

# The View from St. Chad's

October 2011

## Winter Words

Ah, the smell of fall is in the air! You can smell the green chilies roasting, the air in the mornings is more crisp, the State Fair is here, and hot air balloons are starting to fill the morning skies once again.

For our parish life fall is a great time of renewed programs, Christian Formation, and full pews once again as people return from their summer trips. The start of our Christian Formation program year has been great; all classes, from our nursery's Big Book class to the younger children, the youth, and the adult class, we have seen an increase of attendance and some great fun and programs. If you have not checked out the classes yet this fall, come join us each Sunday morning at 9:15.

Fall in the parish is also the time we start to look at our fall stewardship drive. Stewardship is, of course, a year-round program and ministry, but the fall is when we do our annual fund drive. Historically for churches fall was the time for the stewardship drive since in an agricultural setting that is when the major harvest for the year took place. Farmers would bring in their crops and would set aside 10% of that harvest, of that abundance. That is where we get the Biblical tithe, people would leave 10% of their harvest in the field and let those in need come and glean the fields as was needed. In thanks for all they had in their harvest, they gave back to God, who created that abundance.

Today most of us are not farming any more, but with budgets for churches running on a calendar year, the fall is still the time for stewardship drives. At St. Chad's we will have our kick off on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. There are more details inside this newsletter but I want to personally invite EVERYONE to join us that evening to hear and see what our budget looks like, the good it brings, and to reflect on our own gratitude and abundance.

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, shares that "The fundamental reason for all acts of stewardship – is gratitude for the abundance we have been given." And yes, we have been given so very much, and we share so very much at St. Chad's. The ministry of stewardship is rooted in the understanding that the entirety of our life is a gift from God.

As one looks at the model of stewardship given to us in the Bible, the tithe, many wonder how it is possible to give 10% back to God. It is possible, and for those who do tithe, I continually hear that there is always enough, always an abundance! Yes, there are those who tithe religiously, tithe as if all they have is God's, and they even at times give more. I know many who tithe even of the extra they receive. They get a rebate or an unexpected gift or income.



I also know that many of us sit and wonder how that is possible, worried that to actually tithe would not leave enough for our daily lives. Everyone who has shared with me that they made the big step to tithe has always said there is enough, even more than enough and that it has been a true blessing to tithe.

But how do we start? Well, first of all find out what percentage of your income you are giving now, and then prayerfully start increasing that giving working towards that Biblical standard of 10%. That is what Cheri and I are doing. I also know of others who have just made that jump and said that they are going to start to tithe this year, and they have seen that the abundance in their lives is even more than before.

The other evening at a meeting with the Treasurer and Wardens I was wondering out loud what it would look like if we all tithed at St. Chad's. Our treasurer ran the numbers: with 120 pledges (last year's totals) if 70% of them made \$50,000 a year (which for many is low), and the other 30% made \$30,000 (knowing that some make below this) and everyone tithed, the total income would be \$528,000 (our current proposed budget for 2012 is about \$395,000), think of what great things could come of that abundance here at St. Chad's? Think of how many people we could help.

We will be sharing more about all this and the ministries our budget allows us to do in and through St. Chad's at our meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>. But until then, please pray about where you might be called in this wonderful ministry and also give thanks for the wonderful abundance we do have at St. Chad's and in our individual lives.

*Blessings and prayers Father Brian+*

## Mother Jan's Corner

Fall is in the air, can you feel it? I believe that we can also feel the Holy Spirit. Just as we "...live and move and have our being..." the Holy Spirit is among us doing the work of inspiration. Are you inspired?

