

Expression

Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka

MARCH 2008

Sunday Services at 9 and 11 am

The Religious Education program for children and youth from birth through 12th grade is offered at the 9 am service with care for children up to age 5 at the 11 am service.

Words from Kent

I am excited about my approaching ordination and installation on Sunday afternoon, March 9th! According to the late Rev. Peter Raible, strict rule suggests that no one be entitled “The Reverend” until after ordination. Though I am a non-conformist in many ways, I still hold some traditions in high esteem. This is why I chose not to have “Rev” placed before my name when I am listed on any church function. And this is also part of why I am eagerly anticipating my ordination — so that you and I and the world may use the honorary “Reverend” if we so choose!

Ordination in our faith has a long and rich tradition in both the Unitarian and the Universalist branches of our history. The Universalists — those who believed in universal salvation (that is, no one went to hell) — tended to be farmers, rural residents and working class folk. The Universalist preachers were often itinerant preachers riding a circuit of many towns and congregations. Universalists met in state conventions, sometimes only every three years, and it was that convened representative state convention body that conferred ordination on new ministers.

The Unitarians — those who believed in only one God, not a Trinitarian godhead (that is, that Jesus was human and not divine) — tended to live in the cities, be more wealthy and educated, and were generally more part of the upper class establishment. Unitarians typically met in annual national conventions, but in their tradition, it was only the local congregation that held the power to ordain ministers.

Our practice of ordination today comes primarily from the Unitarian side of our heritage. But a crucial component of both traditions is the belief that no intermediary exists between an individual and the divine presence of the universe.

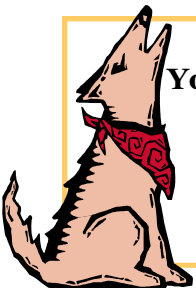
This belief goes back at least as far as the Cambridge Platform of 1648, created by the congregational (Puritan) churches of Massachusetts as they attempted to differentiate from the Church of England. In that Cambridge Platform statement of belief, the congregational Puritans professed that, “there is no greater Church than a Congregation,” which consists of “visible saints” in voluntary agreement and covenant with each other to “worship, edify and have fellowship.” Similarly, in 1790, a small group of Universalists convened in Philadelphia to articulate articles of Universalist faith, stating that each church was empowered to decide on the “call, qualifications, and gifts, of those who wish to devote themselves to God and the ministry,” and to “solemnly set apart and ordain such persons.”

The Unitarians and the Universalists did not believe divine power or authority came through a pope or bishop. Rather, the divine revealed itself directly in every human being. Therefore, it follows that the power and the authority to call and ordain a minister does not come from a pope or bishop. Instead, the call and ordination come directly from the divine power of the universe through the people.

This is the spiritual and religious legacy we continue today. Last spring you, the people, spoke in one voice through your vote to call me as your seventh settled minister. This spring you, the people, will honor me with the twin rituals of ordination and installation. This is the public recognition and ceremonial beginning of our covenantal relationship with one another. It is an awe-filled process and a joyful event. I am excited and happy that this congregation will honor me — and honor our relationship — with ordination. I look forward to seeing you on March 9th!

In peace,
Kent

**You are cordially invited to attend Kent Hemmen Saleska’s Service of Ordination
March 9th at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Refreshments will be served following the service
Childcare is available if reserved in advance by contacting Jody Watts
at jnkwatts@msn.com**



News from the Director of Religious Education

Andrea Purdy Heier 952-473-0448

Kent recently spoke of the circumstances that confront attendees of the 2008 General Assembly (GA) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For those who may be unaware, the Convention Center (where most GA activities occur) is located in an area overseen by the U.S. Federal Government, thus subject to Homeland Security regulations. Every GA attendee will be required to show government-issued photo identification in order to be allowed into the Center - for learning, business or worship. (see details: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/updatesannouncements/61425.shtml>)

The UU Ministers Association shared their concerns with the UUA inherent in the location and have made some adjustments to the Associations participation. However, it has been left to the conscience of each minister whether or not to attend.

