her testimony of her deliverance from gender confusion and same-sex attraction, and many resources are available at <https://lindaseiler.com>.

I was struck by two major themes that wove throughout her personal testimony and that of the many others she referenced that have been delivered from homosexuality and other aspects of the LBGTQ culture. Her dissertation research for her PhD involved 30 individuals who share a similar testimony and each of them lived these themes: **the power of the Holy Spirit and the need for community.**

We all would agree both are essential to an overcoming Christian life and most likely, we have mentioned each in recent sermons we have preached. Yet, I would like to focus in on the second one in this brief writing and ask you to conduct a personal introspection. Living in community can be challenging in the pastorate. Some adhere to a strict avoidance of any deep relationships while others freely enjoy close friendships within their church community (as Carla and I have through the years). Yet, many a pastor admits to a sense of loneliness and isolation in ministry.

Whatever your approach to leadership, one way to meet this need is through relationship with other pastors. Yes, you heard me correctly, **relationship with other pastors!** This might seem even more frightful than befriending our sheep, but if anyone understands the needs, struggles, and spiritual warfare of the pastorate it is a fellow shepherd of God's flock.

We are about to begin our 7th session of weekly Pastors' Zoom calls. Quite honestly, these have become a highlight for me as I get to weekly spend time with several groups of pastors. We meet for one hour, discuss one chapter from a good book, and simply **grow together**. The greatest benefit though is just hanging out with other like-minded pastors. In a few weeks we will start another 12 weeks in three different books, including a marriage book for couples. You should have received an email with details, but feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Pastors, you are awesome. Our network leadership loves you and believes in you. We also believe that we do our best ministry in community with one another!

TIPS FOR LIVING IN COMMUNITY:

- Reflect on ways that living in community significantly blessed your life.
- Think of how often you have encouraged your church to live in community...and then, ask yourself how you are doing personally.
- Consider joining an upcoming Pastors' Zoom call. Give me a call/email if you have questions or want to discuss the three options.
- I am always available to you...just give me a call: 480-579-9998 or email me at: jpeterson@azag.org.



**Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff**





AZ MAN CAMP: STRENGTH

SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1

GOLF TOURNAMENT
FISHING DERBY
HIGH ROPES COURSE
ROCK CLIMBING WALL
SWIMMING

WORSHIP SERVICE
MOTORCYCLE RIDE
ARCHERY
LAWN GAMES
CAMP WORK DAY

SPEAKERS:



Dale Gray
Arizona Men's Director



Rick Allen
National Men's Director



Caden Metcalf
Lead Pastor - Radiant Church

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RETREAT 2022



Retreat Host:

Lindsay Petri



Keynote Speaker:

Elyse Murphy



Worship Leaders:

Jordan & Manuela Coleman

Register [HERE](#)

Two weekends to choose from!

**SEPTEMBER 15TH – 17TH *or*
SEPTEMBER 22ND – 24TH**

Fall Retreat is a life-changing weekend filled with amazing worship, inspiring stories, powerful teaching, late-night after parties, campfires, shopping, coffee trucks, and more!



Lindsay Petri, Women's Director • lindsay@azag.org



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ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES

AZPK RETREAT



Each Labor Day weekend for the past decade, our family has dedicated to serving our Arizona ministry families at PK/MK Retreat. Your children are one of the best investments we could make. Thank you for trusting us and our AZYM Team (Monica, Brea, Adrian), allowing our ministry network an opportunity to be another encouraging voice in their lives.

We loved having Yoyo Garcia and Megan Kronstedt with us from the Youth Alive team as well as our world missionaries, Tim & Janela (former PK) Meachem, and the SAGU AIC admissions team that helped us with transportation. Ice skating, escape rooms, laser tag, and valuable moments together with Jesus. This is why we love serving you!



GRIFFIN MCGRATH

Youth & Young Adult Director
gmcgrath@azag.org

YOUTH CONVENTION 2022
GOOD NEWS

29:11 Worship Micah Mac Terry Parkman

October 21-22 Radiant Church, Surprise

BOTSWANA FOR JESUS.
EVERYONE GIVE SOMETHING.

THE GEM OF AFRICA

Arizona Youth is partnering with our Network to help Botswana! Our AZYC22 Speed the Light offering will be designated to the Botswana project!

Visit azagyouth.org to stay up to date on all that is happening with AZYM!



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GROW 2022

KidMin Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
AT 2911 CHURCH

\$45 (BY SEPTEMBER 27TH)

GROW 22 KIDMIN CONFERENCE IS FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY. A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE THAT WILL TAKE YOUR KIDS MINISTRY TO THE NEXT LEVEL!



SPEAKER
KIRSTYN REMPEL



SPEAKER
BETH LAVINO



SPEAKER
CHRIS MOORE



THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

A STRONG START

This year we started off strong with over a 120 students signing up to take classes in August. This year is even better than our start last year. I'm excited to see students investing in their callings and how this will serve churches in the coming year.

We have been working diligently to start offering Spanish options through Google Classroom. This will help reach a need in equipping leaders in Spanish speaking churches.

