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## Conference News and Resources

### Rocky Mountain Conference Response to Tornado in Holly Colorado

On March 29 by e-mail, Bishop Brown asked prayers for the people in Holly, CO, which was hit by a large tornado the previous evening. He assured the Conference that pastor Dave Moorman and his spouse Sheri were fine, but that the parsonage was severely damaged. Director of Mission and Ministry Skip Strickland sent an e-mail note on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> that gave three ways to help. Here is his e-mail:

On Wednesday night, March 28th, a Tornado struck the town of Holly Colorado. Both the church and the parsonage sustained damage. The parsonage was located in the area of greatest damage to the community. Sheri Moorman, wife of Pastor David Moorman who serves the Holly UMC church, was in the parsonage when the Tornado struck. She is ok, but Dave and she were impacted by this experience as are the people of the Holly community and the members of the church. Many persons have been contacting the Rocky Mountain Conference Office asking how they might help. We have developed a response plan that should help us all respond in a helpful and caring way.

First let us join in prayer for the families and friends impacted by the event. We especially pray for those that have suffered death and injury. We are aware of at least one church member who was injured.

Second, if you wish to send financial donations, we recommend this plan: Individuals may give through their own local church to one of two funds, Holly Community Relief or Holly UMC Church and Parsonage fund. The first fund focuses on the general community, the second on the impact to the ministry of the Holly Church, its members and pastoral family. Funds should be collected by the local church and sent to the Rocky Mountain Conference Office designated to go to either one or both of these funds. If you have questions or wish more information about helping out financially, please call Pat Moore at the Conference office, (303) 733-3736 Ext. 148.

Third: If you wish to provide direct service, wait! Right now [March 30] first responders are on the site helping out. The District Superintendent of the Sunshine District, Brenda Lear is on the site at the present time. Church Mutual has been contacted and the claims process has begun. The church will need help in the future and we want to help coordinate the response. If your church or you want to help, please call Jayne Adams (303) 733-0083 or e-mail her at: [jayne@rmcumc.com](mailto:jayne@rmcumc.com) in the Denver Area office. She is compiling the list of the people who wish to help and skills they have to offer.

Remember at this time do not collect clothing or food to send. Both these items are hard to manage. We will let you know if there are additional ways you can help as soon as we know.

Thanks again for your outpouring of concern and love. Whenever something like this happens to one of us, it happens to all of us. – Skip Strickland, Conference Director of Mission and Ministry

### Holly United Methodist Church Celebrates Palm Sunday

Rev. Warner H. Brown, Jr., Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Conference; Rev. Brenda Lear, Superintendent of the Sunshine District of the RMC, and Doug Bulen (Brenda's husband) were all present at the Holly United Methodist Church worship service on Palm Sunday. It was a full house (including film crews from three of the

Denver TV stations). Rev. Dave Moorman, pastor at the Holly UMC, preached and acknowledged the grief, loss and devastation, but also offered hope.

It was an amazing morning. The bishop and district superintendent then toured the damaged neighborhoods and Rev. Lear remarked on the amount of clean up that had taken place since she and her husband were there just a day and a half before. The parsonage was severely damaged and is now the only house left standing on that side of the block. The others have been scraped and hauled away. The community and the first responders have done a great job. There are many miracle stories. The community is also grieving the death of one of its members as they are supporting all those who have suffered loss. -- by Brenda Lear

Photo Album here: <http://rmcumc.org/News/Holly/> - photos by Terilynn Russ, pastor of La Junta UMC and Doug Bulen, spouse of Brenda Lear, Superintendent of Sunshine District.

### **Volunteering at Holly**

Any work teams interested in going to Holly to help with tornado clean up can contact the Holly Volunteer Center at 719-537-6047. All volunteer efforts are being coordinated through this number. They like at least a couple of days notice from work teams. Jayne Adams, the Bishop's Executive Assistant, is collecting names and numbers for work teams who may want to participate in longer-term work there. Contact her at [Jayne@rmcumc.com](mailto:Jayne@rmcumc.com) or 303-733-0083.

### **Annual Conference Hotel Reservations**

Remember: this year's Annual Conference is June 13th-16th. Online hotel room reservations are preferred.

