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The Monthly Newsletter of **Unity in the Olympics**

Manifesting a Minister: Answering the Call — Part 2 of 3

Part 2 of the interview with Rev. Larry Schellink

by Board of Trustees President Charlotte Coachman

Q: After retiring, how did the message come to you to seek another ministerial position?

Rev. Larry: When I first left the ministry in Santa Barbara, I felt like I needed a permanent vacation, but all I knew was I need some time off for sure. After about a year, we were in Hawaii, so I was getting lots of R & R. I got my fill of beach walks, if you can get your fill of beautiful sunsets and beach walks. Every night was beautiful. We stayed in this beautiful condominium beach tower, and it was just the most gorgeous place. So, again, I was back to that idea of, "Does it matter how great the outside is, what is it that enlivens you?"

I had started to feel like the work that I had done had reached a breaking point for me in stress from this rather difficult ministry that I was in, in Santa Barbara. But there was a part of me that felt I still wanted to do this work, at least the work where I could share and express these teachings that I still find so powerfully and passionately enlivening.



My guidance was, I will look to see, as I knew we were going to move to Washington. Since I had been out of ministry for more than a year, I had to go through a recertification process. I had to fill out pages and pages and go through lengthy interviews with a team of Ministers.

Around Father's Day, 2020, I went through a major health challenge. Going through that and having healing time, I did not do anything with the ministries I had been interested in. I was aware of Unity in the Olympics. I was thinking it would be a little farther than I wanted as we did not know where we would end up. We wanted to be close to our Son who lives in Suquamish, WA.

I want to make sure that what I take on, I will be able to manage and do what I do well within the constraints of part-time. I began to look in earnest again. I was familiar with Unity in the Olympics because of Rev. Richard Levy, past minister of UitO, who got me into the ministry, and who often talked about his first church. He spoke so fondly of it. This is such a beautiful area, and so I thought, let's just find out.

Q: We are entering into a 3 month trial period with you as our Part-Time Minister. What is the most important thing you would like us to know going forward?

Rev. Larry: I think the most important thing to know is that communication is the key to any relationship. Whether it is an intimate romantic relationship or a business relationship, I am a strong believer in communication. And not just garden variety communication, but really speaking the truth.

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Rev. Larry: Honesty, integrity, letting your hair down, not saying one thing, and thinking something else. Because so much of that is what destroys relationships and can do harm, that is the most important thing. I would be committed to that kind of honesty in my conversation with the people I would be working with. I am very willing to own my part in situations that may become conflicted, difficult or troubling. I also would sort of expect the same from other people. I think people can move past almost anything if there is a level of honesty, compassion, and understanding. That is probably my biggest lesson in all my years in ministry and my years of being married, 42 years of marriage. One marriage in California - that is pretty remarkable.

Q: What is your vision for Youth & Family?

Rev. Larry: From my experience, you have to have the right person in place. Parents who would be drawn to the church, especially those with small children, their first concern is who will be taking care of my kids. We found that if the kids are having a good time they will bring the parent. They will insist that they go back Sunday to Sunday. Then hopefully, the parents get served by the adults with the programs, message, or music, and they find that they want to continue. Often, it is that parents need to get their kids involved in some kind of spiritual education that they are not equipped to do on their own. They will want to find a thought system that agrees with their general philosophy of life. Then those thoughts would get supported by a competent Sunday school Teacher. They want to feel good about the program, the facility, the environment, and what the kids are exposed to.

The best programs I have been around are the ones with the most outstanding, enthusiastic Youth and Family coordinators or teachers.



Look for Part 3 in the August edition of In Unison.



Unitreat LIVE at Cispus

August 14-19

This Summer

About this Unitreat: Virtual retreat has been canceled and the Live retreat rescheduled in August.