This year we have professors, missionaries, church planters, and ministry professionals teaching classes but we are always looking for more qualified teachers. To get involved contact us with the info on the right!


Yisrael Vincent, PhD

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Intercultural Ministries

HIS MANDATE - OUR MISSION



*Every saved person
this side of heaven
owes the gospel to
every lost person
this side of hell.*

Daivd Platt



We welcome **Radiant Asian American Church**, with Pastor Jong and Pam Garcia. They have launched their church which is an extension of Radiant Church in Surprise with Pastor Caden and Hope Metcalf. They meet Saturday nights at Radiant Church, Sun City. It is a beautiful blend of Asian American leaders representing Filipino, Vietnamese, Chinese, Pakistani, Cambodian, Korean, Indonesian, Indian, and Samoan Americans. From the first service the power of the Holy Spirit was evident as people were saved, water baptized and filled with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for opening a door to reach the unreached!



September 24
Hispanic Pastors Summit 9AM-12PM
All Hispanic Pastors & their Leadership
October 7 - 8 / 7-8 Octubre de 2022
Hispanic Men's Retreat
El Retiro de Hombres, Prescott, AZ
Registrarse a AZAG.org
October 15
Asian American Pastors Summit 9AM-12PM
African Pastors Summit 1PM-4PM

For **ENGLISH SPEAKING CHURCH** that want to join the movement of what God is doing and learn how to respond to the diversity in your community, please call 417-849-0539.

February 21-28, 2023

ROME, ITALY

A MISSIONS TRIP FOR THE NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS



\$2000

Includes Airfare, Hotel, Ground Transportation, Food

\$300 Initial Registration

Deposit Fee Non-Refundable: September 14, 2022

\$850 due

90 Days Before Trip: November 20, 2022

\$850 due

30 Days Before Trip: January 20, 2023

Partner with women leaders in Italy for the Inspire Sisterhood Conference at International Christian Fellowship of Rome. We will have opportunity to engage in a pre-prayer walk and work for the spiritual success of this event. Together we will serve with missionaries and local Christians to build God's Church!



Melinda Henderson, Missionary
Melinda founded INSPIRE Sisterhood in Austria which now is a global ministry. She is a missionary and has pastored for over 30 years. Melinda and her husband, Larry, serve as the newly appointed Regional Directors of Europe.



Jennifer Pasquale, Missionary
Jen and her husband, Rick, co-pastored the ICF Rome church. Rick had a brief illness the summer of 2021 and went to be with Jesus. Jen, still called to God's divine plan, continues to pastor the ICF church.



Denise Ryan, Team Host
Denise has served as a missionary. She is the Arizona Director to the Network of Women Ministers and serves the Southwest Regional Directors. Denise & her husband Rick, serve AZ Intercultural Ministries.



Alma Villarreal Daniels
Founder/CEO
Alma has served as the Arizona Southwest District Women's Director. She is a Chaplain and a credentialed minister with the AG. She actively works with AZ Intercultural Ministries with the African and Hispanic churches.

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TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA



SING

*"Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth."
Psalm 96:1*

Fall Graduation 2022

Saturday, September 24, 2022 – 2 PM

Grace to the Nations
6180 E. Pima Street
Tucson, Arizona

We invite you to celebrate with us as we honor each of our graduates who have completed the Teen Challenge of Arizona program to the glory of God!

This fall, it is a privilege to welcome our Keynote Speaker, Brian Goodall who is a pastor, a professional songwriter.

He is the Founder and Executive Director of City Psalms, a ministry with a mission to collectively impact lives through music and art for the good of the city and the glory of God. He is also the worship leader for Vineyard Christian Community.





Teen Challenge of Arizona

Thankful!

Colossians 4:2



FALL FUNDRAISING BANQUET TOUR 2022

Featuring our State-wide Choir & Powerful Stories of Changed Lives!

TUCSON

Tucson Teen Challenge/Springboard

MONDAY, November 7, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

El Conquistador

10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

TICKETS \$57 / TABLE \$456

CONTACT: Tucson (520) 730-4265

Springboard (520) 404-4561

PHOENIX

Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, November 18, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Renaissance Phoenix Glendale

