



# The Journey

The Newsletter of the  
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church  
 A Welcoming Congregation



May 2018



## Annual Meeting of the Membership of BBUUC Sunday, May 20

Our Annual Meeting is an important gathering where the Members vote for next year's budget, Board of Directors, and Leadership Development Committee. We will need every Member to attend. Please watch for meeting information in your email.

## May 2018 Worship Services

Regular Services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32244

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Check the BBUUC Calendar for information on other programming.



**May 6**

**Dani Slader presents**

***"Living in Right Relationship"***

**Worship Leader: Linda Mowers**

**Accompanist: Gary Smart**

*About our Service:*

Right Relationship is a fun button word in our faith. It refers to how we try and be our best selves when we are together. Join us as we explore the role

covenant, community, and conversation have in our everyday lives as Unitarian Universalists, by taking a deep dive into our second principle.

*About our Speaker:*

Dani joined the UU faith when she was sixteen. Since then she has been an active lay leader in her congregation, served on the Leadership Development Committee for the Florida District, acted as the Director of Religious Education for Buckman Bridge for 4 years, and is our current Social Action Chair. Less formally, she is known as the girl with chalice tattoo.

## Pennies from Heaven is May 6

Please save all of your coins for the first Sunday of each month, and remember bills are welcome too! Pennies from Heaven donations are given to Meals on Wheels programs in Mandarin and Clay County and are alternated each quarter.



**May 13**

**Worship, Lifespan Religious Education,  
and Beacon Leadership Presents  
"Marking Our Passages — Together"**



**Worship Leader: Collaborative  
Accompanist: Sydney Crisp**

*About our Service:*

Religious communities are traditionally places we celebrate transitions in life. In our culture, graduation from high school is one such transition. This Sunday, we will honor our own Ava Lopez and Tye Rothberg in a "Bridging Ceremony" as they transition into young adulthood. Through ritual, song, and words, we will lift up their roles in our community and our hopes and support for their futures. All are welcome for this special service of joy and reflection.

We will also have a recognition of Mother's Day at the beginning of the service...a day with roots in Unitarian Universalism and in the dream of peace.

**May 20**

**Karen Christiansen presents  
"The Storms of Our Times - the Heart's  
Directive"**

**Worship Leader: Grace Repass  
Accompanist: Sydney Crisp**

*About our Service:*

This is an exploration of human feelings in times of cultural disintegration and how the heart may lead the way to staying true to yourself.

*About our Speaker:*

Karen was born in Wisconsin and owes a debt of gratitude to her family of origin, relatives, and neighbors for their support and guidance as well as access to Wisconsin lakes and forests every summer for many years. Loving the earth comes from the earth itself, but also from people who inhabit it and share it well. School and two aunts deserve credit for guiding Karen to the field of education. Their examples and enjoyment of teaching rubbed off on her and she enjoyed teaching for 30 years.



Karen's immediate family includes her husband Ken, two sons, and four grandchildren. It's a growing group. After retiring, Karen applied to the Meadville-Lombard Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago. She studied for two years there. One highlight of that experience was being on the board of the Hyde Park Transitional housing project. It was an interfaith effort of neighborhood churches to house the homeless and mentor them for up to two years. Transitions like this take time, but prove life changing.

Another highlight was becoming a chaplain at the University of Chicago Hospitals. Working in the oncology clinic days and spending Friday nights on call for both the children's and adult ER's as well as any hospital calls, kept me feeling quite fulfilled. Moving to Florida seven years ago led me to BBUUC. It was amazing to be present and see what the people here had created with this building and their hopes for it. At this church I've graciously been welcomed in and particularly enjoy being with small groups who listen to each other and explore issues together. Book groups, history of UU groups, environmental groups, the New Jim Crow group, Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, Faith Like a River, Building the World we Dream About, and Evensong groups. I enjoy teaching in Religious Education, being a team leader for the Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment called ICARE., and checking in on the Christian UU group from time to time.