This 6 day, 5 night retreat includes an exciting three day challenge-by-choice Ropes Course, camp fires, creative expressions, all while making friends with Uniteens from throughout the Northwestern Region. *This year, our in-person Unitreat will be August 14-19 at Camp Cispus!*

[Click here for details and to register for August.](#)



President's Corner

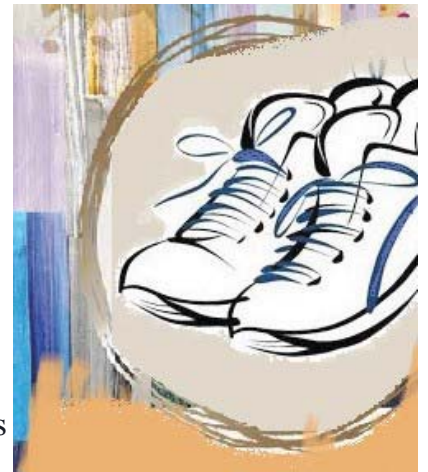
by *Unity in the Olympics Board President, Charlotte Coachman*

Today, before I began to write this article, and as I was in the process of completing one leg of my journey to Oklahoma, I kept starting to form the words in my mind that I would write, and then the tears would come. I would set them aside by concentrating on my drive, the beauty around me, and my destination that was getting nearer.

Now, I am sitting at a strange desk and asking myself how I even begin to relate how I am feeling?

I am contemplating how the loss of this wonderful being known as Duane Morris has left us with a big hole in our hearts and big shoes to fill even as we celebrate him and all his wonderful attributes.

The truth is, our hearts will heal in time and we can't fill those shoes. But, we can put on our shoes, step out onto the path Duane began, and ask for his and Spirit's guidance to continue.



When Erik Simpson and I took on the task of completing the vision of the church garden we kept saying, "How can we do this without knowing the fullness of what he, Duane, had planned?"

Thank You, Rev. Donna, for reminding us that all we had to do was ask him and listen for the answer. Other volunteers stepped up, and the first phase of the front garden is well on its way to completion, with the second phase to come later in the summer.

As with so many of the things Duane brought joy into, he was very excited about the possibility of Rev. Larry Schellink becoming our minister. I feel he is doing a celebratory dance somewhere, knowing that we have entered into a three-month contract with Rev. Larry and will continue to explore a more prolonged association.



Prayer Chaplain Corner



by Rev. Donna Little, *Unity in the Olympics' Minister Emeritus*

We experience many challenges and opportunities in our lives: faith in God does not change that! **Stuff Happens...**

And, if we are willing to go to God FIRST; if we are willing to hold the knowing in our hearts and minds that God is GOOD and God intends this for GOOD, then it will be.

“It is all good in the end. If it is not good, it is not yet the end” - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011)

SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING

Excerpts from an article by Rev. Evin Wilkins

**“With spiritual understanding,
I know everything is unfolding
for my highest good.”**

“...Spiritual understanding isn't always the same as understanding that the sky is blue or two plus two equals four. It's knowing and trusting that your highest good is unfolding despite outer circumstances. It's knowing and trusting that the path before you will lead you to a destination far more beautiful than you ever dared to imagine.”

“Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV): Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding.”

A Prayer of Understanding

By Rev. Sheila McKeithen, JD

“In this moment, I understand there is a divine flow to my life. At all times, God's with me. I am never alone, even when I feel lonely.

“My understanding empowers me to believe in myself and my desires, *no matter what.*

“When my desires are “ripe” they bear fruit/abundance and beyond my wildest imaginings. This is why delays do not scare me and fear does not stop me.

“In the silence of prayer, understanding reveals that my own comes to me in divine ways that are a blessing to me and to



How May We Pray with You?

Prayer Support is always available at Unity in the Olympics. Email us at uito@olypen.com or call 360.457.3981 Please include: your name, phone number and request. We will include your prayer on our prayer list.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 2021

Finances for May 2021

The May 2021 financial reports show a Net Income of \$1,087.29. All accounts payables are current. Your Board of Trustees opted to transfer \$500 to the Contingency Fund savings account.

Tithes for the month of May, to be paid in June, totaling \$514 were sent to Silent Unity, Unity Northwest, Unity Worldwide Ministries, TAFY, Sequim Food Bank and Port Angeles Food Bank.