9495 W. Coyotes Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85305

TICKETS \$66 / TABLE \$528

CONTACT: (602) 478-7704

EAST VALLEY

Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge

THURSDAY, November 17, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

DoubleTree Hilton - Phoenix Mesa

1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210

TICKETS \$66 / TABLE \$528

CONTACT: (602) 478-7704

SCOTTSDALE

Christian Life Ranch

SATURDAY, November 19, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

DoubleTree - Paradise Valley Scottsdale

5401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

TICKETS \$66 / TABLE \$528

CONTACT: (602) 309-4391

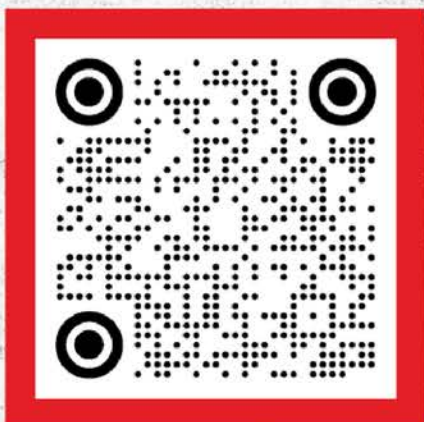


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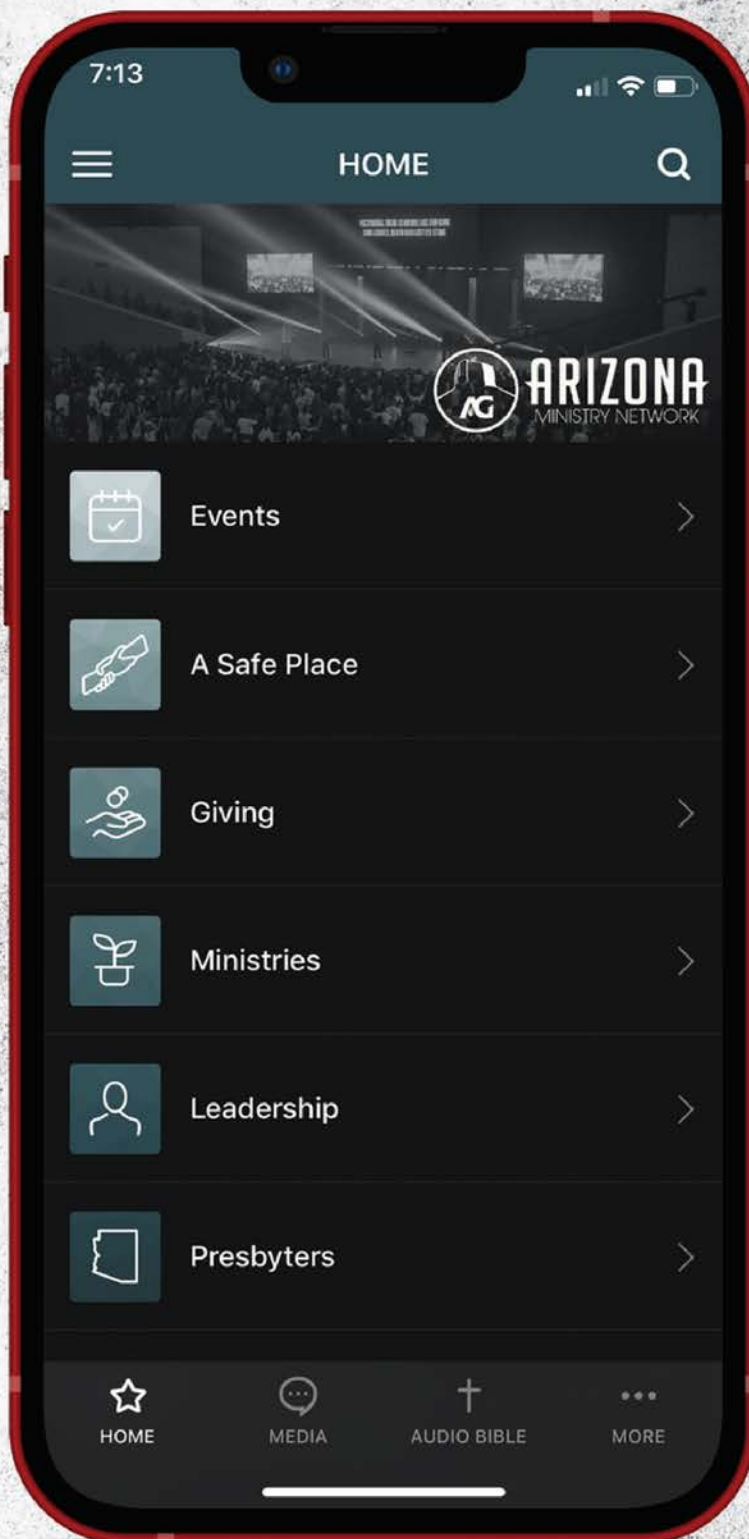


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- **A Safe Place** - List of elder contacts for times of crisis + coaching
- **Events** - detailed information/ easy registration
- **Ministries** - links to all network ministry websites
- **Leadership** - network leadership/presbytery contacts
- **Inspiration** - daily scripture + network pastors' blogs
- **Giving** - easy giving link
- **Media** - of network events



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Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Cedar Creek Assembly of God
Dennehotso, Trinity Assembly of God
Eloy, First Assembly of God
Kayenta, Living Word Assembly of God
Page, First Assembly of God
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
San Manuel, Assembly of God
Scottsdale, Salt River Indian Church
Shonto, Victory Assembly of God
Tucson, Praise Center Assembly
Welton, Assembly of God

FILLED CHURCHES

Payson, Restoration Center, Rory Grooter

TRANSFERRED IN

George Ady from Oregon
Christopher Trombetta from Northern New England

TRANSFERRED OUT

Theo Ryan to SoCA Network
Eli Rivera to Georgia District
William Hartman to Iowa District

DECEASED

Dennis VanCorp - 8/14/22

Thank you for
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