I have been asked to share thoughts in the form of sermons and I thank those of you who allow me to

do that. I did take a class from Bill Schultz in seminary to learn how to create a sermon. Seems it just happens, helps me learn something new each time, and I'm so grateful to have people willing to share in this process and give me this avenue to grow with. Faith is a mystery is it not?

**May 27**

**Linda Crawford presents**

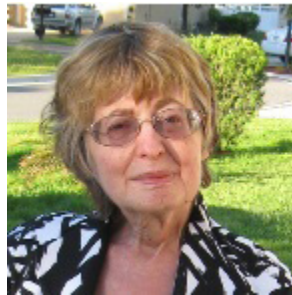
***"Our Seventh UU Principle"***

**Worship Leader: Jennifer Stokes**

**Accompanist: Gary Smart**

*About our Service:*

Our seventh principle applies our first principle - respect for the worth and dignity of each individual - to all life. It extends our faith's compassion to the entire web of existence. Linda will discuss why this principle is so fundamental to Unitarian Universalists, and to our ailing planet.



*About our Speaker:*

Linda and her husband Dale have been enthusiastic and active members of BBUUC for nine years now. This church has provided a home for her, a circle of friendship, and a refuge from a sometimes incomprehensible society. In the last few years, she has probed ever more deeply into Unitarian Universalist values; our greatest, in her mind, is compassion.



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



**Come to Sing, Play or just to Listen!**

### **BBUUC Song Circle**

**All are welcome! All levels  
or no level!**



Do you enjoy live, acoustical, original, and folk music? Original poetry too? (Yours and others)

So how about coming to our very relaxed After Service Song Circle?

**Sunday, May 6 from 12:15 until 2:00.**

Stay for a few minutes or an hour or more. Bring instruments or not. Sing or play or just listen. If you want to play, you can be proficient or just starting. (We're easy – all are welcome)

Job Meiller and Lynn Wadley will help keep the music flowing!

***Remember - May 6 – right after Coffee Hour***

### **Our Mission:**

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church exists to create and nourish a loving community that seeks justice and respect for all.





## EXPLORE

INDIVIDUAL LIFE JOURNEYS  
DOUBTS THOUGHTS  
CURRENT BELIEFS  
EXPERIENCES

### R U SIGNED UP?

**EVENSONG Begins May 9 • 7-9pm @ BBUUC**

We hope you will want to be part of Evensong.

In this Evensong series, participants will explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts, and current beliefs. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7PM to 9PM at the church.

Each week, we will follow an order of service, with the central event being a sharing time. We will be listening attentively and without interruption to one another.

#### Here is our plan:

**May 9** *Gathering One Beginning Together: Show and Tell*

**May 16** *Gathering Two Religious and Spiritual Experiences*

**May 23** *The Divine: What Do I Really Want?*

**May 30** *The Human: What Limits Do I Encounter?*

**June 6** *The Messiah, the Christ, the Buddha, The Divine Made Manifest: What Is Possible? What keeps Me Going?*

**June 13** *The Community: What Is Possible Together?*

**June 20** *Gathering Seven Endings: How Do I Live With Loss and Death?*

**June 27** *Gathering Eight Ministry: What Is My Ministry? What Am I Called to Do The World?*

Evensong is a good way to explore personal beliefs and possibilities and a great way to get to know a group of people.

There is no fee for Evensong. To register, please email [spiritmoves@bbuuc.org](mailto:spiritmoves@bbuuc.org) or call Karen at 781-8129.

For the first session, we would like to have a Show and Tell as part of the gathering. Please bring an object, photo, or memento to speak of to the rest of us.

We look forward to beginning. If you have any questions, please call. The group needs to keep with in 10 to 20 participants, so sign up early.

Thank you.

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## Newcomers Class



## Newcomer Classes June 2018

A three part series of classes in preparation to become a member of BBUUC will be held on three Sunday afternoons in June 2018.

### June 3 - Session I - "Getting to Know U"

Small group discussion where we get to know one another and share our spiritual journeys.