At our stewardship meetings we have been saying the following Stewardship Prayer: *Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift we have received through the bounty of your love. Guide us along the path of giving that binds us together and connects us with you, the Great Giver. Creator and Sustainer of the world, accept our stewardship of time, talent and treasure for the work of your Church, so that in every act of mercy and justice we are acting as conduits of your love. Everything we are, and everything we have comes as a gift from your gracious hand — a gift which continues to renew us. Teach us again and again that our sharing of that divine gift does not diminish our life in terms of possessions, but instead enhances our life in terms of blessings*

*and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with a sense of holy generosity, that we, as your Body of Christ, may bring the light of your eternal love in the darkness of a broken world. In thanksgiving for our life and for the life of St. Chad's Episcopal Church, we give glory to You, Lord God, the Source of all being, to Jesus Christ, Eternal Word, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.*

I believe that this prayer is inspirational. There are really only two prayers: "Thank You" and "Help." This is both — thanking God for all the good gifts he gives us and asking for help in our stewardship of God's bounty. It is through the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we are renewed and inspired. Please open your hearts to what God is calling you to give from your bounty to continue his kingdom.

God bless you all!  
MJ+



**Saranam** — is collecting new or gently-used warm clothing for 2 girls, size 6-9 months; 2 girls, size 12-18 months; 1 boy, toddler size 24 months; and sweaters and jackets for elementary age kids. Place your donations in the box in the narthex. Also, Saranam is looking for a volunteer(s) to haul furniture 1-2 times a month. If you can help, contact Sue @299-6154 x100.

### St. Chad's Episcopal Church

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Office Hours ~ Monday-Friday ~ 9 am-3 pm

**Sunday Services 8~10~11:30 am** ~ The Rev. Brian W. Winter - Rector

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## *Blessings of the Beasts*

**October 9th, 4 pm**

**Brings your pets, all kinds, for a blessing.**

**Friends are welcome!**

We will take a collection at the service for Meals on Wheels Pet Companion Program.



## *Advent Meditation Booklet*

We will be publishing a parish Advent meditation booklet composed of brief meditations (300 words or less) on the daily readings throughout Advent. All members of the congregation are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to deepen our spirituality and become closer to Christ in this Holy season. Please select a day for which you will be responsible on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The devotions are due by **Sunday, October 30th**. Please e-mail your meditations to the church office: [office@stchadsabq.org](mailto:office@stchadsabq.org).

## *WIDE AWAKE AT ST. CHAD'S*

*“God gave us faculties for our use; each of them will receive its proper reward. Then do not let us try to charm them to sleep, but permit them to do their work until divinely called to something higher.”* (St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582). We need your gifts and your faculties at St. Chad's! One way you can become involved is through service on the Vestry. Vestry members are elected at the annual parish meeting in January and serve for three years. What's involved? The Vestry meets once per month, has an annual retreat to set goals, and each Vestry member is the liaison to a Vestry Committee (Outreach, Worship, Building and Grounds, Stewardship, Membership, Communication, Christian Education, Fellowship). Please contact Father Brian, Mother Jan, or any of the current Vestry members for more information. Don't charm your talents to sleep - consider running for a seat on the Vestry!





I am writing to make you more familiar with some of the work being done by St. Chad's members in support of Episcopal Relief and Development. I am St. Chad's Parish Representative and work with Carolyn Waller, who is the Diocesan Representative coordinating the many Parishes in our Diocese. Our most important representative of St. Chad's doing hands-on work with Christian Formation groups is Dawn Goodman, who has capably set up classes for young students that provide them with information needed to distribute and use anti-malaria insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

ERD places emphasis on reaching the neediest geographic areas and the most vulnerable populations, notably small children and women. ERD's main target is to assist the two billion people who

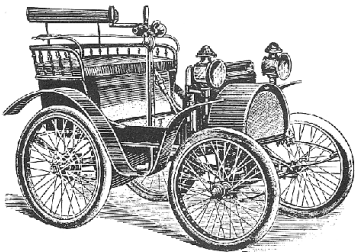
survive on less than \$2 a day and who lack clean water, adequate food, protection from disease, and access to basic health care.

Other programs are developmental, focused on income-generating projects for women, and essentials for promoting agriculture: training, farm animals, tools and seeds.

