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# THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP—FALL 2021

#### From the President's Desk



Bishop Brian Marsh, President International Anglican Fellowship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

This edition of the IAF newsletter comes to you with every good wish for a blessed Trinity season and a joyous Michaelmas.

First of all, may we give thanks to both Erv Lischke and Father Ed Ihde for their exceptional work in making the transition between Executive Directors smooth and virtually (!) seamless. We owe both fine Christian gentlemen a debt of gratitude. The work of the IAF has continued without missing a 'nanobeat'.

I would also like to thank our sustaining members for their ongoing support. Your dedication to the cause is truly remarkable. Many of you have faithfully supported our worldwide missions for the past several years. Your dedication forms the basis of our annual budget. Rest assured that each dollar (Pound, Euro, Peso, Rand) is used to build up God's kingdom and assist those missions in need.

At this time, the need is truly great. As we know, given the many examples reported in this newsletter, Covid has hit many of our churches very hard indeed. Several clergy have been lost to the pandemic in South Africa alone. Bishop Rodriguez and his family have lost members to the disease. Our Indonesia missions are operating remotely. The loss of Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba of Zambia has been devastating for us all. The difficulties faced by God's people at this particu-

lar time are challenging indeed.

Throughout it all, the clergy and people of the Traditional Anglican Church continue to fulfill their mission of preaching the message of Jesus Christ to all people.

Your assistance is necessary to keep the word of God alive and vibrant in a world that so desperately needs to hear it.

I call on you all to;

- I. Pray earnestly for the IAF and our international missions;
- 2. Give to the IAF;
- 3. Become a sustaining member.

Your regular pledge, whether great or small, will ensure that we maintain our stipends and grants to the TAC community.

Blessings to you all!

Your Brother in Christ, +Brian

reading from Acts Chapter 11



Dear IAF Friends & Supporters,

Upon reviewing the various reports herein, I became very aware of this

'Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.'

At the time of the Apostles, the need.

'dearth' described in Acts I I was a shortage of food . . . in our own day it Blessings, is a shortage throughout the world of basic funding to fight a growing Executive threat. This newsletter is, unfortu-

nately, one of great sadness . . . but if you read between the lines you will note that hope continues to abide, even in great hardship, and it is this hope that the IAF continues to supply throughout the world to our brothers and sisters in the TAC, on your behalf.

Thank you all, for your continued support and generosity to those in need.

Blessings,
Ed Ihde+
Executive Director of the IAF



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# **GRANTS FULFILLED IN 2021**

Donations continued to add up in 2021 projecting it to be one of a most successful grant year ever

RECIPIENT	DISBURSEMENTS (USD)	PURPOSE	COMMENTS
CONTINUING ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ZAMBIA (CACZ)	\$7,000.00	RECURRING ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT	
CONTINUING ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ZAMBIA (CACZ)	\$2,000.00	SPECIAL ONE TIME COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT	FINANCIAL AID FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2021
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN INDIA	\$7,000.00	RECURRING ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT	
TRADITIONAL ANGLO- CATHOLIC LATIN AMERICA PROVINCE	\$13,000.00	RECURRING ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT	
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA	\$9,400.00	RECURRING ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT	
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA	\$3,000.00	SPECIAL ONE TIME COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT	FINANCIAL AID FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2021
DIOCESE OF PUERTO RICO AND CARIBEAN (DPRC)	\$5,200.00	RECURRING ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT	SUPPORT FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CHURCHES
DIOCESE OF PUERTO RICO AND CARIBEAN (DPRC)	\$300.00	SPECIAL ONE TIME COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT	PANDEMIC RELATED SUPPLIES PURCHASE
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ACA) DEANERY OF INDONESIA	\$6,000.00	RECURRING ANNUAL MISSIONARY GRANT	SUPPORT OF PROVIDENCE ANGLICAN CHURCH JAKARTA, INDONESIA
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ACA) SUN STAR MISSION SOUTH DAKOTA	\$552.00	ANNUAL ELECTRIC BILL	MONTHLY ELECTRIC UTILITY BILL = \$46.00/MO
CARACUS, VENEZUELA	\$2,400.00	HUMANITARIAN AID	DEACON TONY

Generosity and a desire to be a part of something that helps to fill a real need have resulted in a sustained growth of our Anglican Fellowship.

