

MINISTER'S COLUMN, Scott Couper

Friends in Christ,

This past week, I experienced the 'Realm of Heaven' (Matthew 5:10). In our parlor, conservative, moderate, and progressive members of Centre Congregational Church cooperated together, speaking with a collective Christian voice discussing how we can best provide hospitality by offering a worship and prayer space to recent Afghan immigrants to the United States who have come to settle in Brattleboro. I witnessed Sri Lankan Muslims, thankful to finally have a place of prayer in Brattleboro, accept the leadership of an Afghan as their *imam* and offer to assist him as he volunteers to lead a new faith community. During the meeting, I soaked it all in when the representative of Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) momentarily broke from the meeting to receive his two beautiful children from his partner. After the two fathers exchanged information, the 'hand-off' was made, and the partner dashed-out. In our parlor, we periodically paused our discussion so a local academic, who just happens to speak Dari, could translate and thus communicate with the Afghan *imam*. I thought it beautiful that there in the meeting, I, a Christian cleric, and a Muslim cleric half my age, were now working together in the same space as faith leaders in addition to being housemates. I looked around the room and I saw strong and professional lay-leadership from our Council. They not only guided the meeting, but also fulfilled the role of loving grandmothers to the babes in our midst. Buildings & Grounds contributed substantively to ensure that our church space would be cared for by our guests and that it would be as accessible as possible to those being resettled. Members of the local Muslim community who wished to support and worship with the immigrant Muslim community also attended the meeting.

Old and young, people of color and those pale, male and female, Christian and Muslim, lay and ordained, conservative and liberal, holders of various passports and holders of no passports, those who were self-educated and those with PhDs, some gay and others straight, and many nationalities and backgrounds all gathered in a circle in our parlor, all cooperating, all sharing with one other. We offered gifts. We accepted responsibility. We demonstrated patience. We asked and answered questions. Trust, oh my word, trust pervaded! In the parlor that afternoon, my heart was full, full of love for those in our faith community who could imagine a new thing (Isaiah 43:19). I felt pride that Centre Church accepted yet another mission ministry despite having financial difficulties in the wake of the pandemic.

In our parlor, during that meeting, the Realm of God was there! Did you, who were there, not sense it in a powerful way?! Perhaps you did not sense anything extraordinary, for the Realm of God is within your heart and is present with you always (Luke 17:21). But for dolts like me, I sensed something so powerful that it brought me close to tears. I sensed that which is not present enough in the Ukraine, is not present enough in Yemen, is not present enough in Myanmar, not present enough in Afghanistan, and not present enough in our chambers, halls, and offices of the United States Congress. The rest of the world desperately needs that which broke forth in our parlor that day. I hope and pray that I communicated to our Afghan brothers and sisters, 'we loved you before you arrived'. In the meeting, we acknowledged that all relationships based on love contain risk. Yet, as Christians, we at Centre Church move forward *in faith*.

Love always in Christ, Scott

CENTRE BELLS

April 2022

The newsletter of
Centre Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ



Council Chair, LYNN HERZOG

The church has received a wonderful gift this month of five new members: Beth & John Crutcher, Lee Moore, Caitlin Scott, and Thomas Allen. Notably, four of them became acquainted with the church through our ZOOM services! Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we couldn't welcome them with open arms, but we hope to make that up soon. In the meantime, we extend a warm but socially-distanced welcome and our heartfelt thanks for their presence.

And speaking of COVID, we will continue with masking, social-distancing, and hand sanitizing for the worship services until further notice. But we decided that speakers on the platform (or whatever it is called) do not need to wear masks, as they are a goodly distance away. We hope this will improve audibility. Since there is no longer a mask mandate in town, other users of the church, such as Loaves & Fishes, Brattleboro Centre for Children, and AA, can make their own policies.

Our treasurer reported that our expenses have exceeded our income by \$5,000 so far this year. Could be worse, but she reminded us that some people contribute all of their annual pledge at the beginning of the year, so we can expect the monthly deficit to increase.

We had an interesting discussion about the church's use of Facebook (now Metaverse). Some members object to Facebook's amoral business practices and would like to dissociate our church from them. But is it possible to have an on-line presence without using Facebook (or other Metaverse products)? We are investigating other possible platforms we could use – if you know of any, please let a Council member know.