Instructions for making your hotel room reservation online are on the Conference web site: <http://www.rmcumc.org/COI/ac/ac2007/news07.htm#res>. More news about Annual Conference is also on this page. Telephone reservations may be made at: 888-238-1491. Use the UMCUMCA code.

### **Annual Conference Room Rate Clarified**

According to Nancy Butterfield, Annual Conference Coordinator, we have a limited number of rooms available for the previously published rate of \$69. Please note that if your reservation is in excess of the number of rooms we have been given at that rate, your rate will be more. Moral of the story: the earlier you make your hotel reservation, the greater likelihood you will have the \$69 room block rate. Instructions for on-line reservations were published in an e-mail from Skip Strickland dated February 21. They were also listed in the previous TableTalk issue, and are listed on-line on the annual conference 07 page.

### **Nominations for 2006-2007 Peacemaker Awards Asked**

Each year at Annual Conference the Church and Society Network recognizes a local church member who has been active in peacemaking during the year. This person is working in social justice ministries locally, nationally, or internationally. Churches are invited to nominate persons in their congregations for this award. Send a letter on church letterhead that tells how this person is active in furthering God's vision of shalom.

Nominations are due in the Church and Society Network office by Tuesday, May 15th. Email to [peacewithjustice@rmcumc.org](mailto:peacewithjustice@rmcumc.org) or mail to Church and Society Network Advocating for Peace with Justice, RMC UMC, 6110 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Greenwood Village, CO 80111.

### **Conference CF&A Introduces Church Tithe**

CF&A has worked for several years on how to improve the connection with local churches to help them understand how their money is being used. We have also been concerned about the complexity of the existing apportionment formula and its vulnerability to inaccuracies in local church annual expense reports.

Along with a new budget, CF&A is proposing a new approach to apportionments in petition AC03. If AC03 is approved, instead of apportioning on the basis of 2 year-old expense data, apportionments starting January 2008 will be a tithe (10%) plus second-mile giving (1%) based on a local church's adjusted gross revenue on a monthly basis.

CF&A is responsible for fiscal integrity of the Annual Conference. This petition represents a step forward in faith and a culture shift in how we work together to fund our common church ministries. Its success will depend upon local church willingness to participate in this change to a tithing basis for giving. This approach has been used successfully in other annual conferences.

We're proposing changing the budget process, and the way we fund our common ministries. More communication with churches will be provided about both ministries and apportionments, similar to the above apportionment report. For more information, see AC03 in the petition packet being mailed. Watch for subdistrict meetings and other communications about this topic.

### **Annual Conference Missions Parade Continues**

This year, we will again have a PowerPoint Missions Parade, to acknowledge and celebrate the mission work of the churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Please send Betsy Keyack a picture of one of the missions in which you are involved. Missions includes helping another church, serving in your local community, supporting a mission with monetary or in-kind donations, having a covenant relationship with a United Methodist missionary, or taking a mission trip. Pictures can be emailed to Betsy at [bkeyack@att.net](mailto:bkeyack@att.net) or mailed to her at 10317 S. Charissglen Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

### **Annual Conference Golf Tourney Reminder**

Wed. June 13th, 7:30 am tee off time. Wellshire Golf Course at Colorado and Hampden, 3.8 mi from Annual Conference. Register Now! with Bill Selby at [integrit4u@comcast.net](mailto:integrit4u@comcast.net).

FOUR WAYS TO BE INVOLVED: 1) Sign up and Play -bring your friends. Golf Skills are not a prerequisite! 2) Make donation directly - especially for clergy who do not golf. 3) Sponsor a Hole, a Special event (example - longest drive) 4) Donate Prizes. 5) Sell any unused golf clubs on ebay and donate proceeds!

All proceeds go to the Clergy Covenant Fund. This event is sponsored by The Center for Pastoral Effectiveness. Last year \$2200 was raised...surely we can do better this year. \$125 Each for golf, cart, food, prizes. Annual Conference activities DON'T BEGIN UNTIL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, so no excuses!

### **Churches Pay Apportionments Ahead**

Last month we told you about the Lakewood United Methodist Church paying 50% of its apportionments in January even though they are planning to take on a big building project and relocate. After the books were closed on February, we have discovered other churches that are paying early.