The Board of the Liberal Religious Educators Association (the professional association for religious educators often referred to as LREDA) has struggled with the disparity between the commitment to being "an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multicultural welcoming organization..." (from LREDA By-laws), and the opportunities that participation creates for "providing continuous education, networking and sharing resources, advocating for professional recognition, and providing assistance and encouragement for religious educators." (from the LREDA mission statement).

Ultimately, the Board voted on whether or not to support our Association with a LREDA presence at General Assembly, with six "yes," one "no," and one "abstention." It was felt by those members voting "yes" that this was an opportunity to stand by the Association's efforts to uphold learning opportunities around issues of civil liberties and immigration, so as to better understand and correct the "privilege we enjoy that is denied to others" (Sinkford, 2007).

Again the choice of attendance was left to the conscience of each religious educator.

However you feel about GA's location, the actions of the UUMA and LREDA are representations of one of our Principles: "the right of conscience and use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large." The leaders of these associations are responding to their collective conscience through a democratic process, at the same time affirming the individual right and responsibility of individual Unitarian Universalists to do the same.

Kenneth Collier refers to conscience as "the manifestation of our inherent worth and dignity." Theists might refer to conscience as "soul." Many humanists would prefer to define as the moral voice that lives within each of us. But what makes democracy a religious principle?

I concur with Parisa Parsa: "Democratic process is our liturgy, the work of our people. And it is holy work....Voting, as the shorthand for taking interest in and ownership of the process by which we as a community live our faith and choose to use our collective power to shape our world in accordance with that faith, is a sacrament." She goes on to claim that to participate in worship and not in a community's decision-making is a "superficial" comprehension of UUism.

GA or no GA, may we each work to deepen and strengthen our individual consciences and give life to our faith in our daily actions.

Andrea

RE Futures Forum March 2, between services

Parents of children who participate in RE classes and others are invited to a forum to discuss possible future plans for the children and youth program. Results of the recent RE Survey will be available. The forum will take place on Sunday, March 2nd. Go ahead and grab a cup of coffee and meet in the sanctuary after the first service. We'll meet until approximately 10:45.

Submitted by Linda Hammersten, LindaHammersten@msn.com

White Bear Post Secondary Scholarship
April 8 is the deadline for this scholarship to fund a student in good academic standing, who has financial need, has a record of community service, and who would use their education to better the world in some way. This one-year scholarship is for \$2500, but often-awarded students receive renewals in smaller amounts while in school. Application information is available on the youth bulletin board in the RE hallway.

Calling All Girl Scouts to Usher!

If you are a Girl Scout, you are invited to help with ushering at both worship services on **March 9**. Let Melinda Bennett, melindatom@aol.com know if your daughter would like to participate. The girls should wear their uniforms and be at church 30 minutes early on that day. All Girl Scouts are welcome.



Upcoming Newsletter Deadline: Friday, March 21 by Noon

All newsletter submissions should be sent to Newsletter Editor, Emilie Fitch at officeadmin@mtn.org.

Please include name and phone number for editor verification purposes. *Expression* is published once a month and will be in homes the last week of a month with news for the upcoming month. The deadline for submission of articles is the third Friday of the month.

Upcoming Deadlines are:

April 18

May 16

Update from the Relocation Task Force

During February and continuing into March the Relocation Task Force is meeting with various groups to gather information about what the congregation wants in our new building. The second all church forum will be held at UUCM on **Saturday, March 1 from 9 AM until noon**. Come join in the discussion! Our architects will use the information gathered at these meetings to do the preliminary sketches for presentation to the congregation in late April or early May. The tasks and timeline for this phase of the relocation effort is posted on the bulletin board in the North Room.

Devorah Greenstein, UUA consultant on accessibility, spoke to the RTF at the February meeting. She offered many suggestions about how we can make our building one in which everyone can participate.

*Submitted by Christy Dachelet, RTF Chair
czdachelet@comcast.net*

Board Column February Meeting Update

The Board acknowledged two new members, Eric and Sheryl Erickson who actually are former members we are happy to welcome again.