Our Annual Program Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 22. This is a time when we look for new board and committee members. It would be wonderful if people came forward and volunteered, but this hardly ever happens. So, you may be contacted and asked to serve. Almost all the good actions of the church (except those of the minister) take place due to committees. They are a way to do God's work,



From Music Director, MARY MILKEY-MAY

The choir continues to rehearse weekly, now preparing two anthems for each Sunday service. The offertory has returned! We are currently immersed in Lenten music and have already begun preparations for Palm Sunday and Easter. Even though Easter is rather late this year, it feels like we just finished Christmas. I think I have completely lost track of time during the two years of the pandemic!

We continue to have travelling choir members who often are away for several weeks or months at a time so if you feel motivated to help us out, we would love to have you join us. We meet on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm!

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Centre Church is committed to ensuring that all staff, visitors, and members of the congregation are safe while in the church building. Due to the decreasing level of COVID infections in Windham County, we have modified our COVID policy.

Effective **March 8, 2022** in alignment with state and local guidelines the following protocols will be in place:

- Stay home if you are sick with symptoms of COVID-19
- All large events - such as our worship service, et. al. - require masking and social distancing
- Choir rehearsal or other types of singing require masking because of the increased risk of transmission
- All other activities in the church building- meetings, AA, Carry Me Home, Loaves & Fishes, etc. and users of private offices – may establish their own COVID policies within their respective spaces
- Masking and social distancing in public hallways and bathroom is optional

This policy applies to all areas of the building. Anyone not complying with this policy may be asked to leave the building. Thank you for your cooperation!

DEACONS

*The Spring has sprung, the grass has ris,
I wonder where the birdies is*



We happily returned to in-person services on March 6 with about fifty in attendance. Protocols for now are: wear a mask, use hand sanitizer before entering, practice social distancing.

The chandeliers will be bright and shiny after our cleaning bee on April 2 at 9:00am.

We hope the sanctuary will be adorned with colorful flowers, and many members, on Easter Sunday, April 17! There will be a service on the lawn at 8:00am and in the sanctuary at 10:00am.

A huge thank you for many years of service to Heidi Mario, who has resigned; and to Bill McCarty, who will be stepping down in May. That will leave us with four active deacons, and Wayne Randall, who has been inactive due to illness. Please consider volunteering to become a Deacon!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Adult Book Discussion continues live at 9:00am on Sunday mornings in the newly reconstituted Heritage Room. We are currently reading *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*, by Suzanne Simard, an intriguing mix of family relationships and science (mycology).

No reading outside is required, as we read and discuss at the time. New participants are always welcomed.

For more information, contact Judy Palmer: 603.353.0590 / judithp41@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S SPIRIT has restarted in-person meetings on Thursday afternoons at 4:30. The new Heritage Room (old Finance Office they share with us) has the table and chairs and is comfortable for our group. Please enter it through the Christian Education room door then the door on the right at the near end of the room. Those doors are always unlocked as they lead to the fire door exit. So, we can get in without a key.

Saving Us, by Katharine Hayhoe is our current book. The author is a climate scientist and evangelical Christian who presents tools to open a dialogue with loved ones about how we can play a role in pushing forward change.

As the name '*WOMEN'S SPIRIT*' implies, we welcome all women wanting to join in sharing this experience.

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MISSION & SERVICE

Thank you to all who have contributed to our missions of Centre Church. Whether it's helping at Loaves & Fishes, sorting clothes at *Carry Me Home*, making meals for the Seasonal Overflow Shelter, helping at SIT, creating the labyrinth, participating in the candlelight vigil, driving our Afghan family, helping a member, donating to our Second Sunday offering, etc. You, our friends and members of Centre Congregational Church have helped others in many ways. You have furthered our service and the missions of this church. Thank you!

Our Second Sunday Offering for April will benefit the Brattleboro Summer Lunch Program. This important program provides lunches for children who normally receive lunch at school. In the summer, these meals aren't available—the Summer Lunch Program fills in this gap. We also will have a writing campaign for *Bread for the World*, to help inspire continued funding for families in need. Please read the article from Roger Brown to learn more about this.

Thank you to Jack Bixby, Jenifer Ambler, Scott Couper, and Dennis Newman for making room on the lawn and creating the labyrinth. Though two weeks later than last year, nature created the right combination of snow and cold, so we could create the Labyrinth and have ice candle-holders for a beautifully lit labyrinth. Abby Healey and family made a few ice candles, as did Nan Mann and Priscilla Svec. We even had a few very small ones from the children at BCC. On Friday, March 4, we held a beautiful candlelight vigil for the people of Ukraine. We prayed, sang, and listened as Mary Milkey-May and Alison Hale played the Ukraine national anthem on the bells and flute. About 20-25 people attended, standing amongst the lights of the labyrinth. Perhaps the weather will cooperate next winter.