ERD was established in 1940 by the Episcopal Church as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. ERD maintains very low overhead costs (10% on fundraising, 5% on administration, the balance on programs). All contributions are tax-exempt and may be made by check, credit card or cash. Properly designated for ERD, these donation envelopes will be collected by our church counters and forwarded to ERD headquarters in Merrifield, Virginia.

*Joyce King*

**Computer Club** — The October 8th Computer Club meeting will focus on iOS devices such as the iPod, iPhone, and iPad. Please bring your charged iDevice to the class so that you can follow along as various tips are presented on how to get the most out of your Apple product. Please be ready to share your favorite tricks, tips, and apps with the group as well.



**ARE YOU A DRIVER OVER 55 YEARS OF AGE?**

Drivers over the age of 55 can get sizable reductions in auto insurance rates by taking a senior driver education course once every 3 years. The course takes about 4 hours and usually costs about \$25. We tried to set up a class here at St.

Chad's but were unable to get enough people who could take the course on the same day. However, if you are interested in taking the class, you can contact Roland De Rose at 505-298-9150 or email him at [rolandderose@hotmail.com](mailto:rolandderose@hotmail.com) to sign up for the course. He teaches the course at St. Mark's three times each month. For those of you who would rather sit in front of your computer and take the course at your leisure, you can also find the course offered online at [www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.org).



The October 2011 Casas por Cristo Building Project will be the 31st for this team! The home will serve a family of seven, with four girls and one boy. The family applied to the program in December of 2008. Cesar Fernando Lechuga Cordoba is a construction worker who earns \$65 weekly while his wife, Maria de Jesus Valdez Corral, is a stay-at-home mom. They are living in a cardboard and pallet shack.

The build will be October 20-22 with additional finish work on October 24-26. Finish work provides the opportunity to go beyond the Casas por Cristo requirements by adding things such as interior painting, extra ceiling fans, baseboard and trim, and curtains and window blinds.

This building project will honor a volunteer, Josh Lavimoniere, who worked on the Telescundaria school building project in 2004 while Josh was in 5th grade. Josh suffered from heart issues and passed away earlier this year.

Please support the building project with your prayers. Contributions can be mailed to Maida Apodaca, PMB#126, 2200 N. Yarebrough, Suite B, El Paso, TX 79925.

***Diocesan Choral Festival  
Cathedral of St. John***

**Sunday, October 9th**

11 am Holy Eucharist Service  
3:30 pm Concert  
4 pm Evensong Service

For information contact  
Cindy Davis, @ 247-1581 x17

***Music Thanks!***

***Eileen Simpson***

Substitute Organist for the summer

***Organist/Choir Director Search Committee***

Eileen Simpson, John Boyadjian,  
John Conn

***Harold DeHoff***

Woodwork to raise organ bench

***Bill Eckel***

Computer setup for Ernie's office

Haven't sung since High School Chorus?  
Drown out honking horns while rockin' with the car radio?  
Soloist in the shower, but dream of ensemble singing?



**St. Chad's Choir Wants You!**

Wednesdays at 7pm

Sundays at 9am!

Join US as we creatively work  
together to improve your vocal skills,  
make beautiful music & serve St. Chad's!

***Sunday Adult  
Christian Formation***

Our Adult Christian Education class meets 9:15-9:50 in the Conference Room each Sunday morning. On Sunday, October 2nd, a 6-week session will begin called *Feasting on Gratitude* put out by the Episcopal Church. Come join us each Sunday for wonderful discussions and a deepening faith journey.

***Weekday Adult  
Christian Formation***

**Mondays @ 1 pm**  
La Vida Lena Chapel  
Study of Isaiah

**Tuesdays @ 10 am**  
Brocards' Home  
Study of Numbers

**Thursdays @ 12:40 pm**  
**(following noon Holy Eucharist)**  
Conference Room  
Study of the Next Sunday's Readings



**Youth Group** — meets Sunday, October 30th, for *Movie Night*. For more information contact Lynda Vargas at [sol.idea7@gmail.com](mailto:sol.idea7@gmail.com).