A special thank you to all of our wonderful members and friends who continue their generous support of this ministry!

Blessings,

Kim Perkins

Board of Trustees Treasurer



Unity In the Olympics Profit & Loss May 2021

	May 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Book & Literature Sales	24.00
Interest Income	0.84
Misc. Income	8.09
Rent Income	115.00
Tithes/Offerings	4,997.00
Total Income	5,144.93
Gross Profit	5,144.93
Expense	
Advertising and Promotion	77.50
Bank Service Charges	
Paypal Fees	31.13
Total Bank Service Charges	31.13
Building Improvements	
Infrastructure	91.79
Total Building Improvements	91.79
Copy Machine	159.56
Food for church potlucks	41.00
Guest Speakers	750.00
Insurance Expense	217.08
Internet and Phone	62.24
Music	250.00
Office Supplies	32.14
Payroll Expenses	
Admin Assist Wages	643.50
Administrator Wages	700.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	126.84
Total Payroll Expenses	1,470.34
Postage and Delivery	59.00
Tithes Expense	396.00
Utilities	369.86
Website Direct Exp	50.00
Total Expense	4,057.64
Net Ordinary Income	1,087.29
Net Income	1,087.29

Respectfully submitted at the Board of Trustees meeting held on June 21, 2021.

***Divine Love,
through me,
blesses and multiplies
All that I am,
All that I have,
All that I give,
And all that I receive
I give in Love.***

Understanding Understanding Understanding Understanding

by Sandra Blanchard

Unity in the Olympics' Vice-President



Understanding: Proverbs 16:16 NASB -

“How much better it is to get wisdom than gold!

And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.”

The dictionary defines Wisdom as the mental process of a person in order to comprehend or interpret the things they encounter in their personal life. And, identifies Understanding as something that comes from the mind of man. It is used as a synonym for intelligence and discernment. There are 150 references to Understanding in the Scriptures. What is the difference between Wisdom and Understanding? Job asked in the Bible this question many times, Job 28:20 KJV “Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?” And, Job 38:36 “ Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?”

The Scriptures describe the heart as the center of the total personality especially with reference to intuition, feeling, emotion (love) and Understanding. Could we consider that the heart is also integral to man’s understanding? Understanding is our ability to make sense of our other powers of life. “With all my getting, give me an understanding heart.” I Kings 3:12 “I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart;” The power of Understanding correlates with our five physical senses and the analytical aspects of our conscious mind.” (David Williamson, D. Min., Gay Lynn Williamson, M.A. Psy., Robert H. Knapp, M.D.)



In Unity, Wisdom knows intuitively, our power to evaluate and to choose, discernment. Understanding knows why, we ask questions, growth comes from asking questions, understanding opens us to receive and to learn. Charles Fillmore chose Thomas, the disciple who stands for the faculty of

Understanding, with his doubting questioning mind. Doubt can be a good thing, the word “quest” is stimulated and driven by the word “question,” with both coming from the Latin “quaerere” meaning “to search.” Understanding is never final, we are always evolving and growing in wisdom. Alfred Tennyson says, “Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. Intellectual understanding comes from first in the soul’s development, then a deeper understanding of principles follows, until the whole man ripens into wisdom.”

Tennyson also wrote, “There lives more faith in honest doubt than in half the creeds.” Charles Fillmore wrote in *The Revealing Word*, pg. 202 “There are two ways of getting understanding. One is by following the guidance of Spirit that dwells within, and the other is to go blindly ahead and learn by hard experience. Spiritual understanding is the ability of the mind to apprehend and realize the laws of thought and the relation of ideas one to another.”

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Our basic nature is good, our power of understanding helps us to make sense out of all the other Powers which are innate within us and out of which we are forming our lives, the Powers are organic designed to work together to coordinate and function in a balanced way. We may use all or many in any given day, seeking to unfold moving toward wholeness. Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches,” also referring to the I Am or the Christ within is the core or vine within each of us, according to our level of understanding. Meister Eckhart called it “the seed of God, seeking to be fulfilled in, through and as us.” (161 Twelve Powers In You).



“Be Still and Know.”