Many thanks to those who have helped make this possible:

# A seven year snapshot

Year (beginning January 1st)	Number of Sustaining Members	Beginning Bank Balance
2016	41	\$14,680
2017	48	31,847
2018	51	32,747
2019	50	31,900
2020	51	36,900*
2021	51	45,253*
2022	53	(Projected 30,600)

\*Included Special Earthquake Relief for Puerto Rico



# The Ambler Baildon Trust Fund

During the present year, the IAF received a grant, through the Last Will and Testament of a former parishioner named Gordon Ambler, a businessman in the ACA Diocese of the Northeast. Mr. Ambler passed away in 2009. Mr. Ambler's will provided that one half of the proceeds of the will (in the amount of \$36,325.38) be distributed to the International Anglican Fellowship for it's ongoing operations. These funds are held in a trust fund by the IAF for its continuing work worldwide. As of this writing, the board of directors voted to invest the funds in an interest bearing account. Interest received monthly from the Ambler Baildon Trust Fund will be applied toward the annual operating accounts of the IAF, In perpetuity.

This is a perfect opportunity to remind all of us of the importance of our Will and the legacy we will leave behind, both to our families and to our church's mission in the world. Please consider leaving a portion of your estate to the ongoing mission of churches and charities that you have supported within your lifetime.

# A Message from South Africa and Zambia



**Archbishop Michael Gill** 

God's peace be with you.

The region of Southern Africa is usually abuzz with activity, but of late we have been almost paralysed by Covid-19 lockdowns.

Since October of last year, we have been forbidden to meet for worship as we have been in a Third Wave and infections, and deaths, have been very high. In an effort to stop the spread, we have been in Level 4 lockdown. This has meant that no services have been permitted and even travel between Provinces (equivalent to your States) has been stopped. Most people travel by mini-bus taxis, and because they are packed into these vehicles, they become marvellous carriers of the virus. Funerals have also been restricted to a maximum of 50 and have to be completed within an hour, with no gatherings before or after.

Under these trying circumstances, we have done the best we can. Most people have mobile phones, and so we have set up many WhatsApp groups and have tried to keep communication going through an regular stream of prayers and services sent to their devices. However, data is a problem, especially in poorer communities, and so communication has not always been successful.

The Third Wave is the Delta Variant, now also in the USA, is highly contagious, and so infections have been much higher than in the first two waves. It has also been far more deadly, with an average of 500 deaths per day for the past month [of July]. People are understandably fearful, and the job of the church in such times is to try and keep faith alive and spirits high – not an easy task, as almost every family can tell of deaths and illness from Covid-19.

North of South Africa, the picture is similar. Zimbabwe is in total lockdown and travel is restricted. Namibia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia, who have been denying the impact of Covid-19 for months, have now had to concede that it is

ravishing their rural and urban communities. These countries are ill prepared for the pandemic, and the people are woefully mentally unprepared – propaganda is such a powerful tool in the hands of governments.

In South Africa, we are about midway through the Third Wave. That means that we have at least a month still to endure before any kind of reopening of churches can be safely considered.

It is all very depressing for people. Worship is central to our communities, and there is a great sadness in not being able to meet and sing and worship. We pray that this will pass, although we are being warned of a Fourth Wave in November/December....Lord have mercy

In South Africa we have had another great setback when three weeks ago, in response to our former President Zuma being sent to jail (he is on trial for various corruption related charges) his supporters unleashed a week of destruction and looting that has set the country back R50 Billion in damages. It has been a huge blow at every level and has increased the hardship of all, especially the poor. It has also affected the morale of everyone and a spirit of pessimism has settled upon the people. Here is a prayer we have been sending out to our people in this terrible time:

#### A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION IN A TIME OF CRISIS

"Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to Thee while Thou may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. Thou art my hiding place; Thou wilt protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance" (Ps. 32:6-7).