### June 10 - Session II - "Getting to Know UU"

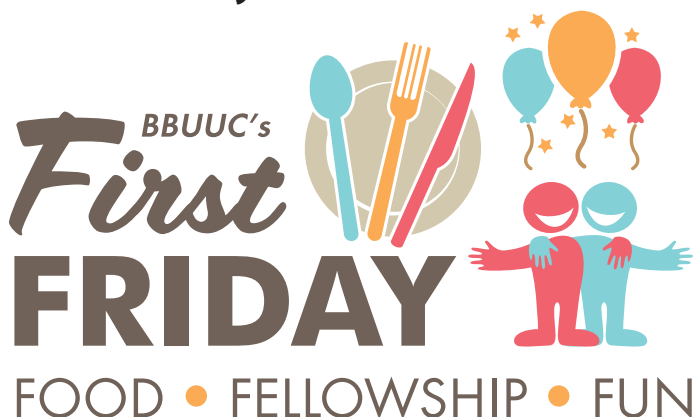
What is Unitarian Universalism? Our history, principles, and practices.

### June 17- Session III - "Getting to Know BBUUC"

How is our congregation governed? What are the privileges and responsibilities of being a Member of BBUUC?

Each two hour session is designed for group participation. For those who choose to join the church, the New Member Ceremony will be held during Sunday worship service on June 24.

## Get your tickets for



**Come and join us for a delicious meal with BBUUC friends, including good fellowship and fun together!**

**Tickets can be purchased Sundays at church.**

**Limited (25) seats available @ \$10 each!**

## MEMBER NEWS



### We Welcome New Member, Jim Wood!

Jim recently returned to Saint Augustine after a ten year stint in upstate New York. Originally from Indiana, he escaped to Georgia/North Florida after college and lived in the area for 25 years.

Jim works at JEA in the water/wastewater division for an engineering consulting company.

When he was in Saint Augustine previously, he lived on a 33 foot sailboat off and on for over twenty years and was a long distance sailboat racer. Choosing comfort over excitement, Jim now resides on land – although after two hurricanes and the resulting flooding he says he's subject to a bit of déjà vu when he looks out his window and his house is surrounded by water...again.

As a practicing Pagan, Jim came to the UU Fellowship in Poughkeepsie, NY through the CUUPS chapter. He "found" BBUUC through its CUUPS chapter as well.

In Poughkeepsie, Jim was active in CUUPS as the group co-facilitator, served as the Fellowship's Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair and the resident "facilities expert" by way of his contractor's license.

He sees UU as a "big tent" where all are free to pursue their own spiritual path with support and encouragement free of doctrine and dogma.

Jim is an ordained Druid Priest of FoDLA (Fellowship of Druidism of the Latter Age) and leads a Grove (church) dedicated to sharing druidism and

performing rituals. He especially loves performing handfasting (marriage), naming (new baby) and transition (funeral) rituals when asked.

Jim is also a shamanic practitioner and teaches shamanic journey classes as well as performing shamanic healing.

In his "free" time he is a consummate traveler, reader (all things esoteric) and folk music enthusiast. He has traveled the last eleven years to the British Isles for a week at a time on pilgrimage to the standing stones, stone circles and holy wells that dot the Land.

He is looking forward to becoming active in BBUUC as service to the "tribe" is a basic value of his druidism as well as a great way to meet people. It's great to meet you too, Jim!

## *Joys and Concerns*

**Richard Funk and Terry Versailles** have moved to Philadelphia. They send us this greeting from their new home: "This has been such an upheaval for us (not necessarily in a bad way) but we're still reeling from it all. Fortunately our house sold the first week on the market so that was a relief. We also found an ideal apartment in Center City Philadelphia which we are very anxious to move into. In case we don't make it to services (on a visit back to finish moving) please let everyone know that all is well with us and we will miss all of you greatly."

Congratulations to **Lee Plumb** who is planning to begin a new job April 30!

**Ben, Meg and Zoe Atkinson** are excited to share the news that they will welcome a new member to the family this fall. Meg is due to deliver a boy in early October. Zoe is more than a little excited to become a big sister!

Awesome job **Jennifer Stokes**! She recently competed at the International Speech Competition for Toastmasters and won at the area level then competed against 4 outstanding speakers at the division level with a speech entitled "Seven minutes to world peace" which included a meditation exercise for the crowd.