Understanding can be increased as we practice becoming still.

A quiet mind can see more clearly what needs to be done. Practice stilling your mind, use a single word, repeat it over and over, focus on your breathing, go into a prayer state where you give your worries or challenges to a Higher Power, Jesus said to the disciples “Peace. Be still.”

Understanding does not always mean that our lives turn out the way we plan it, changes can take place beyond our control. Understanding often takes time, not to mention love and patience. Jesus showed us that we can turn an event or an experience in our lives to create within ourselves with time an understanding heart.

Dr. Knapp wrote in Twelve Powers In You (180),
“we can use our new understanding to move forward, to heal ourselves and to help others, especially those who are facing similar challenges that we have overcome.”



Charles Fillmore wrote, “No one ever attained spiritual consciousness without striving for it. The first step is to ask. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” Prayer is one form of asking, seeking, and knocking. Then make your mind receptive to the higher understanding, through silent meditations and affirmations of Truth. The earnest desire to understand spiritual things will open the way, and revelation within and without will follow. (93 The Twelve Powers).

Enter into prayer consciousness with Silent Unity . . . Silent Unity Virtual Prayer Vigil
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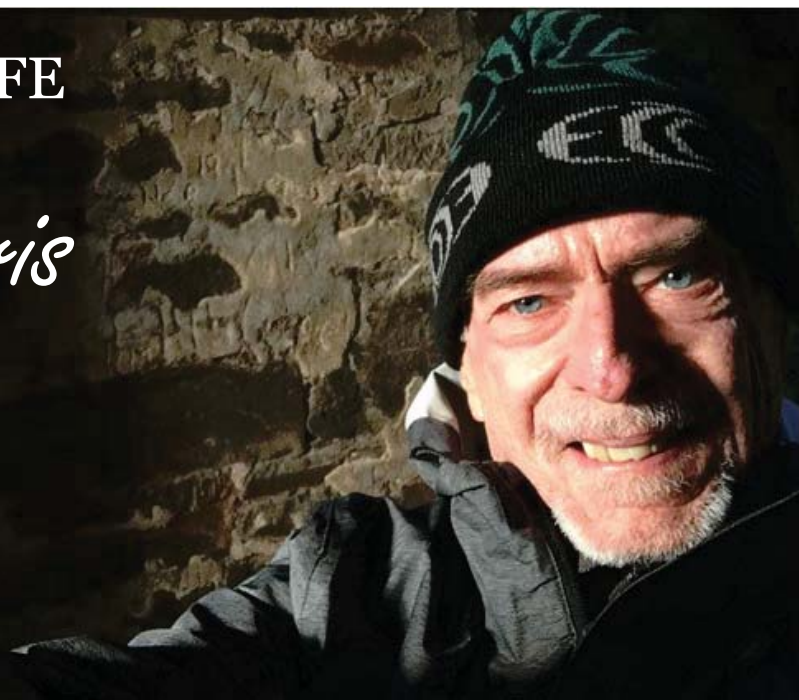
CELEBRATION OF LIFE

R. Duane Morris

2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 11th

Unity in the Olympics



The Rewards of Self Forgiveness by Robbin Eaves

In the May issue of *In Unison* I shared my story about backing my car into a telephone pole after picking up Duane Morris' church keys because I had left mine at home. (Please Go to Page 5 at:) <http://unityintheolympics.org/05-01-21%20Newsletter%20FINAL-w.pdf>

I know to stay in my center when I make mistakes or generally cause chaos in my life. But on that day, I was not able to do that. It was only through self-forgiveness and the kindness of Duane Morris that I returned to peace.

When I returned the church keys to Duane at TAFY, I shared my story with him. His eyes lit up and he said, "Come with me." He took me to the green house, where as far as you could see, were Christmas decorations made by TAFY residents and volunteers. He said, "Pick out anything you want." Loving Angels as I do, I picked this little tree with Angels all over it. (See picture to the right.)

I was instantly filled with the Christmas Spirit and placed it in my bedroom to remind me of his kindness and my willingness to love myself no matter what mistakes I make.

