

# The Encourager

*The Mission of St. Barnabas Church is to live and spread the Gospel of Christ as disciples making disciples.*

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## Prayer for the Selection of Our Next Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## A Message from Father Jim (Especially for Young Parents)

After almost three years being with you at St. Barnabas, I would hope that you realize that I am not a “hellfire and brimstone” preacher. As a matter of fact years ago one Saturday evening I was speaking on the telephone to my old friend and mentor, Father Gordon Stenning, and as we were ending the conversation Gordon said to me, “Don’t forget Jim, give them hell tomorrow.” Of course I knew he was kidding but I responded to him, “Gordon, I would much rather give them heaven.” To this day this give and take ends all of our telephone conversations.

I have often said to folks in Bible study that when I was a young boy, growing up in pre-Vatican II Roman Catholicism, I was afraid to be in the church alone. The God I was taught about as a child was an angry, vengeful God that punished those who did wrong and there was no way I could be good enough to please him so it was only a matter of time before he was going to squash me like a bug. This is the primary reason why I believe the most important thing I can say to children today is to remember that **“you can never do anything so bad that God will ever stop loving you.”** I don’t ever want any person whom I shepherd to feel they need to do anything out of fear or guilt. The down side of this, however, is that sometimes when I feel I need to remind people of their vows and responsibility to God and his church I feel like I am coming off harsh and accusing. Be that as it may, I am going to go out on a limb here and I to want remind all young parents of the promises and vows you made when you had your children baptized.

If you have done pre-baptismal instruction with me you know that I stress that the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is not some kind of “spiritual vaccination shot” that a child must receive to go to heaven or a “rite of passage” that a child has to undergo. It is the “Rite of Christian Initiation.” Children may be born into a Christian family but don’t become Christians until they are baptized. By having your children baptized you are saying that you want them to live a life following Christ Jesus and all that means for us. And I also stress to parents that young children don’t have any choice in being baptized – that they have made the decision for them – and the only way that the children can live into the baptismal vows that they and the godparents will make on the their behalf is for them to live into two vows that they make for themselves. This is why once the candidates for baptism are presented parents and godparents are asked two questions:

1. Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
2. Will you by your prayers and witness (read example here) help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Then we spend some time talking about what this means:

- That you will teach your children to live a life of faithfulness.
- That you will teach them that fair and loving play is what Jesus wants from them.
- That Christmas is about the birth of Jesus and not about Santa Claus and how many presents one receives.
- That Easter is about the Resurrection and not about bunnies and eggs.
- That you will teach them how to pray and let them know that God is always with them.
- That you will see that they are brought to church and learn to worship.
- That you will bring them to Sunday school and see that they are brought up to know about God and to know God.

The sad truth is that although every group of parents and godparents promises they understand their responsibility only a small percentage of the probably hundreds of children I have baptized in 32 years of ministry have been taken to church and Sunday school by their parents on any kind of a regular basis. While I don't believe there is a parent out there that believes this to be true, in essence children are being taught that Sunday sports and dance and other activities take precedence over worshiping and learning about God. I can unabashedly and sorrowfully say to you that outside of when children have been scheduled as acolytes I have only seen a few children in church since Sunday school ended. And as I told you in last month's newsletter, Sunday school attendance last year was anything but robust.

So parents, here is something you won't often see. Fr. Jim is shaking an admonishing finger at you to take seriously the vows you made when you had your children baptized. Get your children to church. Be sure they receive Holy Communion. Make sure they attend Sunday school even when they may whine about not wanting to do so. Let them know this is important by your personal example. Be excited about attending church on Sunday as a family.

Our Sunday school staff works hard to present good (interesting and fun) lessons weekly, but it is a thankless and disheartening task when there is little or unpredictable participation. Again, get involved! Show your kids what you really value and by example what you think they should value! Be here on September 11<sup>th</sup> and register for Sunday school or even do it ahead of time online by going to our website.

## Healing Prayers on September 4<sup>th</sup>



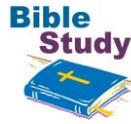
If you feel you are in need of healing prayers and the laying on of hands and anointing, we give you this opportunity on the first Sunday of the month. At the end of each service simply move to the front pews of the church. After the priest greets those leaving church he will go to the altar rail and invite you forward for prayers and anointing.