The Committee on Ministry reported that it will be made up of six people asked to serve three year terms. To set up that rotation for the next year, there will be two, one year; two, two year; and two, three year terms. Mary Loberg and Mary Cotton Levin have agreed to stay on the COM for another term.

Relocation Task Force Update - (see article above) The Task Force is in the process of interviewing groups and individuals concerning space needs for future building. They will give all that information to our architects, LOCUS and they will report back with some preliminary plans in early April.

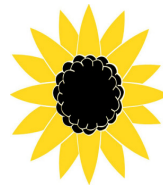
Treasurer Update – Our pledges are coming in at above normal levels and expenses are right at budgeted levels.

The Board unanimously agreed that Board of Trustees terms should be three years with 1/3 of the board (3 members) changing each year. This provision will be brought to the congregation as a By-law change at the Annual Meeting in May.

There was a long and significant discussion on the issue of performing and/or not performing marriages in our building where the religious officiant is the signer of the legal papers. There was a decision to take a “straw vote” at our Annual Meeting to see where the congregation stands on civil unions vs. religious marriage.

The situation of the location of GA this June in a place that will require participants to show legal ID to enter and whether UUCM will support delegates to the Assembly was discussed. No decision was reached.

For more detailed information, the minutes for this meeting will be posted in the North Room, after they have been approved at the March Board meeting.



Moving In Faith, Growing Our Future UUCM Capital Campaign

As of February 14, we have received pledges totaling **\$1,205,010**. A huge and sincere thank you to everyone who has pledged thus far:

Alison Albrecht	Bill & Lori Arnold
Pat Baker	Chris & Margot Barry
Jim Beneke & Linda Hammersten	Malia & Sam Brandt
Gerard Breen	Geoff Brown & Margaret Falk
Joe Cain & Stephanie McCullough Cain	Alison & Ed Cerier
Irene Chanin	Gary & Sharon Charles
Jean Cleary & Ricky Strehlow	Barb Corbusier
Mary Cotton Levin & Steve Levin	Helen & John Crosson
Bob & Christy Dachelet	Marc & Stacy Doepner-Hove
Debbie & Mike Elliott	Kate Flom & Malcolm Reid
Don & Gerry Grant	Allan Green & Kris Severson
Laurel Gregorian	Fred & Mary Harms
Jessica Harris	Jeffrey Hatcher & Lisa Stevens
Chris & Linda Hermann	Karen & Stewart Hoagland
Michael Holt	Fred & Karen Hulting
Rita Jelinek	Deanna & Kevin Johnson
Guy Johnson	Marc Johnson & Bobbi Johnson-Pencook
Judy & Lee Kaster	Eleanor Kendall
Janet Keysser	Pat Kridler
Felicia & Tom Lindquist	Mary Loberg & Mark Sonderup
Neal & Sharon Lockwood	Jay & Merrill Martin
Melissa & Noel Martinson	Michael McGee & Jason Backes
Bill & Sue McKnight	LaDonna Meinecke
Bev & Ward Montgomery	
Craig Moody & Andrea Fell-Moody	
Chris Nelson & Rachel Williams	Mary Opheim
Tom Nelson & Melinda Bennett	Susanna Presseller
John Page & Caroline Skaar-Page	Art & Elaine Ruder
Weld Ransom & Susan Schultz	Ellen Silva & Wilson Gibbins
Heidi & Kent Hemmen Saleska	Jeff Staggs & Annie Hubbard
Jackie Smolen	Amy & Kelby Stine
Doug Stark & Paula Nelson	Mary Stransky
Allen & Lisa Stock	
Kathy Stuebner & Michael Meyers	
Janna Sperry Sundby & Steve Sundby	
Phil & Sue Vigliaturo	Jody & Kevin Watts
Jay White & Betty Bright	Maryann Wiborg
Shirley Wilson	Jackie & Steve Zimmerman

For more information or to make a pledge to UUCM's *Moving In Faith, Growing Our Future* capital campaign, contact Alison Albrecht, 952-938-9246 or alisonalbrecht@comcast.net.