For instance, Ed Bollack, pastor of Yuma United Methodist Church on the northeastern Colorado plains, wrote us to say that they had paid 40% of their 2007 Wider Mission apportionment during January and February—and they planned to pay another tenth in March, to bring their share to 50% for the first quarter. Ed wrote, "This is a heartfelt gift from the people who love and serve God through this congregation, as we move toward an attitude of abundance in our giving. We count ourselves blessed and privileged to live and work in this rural agricultural community and call ourselves United Methodists. It is good to know that through our Wider Mission gift and the United Methodist connection, people we will never know will realize God's love because of our gifts."

Epworth United Methodist Church, an inner city church in Denver, has paid 100% of their apportionments early in the year since at least 2002, according to Associate Conference Treasurer Pat Moore. When King Harris, pastor of Epworth, was asked about this, he said that when he first arrived as their new pastor, he said the one condition in order for him to serve them was that they act connected; he didn't want to serve a church that didn't want to be connected with other United Methodists. He says, "you model what it is that God's calling you to: paying apportionments is part of modeling being a Methodist."

But it's not just about being a Methodist: it's about being faithful. He paraphrased Malachi 3:10: "the game is, you do what you say you're going to do, and I'll [God] take care of what I say I'll do." King referred also to Isaiah 54, where the people of Israel are told to "open your tent wide, spread your curtains.... so you can see

what I've got for you!" In other words, you have to be prepared to be blessed by God and believe that God will bless you. Paying apportionments is part of preparing ourselves. But if you act from a position of scarcity, there's no way for God to give to you. What you have will not be replenished until you use it. It's a matter of faith.

King believes that "if you prepare the way, God will pull you out a blessing so that you'll not have enough room to receive it! If you feed the hungry, preach, love, don't condemn, God will do what he's promised." King asked rhetorically, "how can we call ourselves connectional Methodists when we refuse to be connected? How does the work we do all over the world happen if we don't pay apportionments?"

At the close of February, twenty churches were paying ahead of 2/12ths of their apportionments and another 70 are right on time with 2/12ths of theirs. Echoing pastors Ed and King, people we will never know will realize God's love because of our gifts, and we will be prepared to receive God's blessings ourselves.

The 20 churches are:

Epworth United Methodist Church	First United Methodist Church Lafayette
Lakewood United Methodist Church	Olney Springs Community Methodist Church
McClave United Methodist Church	Yuma United Methodist Church
Pine Bluffs United Methodist Church	Louisville United Methodist Church
United Methodist Church of Meeker	Stratmoor Hills United Methodist Church
Upton United Methodist Church	Phillips United Methodist Church
Thomasville Community United Methodist Church	United Church of Walsenburg
United Methodist Church of Eads	Haxtun United Methodist Church
North Park Community Church	Trinity United Methodist Church, Loveland
United Methodist/Presbyterian Church, Rifle	First United Methodist Church, Laramie

Thank you on behalf of all those who benefit from your giving!

### **2007 Apportionment Payment Data on Web**

The Executive Leadership Team of the RMC (which includes the Cabinet) voted this week to post the data showing what payments churches have made towards their apportioned Wider Mission amounts. You will find the data on the Church Information page of the Conference web site, RMCUMC.org and on each district page. The data are in order by highest to lowest percentage paid. For more information on our Wider Mission, visit this page: <http://rmcumc.org/CR/Finance/Wider%20Mission.htm>

### **Conference CF&A Sets Spending Limit**

The Conference Council on Finance and Administration has set a spending limit on those parts of the 2007 Conference budget that can be so limited, to 70% until more data is available on the payment of the apportioned amounts due from each church in the Conference (see above).

## **General/Jurisdiction Church News and Resources**

### **Korean American UMs Gather**

[UMNS] In the first meeting of its kind, leaders of the Korean American United Methodist community gathered to share celebrations and challenges and develop a vision to renew and embolden their ministry in the United States. The March 18-20 summit in Englewood, N.J., brought together 32 church, annual conference, district, general agency staff, Korean American caucus, seminary and laity leaders. Bishops Hee-Soo Jung and Jeremiah Park led the event. The event was organized by the United Methodist Council on Korean-American Ministries. There are approximately 60,000 Korean American United Methodists, with 310 churches in 40 states, according to the Rev. Keihwan Ryoo, editor of United Methodists in Service, a Korean-language magazine published by United Methodist Communications.