## Office Closed

**Happy Labor Day**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in celebration of Labor Day.

## Mid-week Service and Bible Study Resumes September 7<sup>th</sup>



Our mid-week service will resume on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We meet for an informal Eucharist around the table in the Guild Room.

The service is followed by a Bible Study, “Exploring Sunday’s Scriptures” where we look at the biblical passages which will be read in church on the upcoming Sunday. Those who attend say it really enhances their understanding of the lessons as they hear them on Sunday mornings and make the sermon more meaningful. All are welcome to take part.

## Dinner and a Movie Resumes September 9<sup>th</sup>



Dinner and a Movie will resume on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We meet on the second Friday of each month. This month’s movie will be “Hotel Rwanda,” starring Don Cheadle. Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), a Hutu, manages the Hôtel des Mille Collines and lives a happy life with his Tutsi wife (Sophie Okonedo) and their three children. But when Hutu military forces initiate a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Tutsi minority, Paul is compelled to allow refugees to take shelter in his hotel. As the U.N. pulls out, Paul must struggle alone to protect the Tutsi refugees in the face of the escalating violence later known as the Rwandan genocide. Discussion will follow at the end of the movie.

## Outreach



We have 2 ongoing collections weekly.....nonperishable food items to benefit the West Bay Marketplace and full size toiletries, paper goods and cleaning products are collected for the House of Hope. Please put items in the appropriate marked boxes in the back of the church.

We continue to provide meals to RI Family Shelter and House of Hope residents once a month. We could use more volunteers to help in this ministry. I put together a team of 3 to prepare the meals which include dinner, dessert and drinks. If you’d like to participate please see Julie Mixner for details.

## Save the Date for the Flu Clinic



A flu clinic will be held in Stevens Hall on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Come prepared with your medical information cards and get your flu shot that day. If you don’t have medical insurance you can still get a flu shot for \$25.00.

## Sunday School News

We want to reiterate the changes that are taking place in Sunday school this year and make a plea for more involvement from parents.

- First of all, Gail Frueh has consented to serve as “Sunday School Superintendent.” In this capacity she will take on all the required administrative work which will allow the teachers to simply teach.
- We will be looking for a new curriculum. We want to find something that is still lectionary based – meaning it teaches the children about the same lessons you parents hear in church – but that is better suited for a small Sunday school enrollment. Our current curriculum is very expensive and is best suited for a large Sunday school.
- We will begin the year with two grade levels or classes: pre-k to grade 3 and grades 4 through 6. If we find older children registering we will expand to another class.
- ***Every parent wants a church with a strong Sunday school but this can only happen if you take part.*** First of all to make this program work we need one additional teacher for the grade 4 to 6 class so that there will be two teachers for each level. In this way if one of them has to be away for a Sunday the class will still be covered. Additionally, to keep up with the required “Safe Church” guidelines we should have three adults in each classroom. So we are asking parents to volunteer to “chaperone” a class each week. Gail Frueh will make out a schedule and if we get enough volunteers you may only have to do this once a month or so. You need not teach. ***We just need extra bodies to help***, especially with the younger grade level.
- Rather than trying to put together a traditional Christmas Pageant at one of the busiest times of the year, we are going to try to put together an “Advent Pageant” which will be part of the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- We are going to order *The Sunday Paper* which is a cartoon edition of the Bible lessons for the week. Children can take this home and read them and interact with their parents while learning about the Bible and their faith.
- We try to teach our children that Jesus is always with us, not just when we are in church on Sunday morning. So we are purchasing a stuffed “Jesus doll” which will go home with a different child or family each week. The children will keep a “journal” of what they did with Jesus all week long and this will be shared with the other children at some time during the Sunday school class.

## Sunday School Begins on September 11<sup>th</sup>



Mark your calendars. Sunday school will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us for some outdoor fun and games as we “come back to Sunday school.” We will also make ice cream sundaes in the parish hall following the service. You can register that day or online by going to our website at [stbarnabaswarwick.org](http://stbarnabaswarwick.org). So that you can also mark your calendars we have made up a schedule of when Sunday school ***will not*** meet through 2016-2017:

- October 6, 2016 Columbus Day weekend
- November 27, 2016 Sunday after Thanksgiving
- December 25, 2016 Christmas falls on a Sunday this year
- January 1, 2017 New Year’s Day falls on a Sunday this year
- February 19, 2017 Beginning February school vacation
- April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday and beginning of April school vacation
- May 28, 2017 Memorial Day weekend
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The last day of Sunday school for the 2016-2017 school year will be June 11, 2017.