## Happy Birthday!

May 4 ..... Ben Atkinson  
 May 5 ..... Eva Lester  
 May 7 ..... Alexandra Hamon  
 May 8 ..... Christine Rothberg  
 May 11 ..... Veronica Bunce  
 May 11 ..... Orion Roesch  
 May 12 ..... Lucy Warner  
 May 13 ..... Rune Kaminski  
 May 19 ..... Thalia Dunkle  
 May 23 ..... Jamie Bunce  
 May 23 ..... Kris Kines  
 May 24 ..... Bryce Hamon  
 May 25 ..... Michelle Corum  
 May 25 ..... Nathaniel Samuels  
 May 31 ..... Sandy Coffey  
 May 31 ..... Dale Crawford  
 May 31 ..... Leah Rogers



## Wedding Anniversaries

05/11 ..... Jo and Sarah Nieschalk  
 05/24 ..... Brenda and John Patterson  
 05/27 ..... Anna and David Strickland  
 05/28 ..... Pam Edwards-Roine and Pedro Roine



If you are a recent member and we have not run an introduction article about you for the Journey yet, please feel free to contact [publishing@bbuuc.org](mailto:publishing@bbuuc.org). We're interested in how you found BBUUC, what you like here, and what you would like other members of the BBUUC community to know about you. We can help you write the article or you can write a 400 word or less article about yourself. We would also like a photo so that people know who you are and can introduce themselves to you during Fellowship Time after the service.



## BBUUC Membership Anniversaries

Pam Edwards-Roine..... May 6, 1990  
 Barry Heath..... May 6, 1990  
 Frances Kennicutt ..... May 6, 1990  
 Joani Maskell ..... May 6, 1990  
 Linda Mowers ..... May 6, 1990  
 Robin Polizzi..... May 6, 1990  
 Alice Fletcher..... May 20, 1990  
 Cliff Maskell ..... May 27, 1990  
 Pedro Roine..... May 1, 1994  
 Joyce Johnson ..... May 14, 1995  
 Jennifer Stokes ..... May 6, 2001  
 Debbie Jones ..... May 14, 2006  
 Michael Bernos ..... May 23, 2010  
 Don DeStephano ..... May 8, 2011  
 Sarah Johnson ..... May 8, 2011  
 Eileen Morrison ..... May 8, 2011  
 Lee Albright ..... May 20, 2012  
 Erik Slader ..... May 20, 2012  
 Nelson Antunes ..... May 14, 2017  
 Sharon Antunes ..... May 14, 2017  
 Ben Atkinson..... May 14, 2017  
 Meg Atkinson..... May 14, 2017  
 Jyoti Chawla..... May 14, 2017  
 Janie Dew..... May 14, 2017  
 Gary Dunkle..... May 14, 2017  
 Kaz Dunkle ..... May 14, 2017  
 Brad Goodrich..... May 14, 2017  
 Claire Goodrich..... May 14, 2017  
 Kaia Goodrich..... May 14, 2017  
 Caitlin Trachim ..... May 14, 2017

Help us keep our records up-to-date! If you see birthday, anniversary, or membership anniversary that needs to be corrected or added to our list, please send it to [membership@bbuuc.org](mailto:membership@bbuuc.org).



Jonathan Trachim ..... May 14, 2017

## ICARE (Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment)



At least 44 BBUUC members and friends attended the ICARE Nehemiah Assembly held Monday, April 23. State Attorney Melissa Nelson and Sheriff Mike Williams were in attendance along with other public officials. Past and ongoing success stories were celebrated including the Grocery Store and Marketplace for 30 entrepreneurs that is being built near the corner of Myrtle and Moncrief; the now over 80% rate of issuing Civil Citations instead of arresting youths for nonviolent offenses in Duval County; and the new State Law supporting Civil Citations instead of arrests due to advocacy by ICARE and nine sister organizations in other Florida cities. It was also recognized that ICARE has momentarily stopped actively working toward a Homeless Day Resource Center in downtown Jacksonville due to opposition from other homeless service providers and the business community. If the issues of homelessness and housing rise to the surface in House Meetings again, they will be addressed again, most likely from a different angle.