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# Pajama Prayers

IT'S THE GREAT PLUMPKIN,  
CHARLIE BROWN!

Join us for Pajama Prayers: a short family film, treats and an itty-bitty family friendly liturgy...all in our pajamas!

Children, parents, siblings and friends are all invited. Please bring a package of dry beans to donate to the Storehouse.

**October 29, 2011 7pm**

**St. Chad's Episcopal Church**



Near Tramway and San Rafael NE

stchadsabq.org

505.856.9200

*PILLOWS, BLANKETS AND STUFFED CRITTERS ENCOURAGED.*

A joint project of the Cathedral and St. Chad's

## Newcomers' Dinner October 28th, 6 pm

The Schoenmanns are hosting the 2010 Newcomers' Dinner at their home on October 28th at 6 pm. Invitations have been sent. If you are new to St. Chad's this year and did not receive an invitation, please forgive the oversight and let us know that you'd like to attend. Newcomers are a blessing to St. Chad's and we welcome you!

## Sunday School Schedule

October K-2-8\* Sunday Morning Schedule

October 2 Lego My Bible: Noah and the Flood (Dawn Goodman, Lynda Vargas, Leslea Lehoucq)

October 9 Shake it up Cafe: Story and Drama (Bernice Dicks, Lynda Vargas)

October 16 Shake it up Cafe: Arts & Crafts (Peggy Way, Tita Smith, Paul & Liz Titus)

October 23 Shake it up Cafe: Science Lab (Betty Lee Harris, Debbie Smith, Bev Eckel)

October 30 Intergenerational Bible Jeopardy!

\*K-2-8 = Kindergarten to 8th Grade



## Nets for Life

Both the Senior High and the K-2-8 classes are taking up collections to purchase mosquito nets for *Nets for Life*. In fact, they are competing to see who can raise the most money! If you have kids in these classes, think of ways they can earn a little money to contribute each week. If you don't have kids in these classes, consider a one-time donation or a matching grant. Let's make a difference by helping to wipe out malaria!

## October Birthdays

- 4 Andrea Prickett
- 5 Peggy Way
- 8 Ginny Dieterich  
Reece Hamilton
- 9 Susan Carson  
John Wilson
- 11 Sue Casarez
- 13 Steve Prickett
- 16 Marti Raff  
Stuart Schoenmann
- 17 Heather Holmes
- 19 Margaret Davis
- 20 Paul Apodaca  
Rev. Timmy Case  
John Fosler
- 24 Heather Alexis  
Emil Dieterich  
Fred Krueger  
Carol Ann Wernle
- 25 Bert Dales  
Andrew Ribner
- 27 Barbara Caldwell  
Bill Eckel
- 29 Vardis Gaus
- 31 Don DeMart  
Jan Stumph



## October Anniversaries

- 2 Wallace & Janice Short  
Don & Kitsie Smiset
- 3 Joel Hill & Sally Bowler-Hill
- 5 Stuart & Charlotte Schoenmann
- 9 Paul & Carol Brocard
- 12 Jack & Judy Hahn
- 18 Bill & Beverly Eckel
- 27 Henry & Ginny Gerard

*If your Birthday or Anniversary is not on this list or the date is incorrect, please contact the church office at 856-9200 or office@stchadsabq.org.*

## ***Book Club***

**Monday, October 10th, 2 pm  
@ home of Mary Kircher  
6001-B Tierra NE**

***The Madonnas of Leningrad*  
by Debra Dean**

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

**Stewardship Potluck & Kickoff  
October 15th, 5-9 pm**

**Dinner begins at 5 pm followed by  
presentations by Father Brian and  
Don & Merri Jean Jones.  
Dessert will then be served.  
Sign up on the bulletin board.**



## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

**Christmas Caroling  
Friday, December 16th  
Watch bulletins for details.**

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

September 13, 2011



## OLD BUSINESS

### *Action Tracking System*

All items from prior months have been completed. Monthly items on the ATS and the items specific to September are being addressed. The Faith Offering cards have been prepared, the draft budget has been adopted by the Vestry, the Worship committee is beginning preparations for the Advent Devotions booklet, and the Vestry response to the Audit Committee report has been sent to the Diocese. The Vestry Nominating committee has started the process of enlisting new members to replace Debra Kincaid, John Kisner and Joe Allotta who will go off Vestry in January. If you are interested in seeking one of these positions on the Vestry, please speak to Father Brian or any Vestry member who will forward your name on to the Nominating Committee. In October watch for the date of the Fall Cleanup.