Father, we ask for Your hand of protection to be upon our nation during these days of unrest and anger. Protect the lives of the angry as well as the officers and military personnel who are trying to restore order. Calm hearts and minds and bring restoration through justice and acts of repentance, humility and extraordinary love.

Sing Your song of deliverance over our hurting nation, Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Thank you for this opportunity to report to you on the mood of the area. It is one of fear and pain...it has not been a good time. The church continues to be the mainstay of our communities and I applaud all our clergy on their diligence and fortitude as they too face danger and sickness.

In Christ +Michael Pretoria and Southern Africa

# A Faith Found in Indonesia by way of Bali

# A Seeker's Story

Reported By Fr. James Long

She was sitting at a table in the common dining area of the guesthouse where I used to stay in Canggu. The suitcase beside her suggested the awkward interval between a required checkout and a late flight. I was by the sink opening a young "kelapa" (coconut) for my daily constitutional of kelapa water, ice and limes, when the knife clipped my thumb and an outpouring of a liquid equally dear to me needed staunching. A houseboy, Della the desk girl, and the traveler all scrambled to my aid, and when the excitement subsided, I had a proper introduction to our travelling friend. Hearing that I was a Christian minister seemed to open her heart up, and as I sipped coconut water with a bandaged hand, a third liquid began to drip, drip, dripping from the Asian eyes across the table. Untenable circumstances had led her to Bali to sort of hear from "the universe," a term she used interchangeably with "God," for direction. The materialism under which she had been reared had not proven sufficient for life's challenges, and she was searching for spiritual answers, and spiritual help. She felt it was no accident that we were speaking. As the priest-in-charge of Providence Anglican Church, I could hardly disagree.

She was leaving for the land of her birth, but her plane didn't leave until late. As it was still quite early, and as she seemed so open to spiritual things, and as it just happened that PAC's weekly dinner/outreach was that evening at Alam Atelier, and as our guest teacher that night was a man who'd spent a lifetime serving her people group and spoke her language fluently, Della the desk girl and I invited her to join us. And so, she did. At dinner our speaker welcomed her in her own tongue then, lectured in terms she understood. Her heart was full by the time we ordered a car and sent her on her way to the Denpasar Airport.

We remained in email contact as the Covid crisis descended, plunging first China, and then the world into dread and limbo. I connected her with one of our Chinese members in Jakarta, a woman close to her age and who could speak her language, and she continued to grow in under-

standing. As difficult as the Jakarta lockdown was, by forcing PAC into online services, it also enabled her to join our bible studies an ocean away. That, and the emails or messages kept her in touch with PAC, but the contacts gradually became fewer and further between. It is always difficult to know what can be said or asked of friends across the "Bamboo Curtain" and her situation was somewhat of a mystery.

And then, I received this message: "There is something I'd like to share with you. I have found a local Christian community through my \_\_\_\_\_\_, most of the members are based in \_\_\_\_\_\_, so I am actively learning Christianity. We have 4 online bible studies each week, which gave me opportunities to learn God's words. One thing more exciting is that I decided to get baptized in the following weeks. ... I am aware that following God is a lifelong journey, and I am excited about it. Hope you could continually be part of my guidance, and hope there will be another opportunity for us to meet again and worship God."

In these discouraging days when I cannot go to my congregations, and when they are again under lockdown, I thought her story was a good reminder that God's work goes on regardless of our seemingly shattered plans. I sent her a note asking her permission to share her story, and she graciously accepted with a few clarifications, including this summary and happy ending which I share in her own words here:

"I have started seeking God since 2013 during challenging times. However, no conviction was strong enough for me to fully devote myself to him despite signs were given. Until I have basically lost every external thing that I deem "valuable" in 2019, I have come upon an opportunity to fully know God during my lowest lows. He has put people in my life out of nowhere to speak the words to my heart, he has made his grace rain so I can get out of depression, he has done things far more than my imagination so that I trust his plan is bigger than anyone else's plan. He made me lose everything so that I can see who I really am, he rebuilt me from the ashes and gave me a new life."