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### Music Notes



On **Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:30 pm** the St. Barnabas Choir will resume rehearsals in preparation for leading the music at the Sunday morning 10 am liturgy. I want to remind everyone that whether you can read music or not, whether you have had any musical training or not, whether you think you have a beautiful singing voice or not, YOU have a place in the choir. It's like the popular children's song, *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir*:

*All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now.  
Everybody here is a part of the plan  
We all get to play in the great critter band  
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea  
It's one great symphony.*

It has been said that choirs are metaphors for life as a person of faith. As the world becomes a smaller place, we see how often and how in so many ways we share our life with those who are different than us, who believe different things. But we are all part of God's creation. We are all singers in a kind of earthly choir.

We can use our voice to point out our differences, or we can use our voice to blend in beautiful harmony. There are times when we need a soloist whose voice stands out so that we can have a melody to follow. Sometimes we need to listen to the voices around us before we add our voice to the music.

We share a lot in common. We all have a voice to add to life's symphony. We all have blessings to sing God's praise. We all have a place in the choir. Sometimes we forget that. So remind yourself of these facts and join the St. Barnabas Choir. We have a place for critters like you!

**Ted Platt**  
Director of Music

### FOOD DONATIONS



During these hard economic times, hunger is on the rise. Thanks to your ongoing support, the Community Food Bank has made a difference in the lives of many Warwick residents! Donations of non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted at St. Barnabas Church on Sunday mornings. You may hand your donation to one of our ushers or place it in the Food Basket at the back of the church. All of the food collected is then brought to the West Bay Community Food Bank in Buttonwoods. Many thanks to Dave Hartley who delivers these food items to the Food Bank on our behalf!

## Have You Made a Will?



Recently I was speaking to some young parents and asked them if they had made their wills. It seems that because many young families don't have much in the way of material things they don't see the need for a will – it something to be done in the future. As I have said before, what most of them don't seem to understand is that if something happens to them, and they don't have a will, the state decides who will have legal custody of their children.

The rubric on page 445 of the Prayer Book instructs that from time to time it is the pastoral responsibility of every priest to remind Christian parents of their duty “to make provisions for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.” So once again I encourage you to make out a will if you do not already have one and to take a look at your will if you do have one and see if it needs updating or revising. And prayerfully consider including a bequest for St. Barnabas Church.

In addition to having an up to date will, it is also important for each person to have a Living Will or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. If you have been hospitalized recently you will have been asked if you have such an advanced health care directive. In my 32 years of ordained ministry I have seen family members fight and argue with doctors, hospitals and each other over what course of action should be taken for a person who is no longer capable of making his or her own health care choice. Why not ensure that YOUR wishes will be followed in the event that you are no longer able to make them known. This would be a great boon to your family members.

Another gift you can give to your family is to have your funeral plans made up. I am not speaking here about the arrangements with the funeral home although it is a good thing to have these done in advance and there are even economic advantages to pre-paying for your funeral. I am speaking about having the actual funeral service planned out. I have watched family members agonize over what readings should be read, what hymns should be sung, or who should be pall bearers or ushers or readers at a funeral. I have forms for planning your funeral and I am including them in this newsletter. I would be more than happy to meet you at the church or come by your home to help you fill out this form which contains all the information your family will need in the event of your death. Surviving family members have enough trouble dealing with the grief and sorrow of a loved one's death. There is no more wonderful gift than for us to be sure that they don't have to deal with practical questions we could have dealt with ourselves.

## Help for the Hearing Impaired



Please remember that we have installed our new “Hearing Assistance System” in the church. The ushers will know how this system works. You can use either regular headphones or a loop if you have a hearing aid. Those who have used it are amazed at how well they can hear the entire service.

## How You Can Be Involved on Sunday Morning



There are many ways in which you can be involved before, during and after church on Sunday morning. Think about taking part in some of these important ministries and September is a great month to start.