Daylight Savings Time Begins!!

Sunday, March 9

Set Your Clocks Forward!!

To be part of something greater than ourselves is one reason I believe we come to this church on the hill overlooking Lake Minnetonka. It's through our connectedness at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka that we are empowered to address issues of social and economic injustice in the world.

Each year Unitarian Universalists from all over the country meet to share experiences, attend workshops that help train current and future church leaders, set goals, and participate in the necessary business of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The gathering is referred to as the General Assembly (GA). It's here that we collectively and democratically determine the direction of the Association in addressing injustices in the world.

GA is open to all who wish to attend. However to participate and vote in the business of the UUA you need to be a delegate or a minister from a certified member congregation. UUCM has been a certified member congregation for many years, something that should make us very proud, because we have contributed our "Fair Share" to the UUA. This year our "Fair Share" is \$54 per member. We are certified for 189 members in 2007. We'll be able to send four delegates along with our minister Kent Hemmen Saleska to the General Assembly.

GA is held in a different location each year to allow a diversity of UUs to attend. The locations are determined by the UUA Board of Trustees years in advance of the actual event to allow the logistics of planning to be accomplished. This year GA will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Its location presents a problem to attendees eighteen years of age and older. They'll have to show a government issued photo identification to gain admittance to the General Assembly. For more information see page 6 and/or go to www.uua.org and refer to the letter from Bill Sinkford.

Without much thought, I didn't see a problem with showing government issued identification to gain admittance to the Convention Center. I do it all the time at work when I pass through the security line at the airport. However, if I had to start showing a driver's license to enter UUCM or any place of worship for that matter in the interest of national security I wouldn't be happy!

Attendance at GA brings up issues that haven't formally been addressed here at UUCM.

1. We have no procedure for selecting delegates. The only requirement is that they are members of this congregation.
2. There are no requirements for the delegates to represent UUCM when voting on issues that may affect us.
3. There are also no restrictions on delegates representing UUCM.
4. Only those who have the financial means can attend. This skews the views expressed and actions taken. There are limited scholarships available through the UUA.

The first three issues can be addressed by a change to our bylaws. The fourth issue would require a funding source, something we don't have at this time. I'm sure this is the biggest reason more people don't attend GA. Please contact me if you are interested in

being a delegate, or finding out more about it, this year.

Though I have never been to a GA, I have attended two Prairie Star District Annual meetings and numerous workshops sponsored by UUCM and the Prairie Star District. It's through those meetings and workshops that I get to feel that connectedness to the greater community.

Mike



Popular Minnesota author and musician Bill Holm will speak on Sunday, March 30, during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Bill Holm was born in 1943 on a farm north of Minneota, Minnesota. He continues to live in Minneota half the year while he teaches at Southwest State University in Marshall. He spends his summers at his little house on a northern Iceland fjord where he writes, practices the piano, and waits for the first dark after three months of daylight. He is the author of nine books, both poetry and essays. His most recent prose book is "Windows of Brimnes," (Milkweed Editions, 2007) a long essay on what the United States and the last forty years of his own life look like when viewed from the windows of his house just south of the Arctic Circle. The view is not cheerful these days.

You can find more information about Bill on his website www.billholm.com.

News from the Ministries

Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka is organized into seven work areas. The work areas, or ministries, are led by a Facilitator's and together the Facilitators make up the Church Council. The Church Council meets on the first Thursday of each month along with staff and a representative of the Executive Council of the Board of Trustees.

LRE Ministry

Michelle Maxwell

The first goal of the RE team this year is "to integrate children into the community – so they feel a part of the whole and the whole feels dedicated to support the parts". Mystery Friends is a program which helps us attain this goal. Thank you to the 56 people who participated as an adult or youth mystery friend! We are a stronger community when we get to know each other better!

A BIG thank you goes out to Lisa Stock and Betty Bright for coordinating the Chalice Keeper training this spring. They are leading youth and their families down the road of becoming chalice keepers in our church. Bravo!