I hope this story will be encouraging to those that have supported us in Indonesia, and also during these days when we have had to serve the ministry online from the U.S. The investments made, the seeds planted, were not in vain, though they are largely out of our hands. The further "our" work recedes from our grasp, the more we understand that old Latin phrase: Soli Deo Gloria!

In his peace,

Father James

# A Photo Journal from India



**Archbishop Samuel Prakash** 

Dear Fr. Ed,

May Lord's peace be with you.

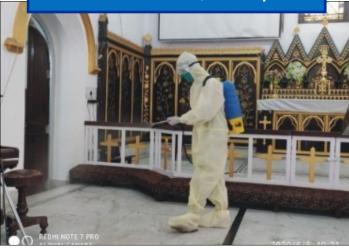
Please find the report as attached to this email and let me know if you have any questions.

With prayers and blessings. Archbishop Samuel P. Prakash Metropolitan of India





COVID Sanitization being performed at St. Thomas Church, Sararanpur

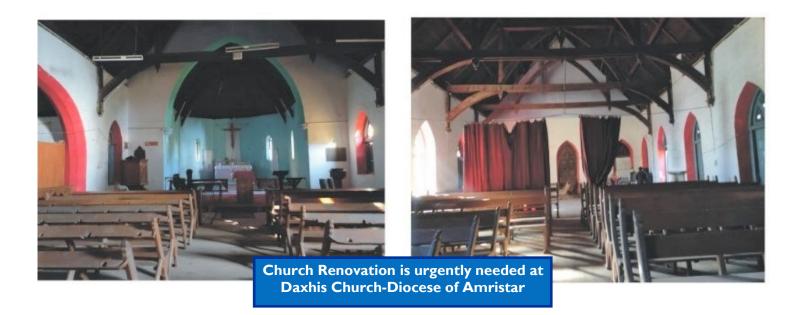




Distribution of Food Packages at Kotdwar Parish



Food and other essentials distributed by Reverend Amit Samuel







Cremation was done on a footpath in Uttar Pradesh because cremation centers were full of COVID bodies during April and May 2021



# A Letter from Guatemala and Central & South America



Bishop Rubén Rodríguez

Muy Reverendo Edward IhdeDirector Ejecutivo de IAF.

Respetable padre Ihde es un placer saludarle y agradecer su invitación a informarle acerca de nurestra jurisficción de la Tradicional Anglicana Continuante en Latino América Provincia, sus siglas: Taclap. El eje de actividades la Diócesís Misionera Anglicana de Centro América con las regiones de área central y norte-occidente y Sur-oeste de Guatemala, C.A; región Occidente y sur occidente de Guatemala, C.A; Distrito Misionero en República de El Salvador, C.A.; y toda la demás Provincia Taclap, región de Centro América y Sur América y México en Norte de América. Ministros activos: tres Obispos, seis Presbítros, dos Diáconos, cinco Sub-diáconos. Sedes principales: Ciudad de Guatemala, C.A.; Santa Cruz El Quiché en Guatemala, C.A.; Quezaltepeque en El Salvador, C.A.; Siguantepeque en Honduras, C.A.; en Cisneros Brasil Alto Antioquia en Colombia, S.A. y Ciudad de Caracas en Venezuela, S.A. Contamos con templos e instalaciones en propiedad de Taclap. Aún faltan edificios o templos en el Distrito Misionero del Salvador, C.A., y en Vicariato de Honduras, C.A. En cada una de estás regiones se activan proyectos de ayuda humanitaria para niños, jóvenes, adultos y ancianos con cuidado pastoral; eseñanza en catequesis y enseñanza civil y ayuda mutuo a nivel social en las comunidades. La pandemia que afecta a nivel general con corvid-19 lo estamos paliado brindando informacion, enseñando a los distintos grupos a como manejar la situación que nos aflije y encausando los recursos y ayudas en favor de los más necesitados, cooperando en lo posible con las autoridades de los distintos gobiernos civiles y ecuménicas de las iglesias. Imploramos la misericordia de nuestro buen Dios para hacer frente a todo lo que aflije a la persona humana. El Señor es nuestra fortaleza y salvación.