- **Altar Guild:** Members of the Altar Guild prepare the Eucharistic vessels for each service, help keep the sacristy and sanctuary clean, and wash the Eucharistic vessels and linens after each service. Altar Guild can be a very rewarding experience and members are crucial to the worshiping life of any congregation. If you would be interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild please speak to Joan Schofield.
- **Lector and/or Intercessor:** Lectors and Intercessors read the lessons and lead the Prayers of the People at each service. If you are interested in this ministry but would like some training or coaching before doing so please speak to Fr. Jim. If you would like to do this and want to go on the schedule, please speak to Stan Schofield.
- **Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Lay Eucharistic ministers administer the chalice at each service of Holy Eucharist. Anyone wishing to be a Eucharistic Minister must be trained by Fr. Jim who will then apply for a license from Bishop Knisely for you to carry out this ministry. This ministry also requires Safe Church certification.
- **Greeters:** Being a greeter on Sunday morning is an extremely important ministry as greeters are the first person a visitor to St. Barnabas will see. Greeters welcome people to the church and give them a service bulletin and, on occasion, operate the elevator for those who need it to get into church. All you need to have is a friendly smile and the ability to be at church about 20 minutes before the service begins. If you would like to be a greeter, please contact Bill Barker.
- **Coffee Hour:** From September through June we host a coffee hour downstairs in Schweitzer Hall after the 10 a.m. service. This gives parishioners an opportunity to socialize and also provides venue for visitors to be welcomed by and get to know members of the parish. We can always use more people to provide baked goods for coffee hour. If you are interested in helping out here please speak to Chris Lindopp or Joan Newell.
- **Acolytes:** Being an acolyte is a very important ministry. Any child at least 8 years of age or any adult is welcome to be an acolyte. You lead the procession into and out of church and serve the priest at the altar in various ways. We will train you in what to do and the more who take part in this very important ministry of the church the lighter the work load. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Jim or Paul Schofield.

## St. Barnabas Will be a Polling Location on September 13<sup>th</sup>



Schweitzer Hall will be used by the City of Warwick as a polling location for the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The hall will be in use from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Because of confidentiality and security issues it is necessary that anyone coming to the church use the office entrance.

## Altar Kneelers

The Needlepoint Altar Kneeler Project was conceived as a way to highlight our beautiful stained glass windows and bring much needed comfort to our aging knees. The crosses and stars of our sanctuary windows have been transformed into kneeler cushions that are truly one of a kind works of art. Very unique and very beautiful! Through the encouragement of Barbara Fox and sharing the same vision for our church, we began the long process to research and prepare each canvas piece. Barbara took individual photographs of each window and transferred the images onto each canvas.

Much enthusiasm has been evident since the onset of this project. Fr. Jim and Barbara Fox donated the required needlepoint canvas. Ronald Bonenfant, Richard Budlong, Ann Levesque, Marilyn Varden and Stan Schofield made donations to purchase the wool and other supplies needed for the kneelers. There are many hours of work devoted to each piece, with over 20,400 stitches per kneeler! Along with myself, fifteen parishioners have unselfishly given their time and talent to create our collection of 33 cushions - Ron Bonenfant, Richard Budlong, Barbara Fox, Gail Frueh, Susanne Berry, Carol Gravelin, Joan Newell, Tammy Salisbury, Amy Salisbury, Heidi Seddon, Stephanie Van Patten, Jeanne Bayles, Bonne Simonian, Christie Achebe and Kristen Marcks. Their talents are greatly appreciated as an integral part of this lasting legacy for our church. Also, Ron and Richard designed and created a special cushion for the Bishop's chair that sits to the left of the High Altar. The workmanship in all the pieces is so beautiful!

We have now reached the exciting phase where the completed canvases are being sent to the Ultimate Upholstery Company in West Warwick. So far, 26 needlepoint canvases have been delivered to the upholsterer to be professionally finished with foam cushioning, fabric backing and piping. It will take up to eight weeks for this work to be finished. Hopefully, our cushions will be in place for all of us to use by November.