### *Water Hook-up Progress*

Sundance Mechanical hopes to begin actual construction on St. Chad's connection with Albuquerque's water and sewer systems on September 19, 2011. It has been a long process but the initial fees have been paid and the city has issued an approved Agreement to Construct Public Improvements. The engineer, surveyors, city representatives and Sundance Mechanical have held the required preconstruction meeting to ensure all parties are in agreement regarding the requirements and responsibilities before beginning construction. The Water Committee hopes the project can now move along quickly and without any problems.

### *Building and Grounds*

The Building and Grounds Committee has removed the dead bushes at St. Chad's entryway and will be looking to complete more projects during its fall clean-up, both inside and outside. Watch for a date to be announced.

### *Stewardship*

The kick-off of the Fall Financial Pledge Drive will be held on Saturday evening October 15<sup>th</sup> with a

potluck supper, to which all are invited. The evening will include various speakers from the parish in addition to the meal. Please join us on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm for this enjoyable event. The ingathering and blessing of the pledges will take place on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry has adopted a working budget for 2012 which includes an 11% increase in expenditures and income. This increase comes mainly from changing Mother Jan to half-time (versus one quarter time as she is now), setting aside an amount of money which would be representative of a mortgage payment should St. Chad's expand the facilities, pay increases for staff, and modest changes in committee budgets. As always, your help is needed and appreciated in realizing the vision of St. Chad's.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Treasurer's Report*

The Treasurer's report showed total income to date as of August 31, 2011 of \$238,519 (compared to a budgeted amount of \$171,033) and total expenses to date of \$217,147, representing a surplus to date of \$21,372. Some of this surplus exists because of expenses that do not get paid on a regular monthly basis; for example, the Mission Committee disburses on a quarterly basis and will be disbursing over \$5,000 in October. Total Designated Funds are \$390,688 (\$375,447 of which is in the Building Fund) and Reserve Funds total \$101,907. The Investment Accounts to date include \$414,929 in Fidelity funds and \$57,671 in bank CDs. The cash accounts as of August 31, 2011 total \$26,933. Vestry was happy to see that income for the year is beyond projections even with so many parishioners traveling during the summer months and that expenses are within budget. Thank you to all who are so diligent in keeping up to date with your pledges.

### *Christian Education*

The new school year is off to a great start in Sunday school. The children's class will have lots of fun learning with the Lego My Bible and Shake It Up Café programs, Cheri winter has volunteered to teach

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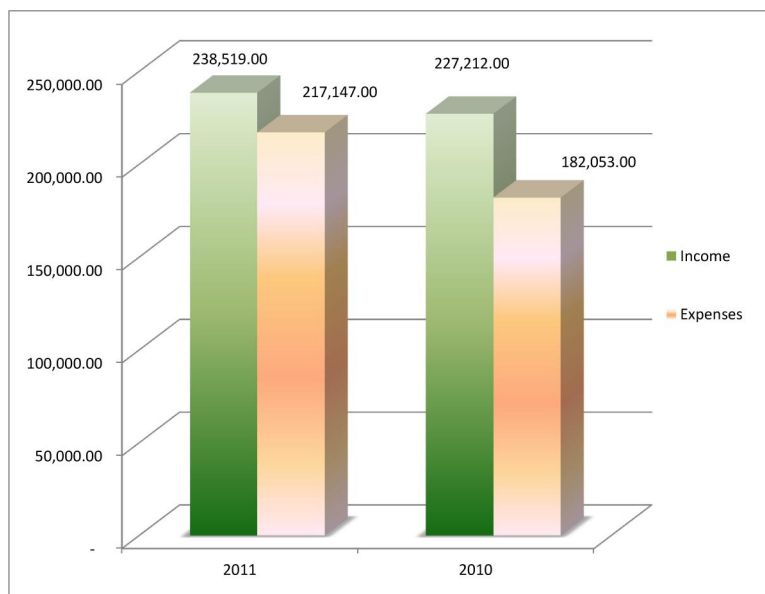