Both State Attorney Nelson and Sheriff Williams made commitments to work with ICARE in developing a new level of data transparency on their websites. Sheriff Williams declined to commit to a \$1,500,000 budget for the Jacksonville Re-Entry Center that helps felons who have served their sentences find a place in society. But he did indicate there will be an increase of \$250,000 in their budget. Sheriff Williams also declined to stop issuing citations that include a fine of \$65 for jay-walking offenses and riding bicycles on the sidewalk. (In poor communities, a \$65 fine can be difficult to pay. If not paid, the person loses their driver's license which leads to other major problems.) Sheriff Williams did agree to conduct a major education campaign related

to Pedestrian Violations and other offenses that are much more commonly enforced in poor and black parts of Jacksonville.

ICARE states it's goal as follows: "We want people to feel protected by the police, not afraid of them. Likewise, we want officers to have strong relationships with the community. Therefore, Jacksonville's Sheriff Office must take responsibility for building trust with the public." This includes increasing access to public information and data as well as changing some of the attitudes toward poor and black communities that appear to be holdovers from an earlier era.

Brief news reports about the Nehemiah Assembly can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/jacksonville/jacksonville-sheriff-to-meet-with-religious-leaders>

<https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/jacksonville-faith-leaders-grill-sheriff-on-pedestrian-tickets/737296670>

<http://www.jacksonville.com/news/20180424/advocates-ask-sheriff-to-stop-ticketing-and-fining-pedestrians-he-says-no>

### ICARE stands for the Interfaith Coalition for Action Reconciliation and Empowerment, a co-





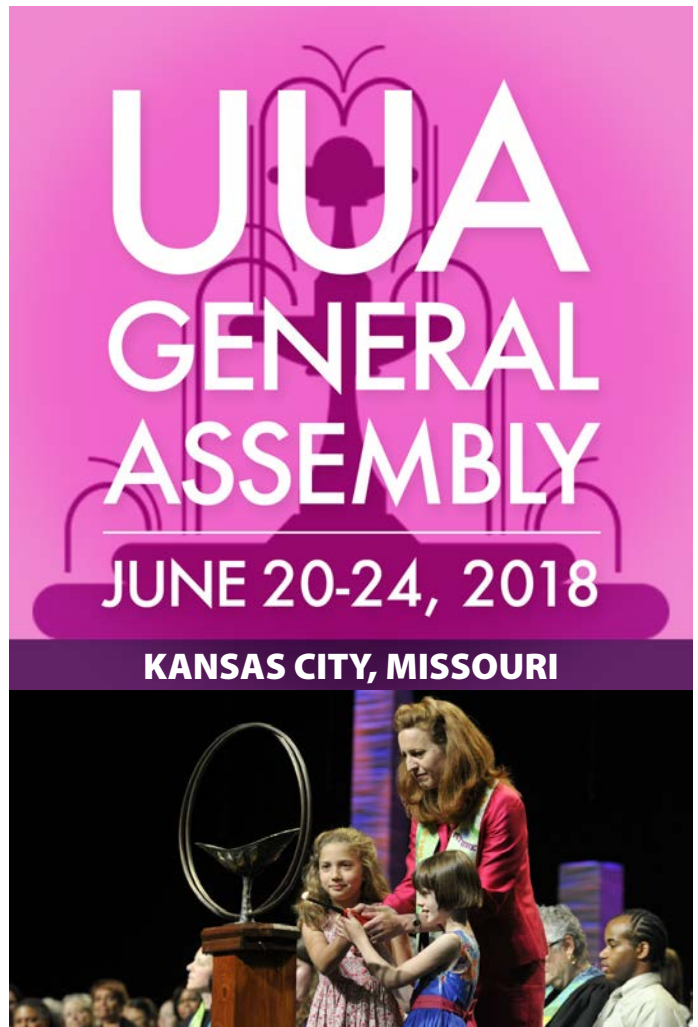
**allition of 38 Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Bhai and Unitarian Universalist religious congregations.**

The gun shooting in Parkland, Florida has been one of many echoes of life being taken without any regard. Many of us have either been directly affected or we know people who have harmed by gun violence. Everyone has the right to thrive in safety and in love. As just one action towards healing, the Social Action committee will be hosting an arts and crafts workshop on May 27 to make sensory bottles that will be donated to RKG Therapy. RKG Therapy is offering free therapy to the students of Parkland. The Social Action committee will also find a local mental health clinic that we can support our neighbors in Northeast Florida.