This has been an ambitious project, with each kneeler costing about \$125 in total to make. Thanks to the very generous donations we have already received, we have covered all but about \$50 of the cost for each kneeler. I've been approached by many parishioners who have asked to be a part of this project by giving a donation as a memorial for their loved ones. If that is something you'd like to consider, a suggested donation of \$50 will cover the remaining cost of one kneeler, but any amount you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form below and return with your donation to the church or place in the offering plate during services.

There will be a formal dedication of our kneelers at a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration. A date will be announced as we near the time of completion.

Thank you all for your patience and faith in me since this exciting project began over a year ago. It's been a journey and will be well worth the wait soon!

Sincerely,  
Joan Schofield, Altar Guild

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I would like to be a sponsor of the Needlepoint Altar Kneelers:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to St. Barnabas Church and note "Kneelers" on the memo line.

## Funeral Plans

**Note:** Copies of this form should be prepared with assistance of the clergy and, if possible, other persons as indicated. A signed copy should be kept by you. Other signed copies should be given to the person legally responsible for your affairs after your death, the funeral home of your choice, the parish office (to be kept on confidential file), and any other persons you wish to be informed. Under Rhode Island state law, if you die without a will, your estate is divided among family members according to a standard formula. This may not be according to what you would have wanted; therefore, an attorney should be consulted to help draw up your will.

**Statement:** These plans are being made now to guide those who will handle my affairs upon my death so that they will not have to make decisions under emotional stress.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print or type full legal name)

2. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

4. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

5. I have \_\_\_\_ have not \_\_\_\_ made a will. It is kept by or in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of the attorney who drew up my will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. I have \_\_\_\_ do not have \_\_\_\_ life insurance. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

8. List all other death and retirement benefits and bank accounts, including company or institution names and account or policy numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. My insurance, retirement, military, pension and other important papers are kept by or in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. I do \_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_ have a safety deposit box. It is located at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ It is listed in the name(s) of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. I do \_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_ have a safe. It is located at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The combination or keys are kept by \_\_\_\_\_

12. I am \_\_\_\_ am not \_\_\_\_ a military veteran. (If yes list the following):

Date and place of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Rank or rating \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Commendations received \_\_\_\_\_

13. Directions for obituary and death notice (If desired, attach a short biography listing names of parents, with mother's maiden name, and siblings. List persons and/or newspapers to whom copies should be sent.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Funeral Home Preferred \_\_\_\_\_

15. Place of Funeral Service \_\_\_\_\_

16. Preferred Time of Funeral \_\_\_\_\_

17. I want \_\_\_\_ do not want \_\_\_\_ a wake and calling hours. I prefer a closed \_\_\_\_ open \_\_\_\_ casket.

18. I want to \_\_\_\_ do not want to \_\_\_\_ be cremated. If yes, the method and place of disposing of

ashes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

19. I have \_\_\_\_ do not have \_\_\_\_ a grave lot. If yes, indicate location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ If no, indicate preferred place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

20. I want \_\_\_\_ do not want \_\_\_\_ flowers.

21. Clothes you prefer to be buried in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

22. List all items you wish to be left on your body for viewing (glasses, rings, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

23. List all items you wish to be removed before interment \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

24. Pall Bearer Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

25. Directions for Memorial Gifts \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

26. Funeral Service Liturgy:

Burial Office Rite I \_\_\_\_ Rite II \_\_\_\_

With \_\_\_\_ Without \_\_\_\_ Holy Eucharist

Memorial Service (no body in the church) \_\_\_\_

With \_\_\_\_ Without \_\_\_\_ a homily by the clergy

I want \_\_\_\_ do not want \_\_\_\_ music.

Please include the following hymns (list by title) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following readings and psalms (refer to BCP pages 494 and 495 for appropriate choices)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List desired readers etc. \_\_\_\_\_

27. Name of person designated to make arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

28. Further instructions or information \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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The Discernment Team is working on the interview questions, as well as the process they will be using to screen candidates for the Rector position. They are awaiting the results of the parish survey and they will incorporate that input into their screening work.

Thank you everyone, and keep the prayers coming for these dedicated teams!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Boys Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 16 Pentecost</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist	<b>5 Labor Day</b> Office Closed 7:30 am AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 am AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Exploring Sunday's Scriptures 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Boys Scouts	<b>9</b> 6 pm Dinner and a Movie	<b>10</b>
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