## TREASURER'S CORNER

*As of August 31, 2011*

	2011 Actual YTD	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget	2010 Actual YTD	Change
<b>Income</b>					
Offerings	235,132	346,188		222,262	12,870
Other	3,387	6,750		4,951	(1,564)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>238,519</b>	<b>352,938</b>	<b>67.58%</b>	<b>227,212</b>	<b>11,307</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Operations	49,447	46,499		40,402	9,045
Ministries	167,700	161,237		141,651	26,049
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>217,147</b>	<b>207,736</b>	<b>104.53%</b>	<b>182,053</b>	<b>35,094</b>

### Year-to-Date Income & Expense Comparison



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a high school program, and even the Nursery has a curriculum of Bible stories in Big Book form. Adults will be learning about the Episcopal Church and St. Chad's history, will enjoy more Nooma videos, and will be introduced to Dr. Chapman's "Five Love Languages." Classes meet every Sunday morning from 9:15-9:45 am; please join us.

**\*\*\* Next Vestry Meeting – Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 6 pm in the Conference Room \*\*\***

*Complete Vestry Meeting Packets and Minutes are found in a 3-ring binder on the bookcase in the church office.*

*Clerk of the Vestry, Elizabeth Allotta*



# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 8:15am—Episcopal Information Network @ Le Peep
<b>2</b> 8-10~11:30 Services 9:15am—Christian Ed	<b>3</b> 9am—EFM 1pm—La Vida Llana Bible Study 7pm—Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> Vestry Reports Due 10am—Bible Study @ Brocards'	<b>5</b> 7pm—Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Noon—Healing Service 12:40pm—Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9am—Computer Club
<b>9</b> 8-10~11:30 Services 9:15am—Christian Ed 4pm—Blessing of Beasts 3:30pm—Diocesan Choir Concert @ Cathedral	<b>10</b> 9am—EFM 1pm—La Vida Llana Bible Study 2pm—Book Club 7pm—Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 10am—Bible Study @ Brocards' 5:30pm—Cancer Support Group 6pm—Vestry	<b>12</b> 7pm—Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 10am—Staff Meeting Noon—Holy Eucharist 12:40pm—Bible Study 6:30pm—Cibola Search	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30am—Brotherhood of St. Andrew 4-9pm—Stewardship Potluck & Kickoff
<b>16</b> 8-10~11:30 Services 9:15am—Christian Ed 4-7pm—New Church	<b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline Project Share 9am—EFM 1pm—La Vida Llana Bible Study 7pm—Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 10am—Bible Study @ Brocards'	<b>19</b> Noon—Foundation Board 7pm—Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Noon—Holy Eucharist 12:40pm—Bible Study	<b>21</b> Convention	<b>22</b> 10am—Daughters of the King 10am-6pm—Scrapbook Event
<b>23</b> 8-10~11:30 Services 9:15am—Christian Ed	<b>24</b> 9am—EFM 7pm—Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 10am—Bible Study @ Brocards' 1:30pm—Knotty Knitters	<b>26</b> 7pm—Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> Noon—Holy Eucharist 12:40pm—Bible Study	<b>28</b> Father's Dinner for Newcomers	<b>29</b> Brian Vacation 7pm—Pajama Prayers
<b>30</b> 8-10~11:30 Services 9:15am—Bible Jeopardy Advent Devotions Due 5-7pm—Youth Movie	<b>31</b> 9am—EFM 1pm—La Vida Llana Bible Study 7pm—Boy Scouts					

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