Sensory bottles are recycled plastic water bottles that can be filled with items that float and glide. As the contents mix, the holder can focus on the actions in the bottle as a method to self soothe and focus. With the assistance of mental health counselors, the holder can communicate about their pain without feeling direct force from eye contact. We are asking for donations of craft items ad will be collecting until May 13. Please do not donate red items.

**Donation List:**

- Wide mouth water bottles such as VOSS
- Dish soap
- Clear hair gel
- Oil
- Gorilla glue
- Food dye
- Glitter
- Legos, small toys, pencil erasers, buttons and beads



**Let's Be Clear, We Said  
BLACKLIVESMATTER**

**We NEVER Said  
ONLYBLACKLIVESMATTER  
That Was The Media, Not Us**

**In Truth, We Know That  
ALLLIVESMATTER  
We've Supported Your Lives  
Throughout History**

**Now We Need Your Help With  
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Join us for a friendly discussion of the issues of the day. All are welcome!

**Every Sunday @ 9:30am**

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COVENANT  
OF  
UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
PAGANS



<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleFICuups/>

**May 2nd & 16th @ 7pm**



## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

<http://www.bbuuc.org/connection/affinity-groups/prayer-shawl-affinity-group-2/>

**FIRST FRIDAY @ 12pm**



## Lunch Bunch @ Pengree's

RSVP: Call or Text  
John Sheffield  
at 904.728.3565

**SECOND WEDNESDAY @ 11:30am**



<http://www.bbuuc.org/connection/affinity-groups/bbuucf/>

**Monthly on the 4th Sunday @ 9am**



## First Coast Freethought Society

<http://firstcoastfreethoughtsociety.org/cms/>

**THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
6:30 - 8:30pm (doors open at 6pm)**

BBUUC's Full Calendar can be  
found on line at:

<http://www.bbuuc.org/activities>



**Childcare is available for many church activities, but must be requested in advance when you sign up for an activity. Please contact the activity sponsor listed in the announcement for more information.**



## Lunch Bunch @ GiGi's

inside the Ramada Inn  
(in Mandarin)  
RSVP to Ron Nowack  
[ronow@yahoo.com](mailto:ronow@yahoo.com)

**LAST FRIDAY @ 12pm**



## Are You Shopping on Amazon?

*This a great way to support BBUUC with no cost or effort!*

Revenue we have received from Amazon purchases made through our BBUUC link:

- \$118 for purchases made in May, received in July
- \$118 for purchases made in June, received in August
- \$144 for purchases made in July, received in September
- \$118 for purchases made in August, received in October
- \$176 for purchases made in September, received in November
- \$100 for purchases made in October, received in December
- \$131 for purchases made in November, received in January, 2018
- \$300 for purchases made in December, received in February
- \$93 from purchases made in January, received in March
- \$112 from purchases made in February, to be received in April
- \$93 from purchases made in March, to be received in May

Remember to use the BBUUC link to Amazon every time you make a purchase, and ask your family and friends to do the same – you don't need to be a Member of our church to contribute.

Just use this link (also found at the bottom of our webpage [www.bbuuc.org](http://www.bbuuc.org))

**<http://amzn.to/1LcEwFZ>**

No special login or code is needed. How easy is that!

## Church Directory

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If you would like the PDF directory and separate Picture directory emailed to you so you can access the file on your computer, tablet, or smart phone without an internet connection (or so you can print a hard copy), contact [admin@bbuuc.org](mailto:admin@bbuuc.org) or see Stacy Asimos in the church office.

If you don't use a computer and need a hard copy, see Stacy Asimos in the church office.



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