Thanks, Duane!



Thank You Very Much!

WE ARE GRATEFUL:

For Teia getting on the roof and covering the skylights.

For Teia, Tim and Char for providing home health visits.

For Rev. Larry stepping forward as minister and for providing Emergency support for new technical equipment.

For Erik rescuing our gardens and lawns during the heat wave.

For Charles being the new project coordinator as we go forward with the ONE Each website transition

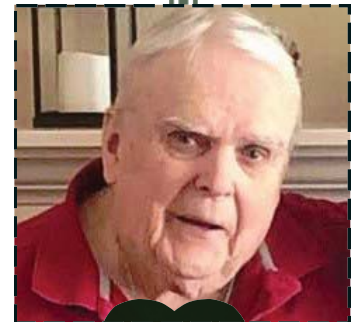
For Terry, M.E., George and our choir for providing LIVE music for our services.

For Alice for her dedication to her family and at the same time being able to support the newsletter

For Char, stepping up for a third time as Board of Trustees President and for creating and ordering Duane's Memorial Plaque

For Baby Reverie Gail and the medical team that brought her into our world.

Reverie is the new great niece of Robin Hubbard Swanson.



We appreciate you!



Can you hear me now?

The sanctuary sound system is in vital need of replacement. Funds are now being collected for a new wireless microphone system and mixer. If you would like to contribute towards this project, go to www.unityintheolympics.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button. In the comment area type in "Sound System."



Are YOU Passionate about Music?

What is your vision for Unity in the Olympics' music program?

Live musicians, the Choir singing at least once a month, and bringing professional musicians to us through Zoom, or in person, for a Sunday service?

What if you could help fulfill that vision?

emPowering Music

emPowering You

Change is the order of the day.

We are seeking a volunteer to step into the Music Coordinator role so that I may devote my energy to the position of Board President. Volunteers are an integral part of keeping our services going and attractive to people. I am calling for the perfect and right person to take over the duties of Music Coordinator. I would still be available to make lyric videos as long as we need them. This position would be working with Rev. Larry by preparing the music chosen for the services.

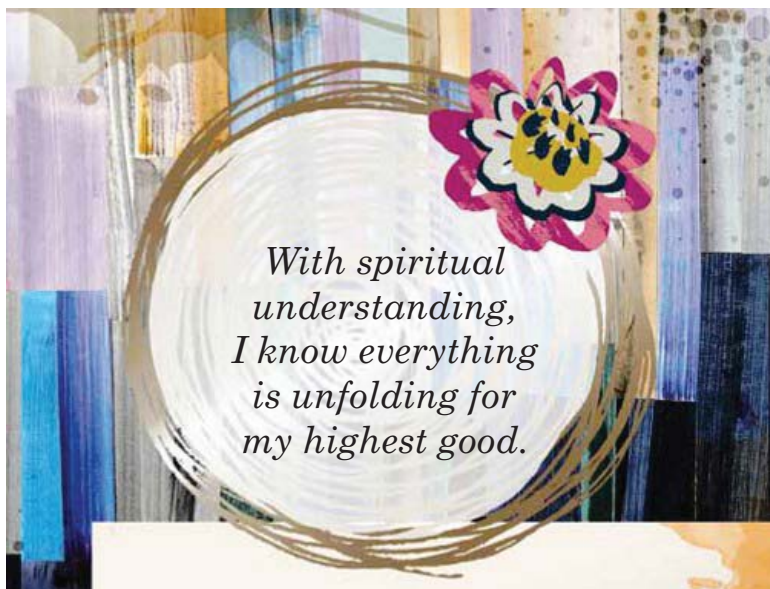
If you are interested or have questions, you may reach me at 360-452-5967.

Charlotte Coachman

Board President / Music Coordinator

Build Something to Stand On

By Winifred Wilkinson Hausmann



*With spiritual
understanding,
I know everything
is unfolding for
my highest good.*

(excerpted from *Your God-Given Potential*)

Understanding is important in developing our spiritual nature, because it is the faculty that puts feet under our prayers and gives our spiritual activity something to stand on.