Very Reverend Edward Inde Executive Director of IAF.

Respectable Father Ihde, it is a pleasure to greet you and thank you for your invitation to inform you about our jurisdiction of the Traditional Anglican Church in Latin America Province, its acronym: TACLAP. The axis of activities is the Anglican Missionary Diocese of Central America with the central and north-west and South-west areas of Guatemala, C.A; western and south-western region of Guatemala, C.A; Missionary District in Republic of El Salvador, C.A.; and all other TACLAP Province, region of Central and South America and Mexico in North America.

Active ministers: three Bishops, six Priests, two Deacons, five Sub-Deacons. Main venues: Guatemala City, C.A.; Santa Cruz El Quiché in Guatemala, C.A.; Quezaltepeque in El Salvador, C.A.; Siguantepeque in Honduras, C.A.; in Cisneros Brasil Alto Antioquia in Colombia, S.A. and Ciudad de Caracas in Venezuela, S.A. We have churches and facilities owned by TACLAP. Buildings and/or Churches are still missing in the Missionary District of the Savior, C.A., and in Vicariato de Honduras, C.A. In each of these regions, humanitarian aid projects are activated for children, young people, adults and the elderly with pastoral care; teaching in catechesis and civil education and mutual help at the social level in the communities. The pandemic that affects at a general level with corvid-19 we are alleviating it by providing information, teaching the different groups how to handle the situation that afflicts us and channeling resources and aid in favor of those most in need, cooperating as much as possible with the authorities of the different civil and ecumenical governments of the churches. We implore the mercy of our good God to face all that afflicts the human person.

The Lord is our strength and salvation.

Bishop Rubén Rodríguez
The Right Reverend Ruben Rodriguez
Presiding Bishop, Province of Latin America
Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of Guatemala

# THE TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

LOCATIONS AROUND THE WORLD



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# The Sustaining Member and Steward Programs

# Sustaining Members

The IAF Sustaining Member program was begun in 2012 as a tool to formally recognize those churches and individuals that support the Fellowship on a recurring basis. For example, if one of the line items in a church budget contains a donation to the IAF, that church is eligible to become a Sustaining Member. Similarly, individuals or families who desire to provide support on a regular basis can be recognized as Sustaining Members.

This program helps to give the IAF Board of Directors an idea of how to plan distribution of donated funds for TAC missionary projects and to target those projects that are most in need. As a token of appreciation, Sustaining Members are presented with a wall plaque (shown to the right) . . . a tangible example of commitment and caring.



As of August 2021, the following churches, families, and individuals are a part of our Sustaining Member family. Many thanks for your active and continuing participation in support of the IAF missionary support projects:

#### Diocese of the Northeast, ACA, USA:

Church of the Good Shepard, Charlestown, New Hampshire

St. Margaret of Scotland, Conway, New Hampshire

Trinity Anglican Church, White River Junction, Vermont

Trinity Anglican Church, Rochester, New Hampshire

Olde St. Paul's, Portland, Maine

- St. Thomas, Ellsworth, Maine
- St. Luke's, Amherst, New Hampshire
- St. Matthias, Mystic, Connecticut
- St. Elizabeth's, Tuxedo, New York

Holy Redeemer, Canandaigua, New York

St. Nicholas, West Seneca, New York

Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Camden, Maine

## Diocese of the West, ACA, USA:

- St. Augustine Anglican Church, Hamilton, Montana
- All Saints Anglican Church, Fountain Valley, California
- St. Mary's, Los Angeles, California
- St. Francis, Portland, Oregon

# Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA, USA:

- St. Stephen's, Timonium, Maryland
- St. George's Columbus, GA
- St. Peter's Anglican Church of East Palatka, Florida
- St. Barnabas, Picayune, Mississippi

#### Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA, USA:

Trinity Anglican Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

- St. Patrick, Hurst, Texas
- St. John's Cathedral, Quincy, Illinois
- St. Augustine's of Canterbury, Topeka, Kansas
- St. Dunstan's Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota
- St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Des Moines, IA

#### **Anglican Catholic Church of Canada:**

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Victoria, British Columbia

All Saints', Calgary, Alberta

Church of the Resurrection, St. Albert, Alberta

St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

#### **Anglican Church in South Africa:**

St. Andrews, Johannesburg

### Independent, USA:

Church of the Epiphany, Phoenix, Arizona

#### Individuals and families in:

Chulmleigh, Devon, England Brackettville, Texas South Strafford, Vermont Belchertown, Massachusetts Ivoryton, Connecticut Middleton, Connecticut Peterborough, New Hampshire Nashua, New Hampshire Alstead, New Hampshire Scarborough, Maine Brewer, Maine Buffalo, New York Canandaigua, New York Camden, Maine Huntington Beach, California Los Angeles, California Waukesha, Wisconsin Lawrence, Kansas Lexington, South Carolina Lilburn, Georgia Deland, Florida Scottsville, Kentucky Abbottsford, British Columbia



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# **Spot light on Sustaining members**

**Nicholas Gilbert**, a lifelong resident of Buffalo, NY and one of the youngest members of Saint Nicholas Church in West Seneca, was welcomed into the Anglican Church in America this year by Bishop Brian Marsh on his annual episcopal visitation.

Nick and his Uncle Matt Gilbert serve faithfully at the altar each Sunday and at every weekday service. Nick became interested in the work of the International Anglican Fellowship several years ago and became a sustaining member last year. Nicholas is employed at a landmark restaurant in Buffalo called Ilio DiPaolo's where he is a prep-chef.

The IAF Board of Directors applauds Nick's efforts in his support of the worldwide mission of the IAF within the Traditional Anglican Church.

# Stewards

The IAF Steward program has been established as a management tool and communication link between the Board of Directors (specifically, the Executive Director) and members of various TAC churches and organizations. Working with the IAF Executive Director, Stewards (who are volunteers) assist the Board by maintaining contact with and funneling IAF related information to the churches and individuals in their home dioceses. This includes distribution of newsletters, collection of donated funds, and information concerning the IAF mission and planning goals. They also field questions regarding IAF operations and help identify candidates for the Sustaining Member Program. Currently, we are pleased to have seven active Stewards:

The Very Rev. Merrill Perkins, Diocese of the Northeast, ACA Darlene Peacock, Diocese of the West, ACA Sarah Albert, Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA Laura Ewald, Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA The Rev. Glenn Galenkamp, Diocese of Canada West, ACCC The Rev. Cn. Doug Nicholson, Diocese of Canada East, ACCC Jenny Gill, Diocese of Pretoria and South Africa

# A New Way to Contribute AmazonSmile

Amazon.com has implemented a new program designed to support qualified non-profit charitable organizations....like the IAF. If you shop online, simply logon to smile.amazon.com. Once on that website, you can choose from millions of products that are eligible for the donation program. This service is free and product costs are the same as those available from Amazon.com. The difference is that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the IAF. For instance, if you were to spend \$50US on smile.amazon.com and designate the IAF as your charity of choice, the Amazon Foundation will contribute 50 cents to our Fellowship. It does not sound like much but, over time it can add up. There are two ways to access the Fellowship on AmazonSmile:

Log onto smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0890899, or

Log onto smile.amazon.com and then search for "International Anglican Fellowship."

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