An update from El Salvador: Jenifer and Scott hope to attend the Sister Parish meeting in November in El Salvador. This conference has been cancelled in the past due to COVID, but hopefully can happen this year.

Our scholarship dollars through *Luz del Mundo* are hard at work through the students it supports. One student, Giselle, has started full-time at the university this semester! Among her classes are Statistics, History, English and Psychology. A wonderful accomplishment for her and we are so

thankful to all of you for your support of Giselle and the many other students. Hopefully, Jesse Lepkof and his wonderful musician can perform a benefit concert this summer as they have the last two. These concerts have been funded by grants which Jesse has received. At this date, no funding has been secured, but we hope that this will happen and the wonderful music can happen in support of the Luz del Mundo Scholarship Fund.

Please remember the **SOS** meal for Groundworks is on the third Sunday of the month. Sign up on our church facebook page through the sign up Genius. Thank you to all who have helped in the past and those who will help this month. So appreciated!!



Bread for the World – Current Legislative Concerns

In early February, Jennifer Ambler, and Roger Brown met on ZOOM with Cheri Anders, a *Bread for the World* activist based in Boston, Richard Butz, a hunger activist from Brandon, VT, met with a staff member of Senator Leahy's office in Washington, DC. The purpose was to promote some specific hunger related legislative programs. We spoke in support of three programs. The first was advocating for an expansion of the Child Tax Credit which would benefit 104,000 Vermont children if included in Build Back Better legislation. The second was advocating for the expansion of Community Eligibility of the Free School Meals program. If implemented, 98 additional schools in Vermont could become eligible. The third was the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (Summer EBT). This program provides money for needy families through a debit card system (hence "electronic benefit"). If implemented, about 39,000 Vermont children would qualify for the program. This ZOOM meeting illustrates how *Bread for the World* is primarily an activist organization, whereas, other hunger related organizations promote direct delivery of food and meals.

The Mission & Service Board is proposing a letter-writing campaign in support of these programs. The letter writing event is to be after church, probably in the Parlor, on **Sunday, April 10**.

AFGHAN CO-SPONSORSHIP TEAM

The UCC Co-Sponsorship Group welcomed an Afghan family on Valentine's Day at the Manchester, NH airport, and, since then our volunteers have been dedicated to helping the family settle in Brattleboro. We have shown the family local culture, through activities such as 'Sugar on Snow' at Memorial Park, Artful Ice Shanties at the Retreat Farm, and recently the NECCA Circus Spectacular at the Latchis. The children (ages 14, 12, and 9) have enjoyed sledding and making snowmen. The family has also explored downtown Brattleboro, its shops and the library.

On the first Thursday in March, our volunteers hosted a special lunch to formally welcome the family, with homemade and donated food and snacks. The family made connections with volunteers, whom they met for the first time. It was a happy time for all. We hope to continue to welcome the family in myriad ways.

Currently, we are working on finding housing for the family, preferably a three bedroom apartment or a house of similar size. Our employment volunteers are also working with the father of the family on finding suitable work. He has an extensive background in civil engineering and construction. The mother of the family has a background in sewing, styling, and dress making. Both parents are taking part in English classes at SIT.

The children officially started school in early March. The oldest daughter attends BAMS, and the middle daughter and the youngest son attend the Academy School. Thanks to our education volunteer, who works at the high school, the children felt ready and prepared for their first day. We are excited to be part of their journey as students, and we are learning about their range of interests in music, the arts, and the sciences. The two daughters have expressed interest in medicine.

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Team Coordinator, UCC Co-Sponsorship Group

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes, Inc. held its Board of Directors Annual meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022, in Memorial Hall at Noon. The three incorporators: Dennis Newman, President; Rennie Washburn, Treasurer; and Mary Ellen Bixby, Secretary selected the new members of the Board. They are Ruth Tilghman - 3 years, David Treadwell - 3 years, Bonnie Girvan - 2 years, Margo Neal - 2 years, and Bob Oeser - 1 year. The Board is hoping to fill the last remaining spot soon with a member of St Michael's Episcopal Church or Centre Church.

Loaves & Fishes now has 501c3 status. Bob Pu, Rennie Washburn, and Dennis Newman arranged for the new status, and the Board thanks them for their time and expertise.

Centre Church and St Michael's have entered into a two-church partnership, and the churches will both be supporting Loaves & Fishes. St Michael's supplies many volunteers, is contributing monetarily to the operation, and has two members sitting on the Board of Directors: Ruth Tilghman and David Treadwell.