Another BIG thank you goes to Kent Hemmen Salekska for spending time with the RE classes. Over time, Kent has been rotating through the classes getting to know the children. We appreciate Kent's time and energy towards building relationships with our youth!

Finally, thank you to everyone who makes Religious Education work in our community! Every Sunday morning, Wednesday evening and other times throughout the week, individuals are expanding their spiritual journey.

Unitarian Universalist Women West Meeting

Please join us for our next gathering at 7:00 on Friday, March 14, 2008, at UUCM. Rachel Williams, from the Relocation Task Force, will be there to talk about what we would like to see in a new church building. Please bring your ideas. After the discussion, we will have a social time to visit and get to know each other a little better. **Reminder:** If you have not renewed your membership, dues should be sent to Jackie Zimmerman. Dues for the local UUWW are \$10 and for the national UUWF \$25.

Community Ministry

Jody Watts

Women Who Read
Contact Christy Dachelet for
information at **952-933-2787**

The **Women Who Read Group** always welcomes new members. Join them Monday, March 10 as they discuss *Are You Somebody* by Nuala O'Faolin at Margaret Falk's home. For directions call Margaret at 952-476-1437.

About Our Members

Our thoughts are with **Kevin** and **Jody Watts** and their sons **Brian** and **Nolan**. Jody's mother, Midge Brown died Friday, February 8th, in Tucson, Arizona. She was 80 years old.

Our condolences also go out to **Bob** and **Katy Meyers**. Bob's father, William Meyers, died on Friday, January 18, in Phoenix, Arizona. A funeral was held in his hometown of Superior, Wisconsin in early February. William was 93 years old.

Linda Hammersten slipped on the ice recently and fractured her tibia. Linda had surgery to place a plate in her tibia on February 7th. She is resting at home and will not be able to drive for a least three weeks. Her husband **Jim Beneke** is managing her care at home.

Stephanie McCullough-Cain of the caring ministry has a new e-mail address. It is now StephanieMcCain@comcast.net.

Game Night

Join UUCM families for a night of pizza and games Friday, March 21st at 6:00. Bring your favorite games along or play those that will already be set up. Everyone welcome - bring a friend! Questions? Contact Deanna Johnson at deannaleejohnson@comcast.net

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Expressions, Opinions and Views from Members of UUCM

We are starting a new feature in *Expression* newsletter. You, the readers of *Expression*, are encouraged to submit your opinions and views on events and issues of the day that would be of interest and concern to other UU's.

For our inaugural topic we have chosen this year's General Assembly (GA) which is to be held in June at the Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. As the Convention Center is located within the security perimeters of the Port of Ft. Lauderdale, it is in an area under federal government security regulations. Any adult entering such area must show a government issued I.D. This created a controversy within our Association about the necessity of showing I.D. in order to perform the business of our religion and to worship.

The GA site selection team visited Ft. Lauderdale in 2003 and staff of the Ft. Lauderdale Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) stated that they were working on a plan to remove the security perimeter that would be acceptable to federal authorities. They said they fully expected this to be accomplished by the time of GA in 2008. The GA Planning Committee believes they made those statements in good faith and while the CVB has continued working on this issue, it has proved to be a much more difficult problem to solve than they originally thought. Just this year they received approval to build a fly-over road that will access only to the convention center and not the Port. The fly-over road will be completed in 2011.

In a letter to all UU congregations dated January 28, 2008 from Beth McGregor, Chair GA Planning Committee; Gini Courter, Moderator, UUA; William Sinkford, President, UUA, they stated, *"The Board's decision to reaffirm the Fort Lauderdale site came after serious consideration of the factors involved with the site and an extensive investigation of alternatives by the GA Office. The Board ratified the GA Planning Committee's (GAPC) conclusion that there were no alternative venues in the area large enough to accommodate the major events such as the Service of the Living Tradition or our Sunday worship service. The GAPC investigated the possibility of establishing a satellite location where those who could not or chose not to present government issued identification to enter the convention center could participate in the GA plenary (business) sessions, but they found significant obstacles and concluded that they could not realistically create an equal*

participatory experience for attendees at a satellite location."