Blind faith, faith without understanding of the spiritual laws, may get results on occasion, but our spiritual growth demands a base that is more dependable ... understanding that is grounded in spiritual Truth.

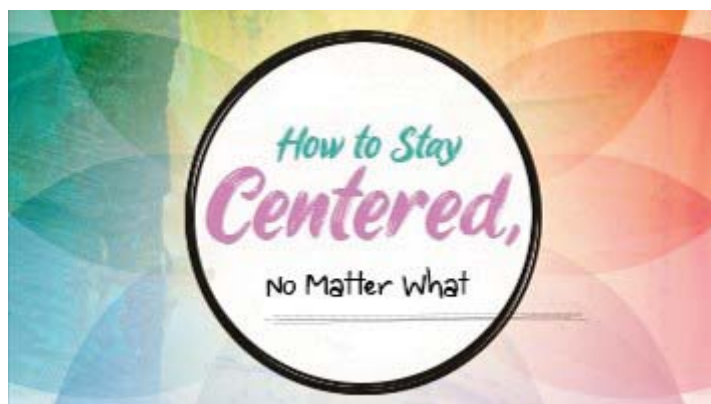
Thomas is the disciple who stands for the faculty of understanding. A study of his contact with Jesus gives us some insight into the way we must develop our own ability to think and learn to make deductions and draw conclusions so that we may awaken this spiritual quality in us.

Understanding

Understanding is the ability to know, perceive, and apprehend.

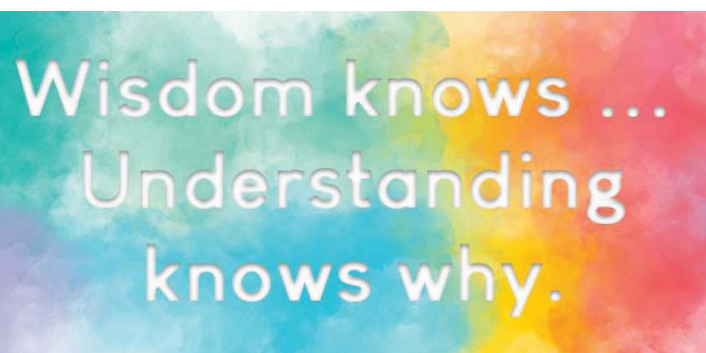
Thomas didn't always have spiritual understanding, but he wanted to learn. He didn't mind asking questions, and he listened to Jesus' answers ... Thomas is probably best known for doubting the news of the Resurrection when he heard it second-hand from the other disciples. Jesus respected Thomas' need to know firsthand.

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Explore More

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Vision Statement

"We are Spirit Expressing as Lives Transforming for Good!"

Sunday Celebration Service Schedule

10:30 a.m. Sundays

July 4th

Rev. Larry Schellink
"True Freedom"

July 11th

Rev. Larry Schellink

*"The Unitive Way
and Jesus' Teachings - #1"*

July 18th

Rev. Donna Little

"The White Stone Ceremony"

July 25th

Rev. Larry Schellink

*"The Unitive Way
and Jesus' Teachings - #2"*

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WE ARE OPEN! Welcome Home!



PLEASE NOTE: *As of June 30, the State of Washington lifts Covid-19 occupancy and capacity restrictions for indoor gatherings and we welcome all to return to Sunday services. (See pg.4 of "Healthy Washington" guidelines.)* Physical distancing and mask-wearing are now optional.

Notice: *We have temporarily suspended our Facebook Livestream of Sunday service while we undergo much-needed revamping and modernization of our sound and video equipment. If you are unable to attend the service in person, you can view the message/meditation on our YouTube channel which will be posted within a day or two of the service. Thank you for your understanding while we bring our technology up to current requirements for in-house services and web broadcasts.*

Tithe support is greatly appreciated! Please mail your tithe to **Unity in the Olympics**, or visit us online at www.unityintheolympics.org and click on **"Donate"**

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**To the Spirit Awakening within
Through the Wisdom of Love, Peace and Joy.**

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