Rennie reported a current balance of \$7,404.50. Expenses for January and February were \$6,708.76. The Fundraising letter brought in \$2,175. Total income for January and February was \$2,575. Rennie plans to do a Fundraising letter twice a year.

Loaves & Fishes prepares meals during these COVID times for takeout only. Among the meals delivered are 89 adult and kid bags to SIT for the Afghan refugees each Tuesday and Friday.

What an important service Loaves & Fishes provides. Thank you, Centre Church, for your generosity!

Mary Ellen Bixby, Secretary



BRATTLEBORO CENTRE FOR CHILDREN

As spring approaches, the staff and children of Brattleboro Centre for Children (BCC) are looking forward to increased outdoor time and the greening of our surroundings. It is also a time when many of our 4 year olds are turning 5 and thinking about kindergarten. This brings us to the topic of a unique program at BCC, The Kindergarten Club. This is a program that BCC runs during summers for our children who are headed into a kindergarten program in the fall. Its content changes every year, meeting the specific needs of that year's graduating class. Graduation is often held the final full day of summer before BCC goes into in service week.

We are also launching our annual appeal this month, since in the fall we celebrated our 20th anniversary. So be on the look out for our letters, or feel free to make a donation anytime. This year's appeal is for the Starfish Fund, our special scholarship program aimed at helping families retain enrollment in the face of financial stressors, and the last two years of pandemic have been just that for many families. Therefore, it is time to replenish the fund. Thank you to any and all who have contributed to this good cause.

Nan Mann, Director



MEMBER CARE

The Third Sacrament???

Several years ago, I wrote an article for *Centre Bells* entitled "The Third Sacrament". I was not being disrespectful of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. Rather, I was taking the suggestion of a minister in Long Island, NY who wrote that the Congregational 'Coffee Hour' could be considered the 'Third Sacrament'. It is an indicator of community and belonging.

For such a long time we have been denied the warm experience of our traditional coffee hour.

For many, coffee hour is a time to express concern for others and their family happenings, inquire about the well-being of friends, and have conversations you are not supposed to be having in the sanctuary during worship. Grandparents used to bring out baby pictures (now maybe show them on their cell phones). There is time for an exchange of ideas, to get in touch with other committee members, to chat with the pastor, and of course, to have coffee or tea and some cookies or other goodies.

Like many of you, I hope that we will soon be able to resume that after-church tradition of 'Coffee Hour'.

Our prayer: "Be with us and guide us in all we say and do, and in all the ways which we gather to know, celebrate and honor you. Amen."

Marion Daley

PEOPLE

NEW CENTRE CHURCH MEMBERS

As of Sunday March 6, 2022, we welcome:

Lee Moore **Caitlin Rose Scott (Cait)**
Beth Crutcher **Tom Allen**
John Crutcher

SOME BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Beth & John Crutcher came to live in Saxton's River from 'across the pond', London England. John joked that it was a move from a city of millions to a town with a population of 500! Beth is now the Director of Advancement at the Vermont Academy. John is retired from the book publishing business. He continues to be an avid reader.

Their newly married son lives in New Jersey. Their daughter is away at Marist College near Poughkeepsie, NY. John told me they have pets - three dogs, all different breeds. Looking forward to learning more about this couple.

Caitlin Scott & Tom Allen

In my 33 years of being a member of Centre Church, I have interviewed few born and bred Vermonters. Tom Allen is one who claims that title. He grew up in Brattleboro and graduated from Brattleboro High School.

Caitlyn came across the Connecticut River from Harrisville, New Hampshire. She graduated from Keene High School. Her work is in a recovery center for people with drug and alcohol addictions.

Her family had been active in the Congregational church in Harrisville so it was a natural move to join us at Centre. Tom and Caitlyn have no kids, but two cats named Walter and August.

Caitlyn has been a member of the 18th Century Living History Group. They have been on restriction from performing during the COVID lock-down. Perhaps she and our Council vice-chair, Sue Rowell, will be able to perform soon. Next month we'll introduce you to Lee Moore.



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A word of good cheer would be warmly received by members and friends of our church who are in nursing homes, assisted living centers, or are housebound as of March 26.

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Please let the Administrator know if we've missed someone.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dart & Joy Everett
- 12 Holly & Matthew Kennedy
- 13 Roger & Judy Miller



BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Nancy DiMauro
Caroline McCarthy
- 9 Cody Balin
- 11 Amy Balin
- 12 Kai-Ming Pu
- 13 Sandy Daly
- 14 Deborah Brown
Judi Miller
- 17 Arnold Young
- 19 Beverly Webster
Julie Ball
- 22 Meg Harriman
- 25 Alison Hale
- 27 Anne Doesburg



Obituary, Patricia Austin



Patricia E. 'Pat' Austin, 90, of North Street, a longtime resident of town, died Saturday morning, March 5, 2022 at the Thompson House on Maple Street, the result of injuries she sustained from a fall at her home.