Our minister, Kent Hemmen-Saleska, frames this as a difficult choice between individual conscience and our covenantal relationship with each other. There are many options open to us. Will you make a choice?

For more information on this topic go to <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/updatesannouncements/63328.shtml>

Have a comment on this month's opinions? Would you like to share on another topic? Just email to officeadmin@mtn.org, or leave your comments in Emilie, the Office Administrator's mailbox. All letters must be in by the third Friday of the month at noon for the following month's newsletter. The April deadline is March 21.

UU Travel

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?



The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 28 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at info@uurehome.com, or at 828-281-3253, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

Host listings on the *UU're Home* website at www.UUreHome.com are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition is published every year in April (and has some listings different from those on the website). For a copy of the 2008 directory and a year's access to the website listings, please click on "become a member" to pay by credit card or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

THIS AND THAT ...

UU 101 Class Coming Soon!



This is the class formerly known as the “New Member” class. We’ve changed the name because people are invited, and may want to attend, for many reasons. It may be that you are a new visitor or friend and want to know more about who we are and what we believe; it may be that you have been here a while and want to brush up on your knowledge of Unitarian Universalism while getting to know some new

people at the same time; it may be that you are ready to meet with the minister and join the church as a committed new member!

If you fit any of these categories, or are simply curious about what we have to share in a class on Unitarian Universalism 101, please sign up and attend! The class will be facilitated by Kent Hemmen Saleska, our minister, and by long-time member Mary Opheim (and other members of the Community Ministry). The class will be held as a two-part series:

Part I – **Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.**

This class will cover introductions, personal journeys, a brief history of the UU faith, and other topics inspired by the questions of those who attend.

Part II – **Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

This class will cover information about the history of this congregation, the modern history and structure of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and other topics inspired by the questions of those who attend.

Finally, for those visitors and friends who take the class and are ready to commit to this congregation with membership, the next New Member Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 6.

To register for the class, please contact Kent Hemmen Saleska, our minister, at 952-473-5900 or at revkent@mninter.net, or call Mary Opheim at 952-472-4610, or sign up on sheet on Kent’s door.. We ask that you **register by Tuesday, March 11** and please let us know if you need childcare when registering.

Update on Child Care

UUCM does provide child care for all-church business events. Parents should contact the event organizer 10 days to a week in advance if you're interested in having child care provided.

UUCM does pay child care providers (they are not volunteers). If you're not already on the list as a provider, and would like to be, please contact the child care coordinator, Janna Sundby at janasundby@yahoo.com, 952-471-7752. We're looking for mid-teen/young adult care givers to guide the 12 and 13 year old providers too!

Youth Opportunity for Social Justice Learning

Guest At Your Table collections are done, but it is not too late for youth to join the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and potentially win a free social justice camp experience! Youth who join or renew at their \$10 membership rate by June 30, 2008, will be entered in a raffle for a spot on a 2008-2009 JustWorks camp! JustWorks camps are short-term projects that help volunteers examine and understand the causes and damaging effects of injustice by working directly with people in U.S. communities and experiencing social-justice struggles firsthand. Learn more at <http://www.uusc.org/info/workcamps.html>.

UUA/UUSC Kenya Crisis Fund

Please support the UUA/UUSC Kenya Crisis Fund to sustain the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's work with grassroots partners through recent violence in Kenya and Pakistan. You can read about the initiative and contribute to the fund at <http://www.uusc.org/info/Kenyaarticle011408.html>.





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Our Mission Statement

We are an open and caring religious community on a quest to live with purpose and meaning while inspiring all people to act ethically and with social conscience for the betterment of the world.

Adopted 2007

**Newsletter: Working to be
Green**

In order to protect our environment and save our natural resources, we encourage all who can, to receive this newsletter via email. If you want to be added to our email mailing list, please contact the church at officeadmin@mtn.org.

Also, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter electronically or in paper form, please contact officeadmin@mtn.org or 952-473-5900, to remove your name from the newsletter list.



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