She was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on December 19, 1931, the daughter of Addison and Audrey (Block) Ely. Pat was raised and educated in Westfield, New Jersey, later attending Stephens College in Missouri and the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Pat had been employed as a sales associate at the former Wilsons LTD, Candy and Gift Store on Main Street in Brattleboro. For many years she was a volunteer working in the coffee shop at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and was also an active volunteer at the Thompson House Nursing Home.

She was a member of Centre Congregational Church, where she served on several church committees. Pat enjoyed golf and was a member of the Brattleboro Country Club. Of her other pastimes and interests, she enjoyed collecting miniatures, scrapbooking and time spent with her family.

On April 12, 1958, at the Westfield, New Jersey Presbyterian Church, she was married to Kenneth S. Austin who predeceased her.

Survivors include: one daughter, Carol Coulombe and her husband Larry of Hinsdale; a son, Addison E. Austin of Ft. Thomas, Kentucky; one sister, Joan Carpenter of Birmingham, Michigan; five grandsons, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was conducted on Saturday, March 19 at Centre Congregational Church with Pastor Scott Cooper, officiating. Pat will be laid to rest beside her husband in Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to:

- Centre Congregational Church,
Book of Remembrance,
193 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301
- Brattleboro Area Hospice,
191 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301
- or to a charity of one's choice.

APRIL 2022

**ZOOM events
*Holy Communion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes	2 9 ⁰⁰ Chandelier cleaning
3 Ramadan Begins 9 ⁰⁰ Adult Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship* 12 ⁰⁰ Deacons' meeting	4 4 ³⁰ Christian Ed board 7 ⁰⁰ Pub Theology	5 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ⁰⁰ Afghan Team	6 11 ⁰⁰ Staff Meeting 12 ⁰⁰ Help Fund	7 10 ⁰⁰ UCC Devotional** 4 ⁰⁰ Sermon discussion** 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Choir rehearsal	8 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes	9
10 Palm Sunday 9 ⁰⁰ Adult Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship / FIA 11 ³⁰ Bread for the World write-in	11 7 ⁰⁰ Christian Theology	12 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 11 ³⁰ Lenten Seminar 7 ⁰⁰ Afghan Team	13 11 ⁰⁰ Staff Meeting 12 ⁰⁰ Help Fund 6 ⁰⁰ Mission & Service 7 ⁰⁰ Climate Change Forum	14 Maundy Thursday 10 ⁰⁰ UCC Devotional** 3 ³⁰ BCC Board 4 ⁰⁰ Sermon discussion** 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Choir rehearsal 7 ⁰⁰ Worship	15 Good Friday CB DEADLINE 11 ⁰⁰ Worship Dummerston UCC 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes	16 Holy Saturday
17 Easter 8 ⁰⁰ Worship—lawn 9 ⁰⁰ Adult Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship / FIA 5 ⁰⁰ SOS Meal	18 4 ⁰⁰ Compassionate Brattleboro 7 ⁰⁰ Pub Theology	19 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ⁰⁰ Afghan Team	20 11 ⁰⁰ Staff Meeting 12 ⁰⁰ Help Fund 6 ⁰⁰ Church Council 6 ³⁰ NAACP	21 10 ⁰⁰ UCC Devotional** 4 ⁰⁰ Sermon discussion** 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Choir rehearsal	22 Earth Day 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes VT Conference Annual Meeting	23 VT Conference Annual Meeting
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APRIL LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, April 3, 5th Sunday in Lent
Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4b-14; Jn 12:1-8

Sunday, April 10, Palm/Passion Sunday
(Liturgy of Palms) Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; **Luke 19:28-40**
(Liturgy of the Passion) Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16;
Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 **or** Luke 23:1-49


Thursday, April 14, Maundy Thursday
Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 15, Good Friday
Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25 **or**
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday
Job 14:1-14 **or** Lam 3:1-9, 19-24; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16;
1 Peter 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66 **or** Jn 19:38-42

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43 **or** Isa 65:17-25; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Cor 15:19-26 **or** Acts 10:34-43; **Jn 20:1-18** **or**
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 24, 2nd Sunday of fEaster
Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-29 **or** Ps 150; Rev 1:4-8,
Jn 20:19-31



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