Visioning doesn't happen in a vacuum, said the Rev. Youngsook C. Kang, describing the importance of the summit. Kang is the first Korean woman to serve as district superintendent. "I maintain hope that a new future will be created where justice is reality and the weak are made strong," she said. Complete story: <http://tinyurl.com/38reea>

## Missions News

### **Matching Grants available for Nothing But Nets Program**

Congratulations to Christ/Faith youth fellowship of Sterling CO for initiating awareness for malaria nets for the children of Africa. Through their soup supper efforts between Faith and Christ UMC's and a \$150 matching grant from the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty, this group of 10 have "netted" almost \$500 for nets. Great job, youth!

As Co-Chair of the Bishops' Initiative for Children and Poverty I want to remind the youth fellowships of the Rocky Mountain Conference that you have till the end of June to receive a matching grant up to \$150 for your efforts to raise funds for Malaria Nets for the Children of Africa. A reminder to you: if you plan on attending the National Youth Conference SPLAT this summer, all groups who do "Nothing But Nets" fundraisers will be eligible to be in a drawing for some pretty awesome prizes at the conference, including a trip to the United Nations or to Africa to disperse nets.

If you hold a fundraiser please contact Rev's Joyce and Derek DeToni-Hill at revsdh@kci.net to apply for matching funds, or call 970 522 9515. -- Joyce DeToni-Hill, Co-Chair, Bishops' Initiative for Children and Poverty

The people of The United Methodist Church are a founding partner in the Nothing But Nets campaign. Other founding partners include the United Nations Foundation, the National Basketball Association's NBA Cares, and Sports Illustrated. Many resources are available at <http://www.umc.org/nets>.

### **Rocky Mountain Conference Is Vital Player in Pilot Project on Missionary Support**

The Rocky Mountain Conference is taking part in a pilot project that is looking at ways to increase individuals and congregations involvement in mission, particularly the support of United Methodist missionaries. The pilot includes a commitment to increase by six the number of congregations in covenant relationships with missionaries by the end of the pilot in 2008.

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. of Denver expressed excitement that the conference is taking part in the pilot. "This pilot has the noteworthy intention of effectively capturing the various structures and unique gifts of an annual conference like Rocky Mountain," he said. "We have an annual conference that embraces mission, but doesn't always feel that all churches can participate. The pilot will help all of our congregations to find ways to joyfully enter into mission relationships."

The Rocky Mountain Annual Conference accepted the invitation of the General Board of Global Ministries to participate in the pilot in 2005. It is one of four annual conferences selected because it reflects the diversity of The United Methodist Church in terms of small, medium and large membership congregations; urban, rural and suburban communities; and a breadth of ages, races and ethnic characteristics. Covenant Relationships are special commitments of missionary support.

The United Methodist Church, through Global Ministries, responds to requests for missionaries from mission partners around the world. In recent years, insufficient funds have resulted in fewer missionaries to meet the mission opportunities. "Since personnel is critical to the Gospel work of The United Methodist Church, ways must be found to adequately support current missionaries and add new ones," said the Rev. R. Randy Day, general secretary of the mission agency.

Conferences in the pilot have unique opportunities to help shape new and creative ways to fund mission now and in the future. Eastern Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Texas are the other three annual conferences participating in the pilot.

Bishop Brown said that it is "an honor to be a part of an effort that will benefit, not just our annual conference, but United Methodist churches across the connection."

Ladelle Dilli, chair of the Conference Committee on Mission Personnel, and Joanie Calhoun, former

Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, represents Rocky Mountain on the Pilot Team. Congregations across the conference are invited to contact Ms. Dilli and Ms. Calhoun about ways in which they can be involved in the support of missionaries serving around the world.

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### **Bridge of Love News!**

Thank you, Churches of the Rocky Mountain Conference for your generous gifts. The need continues and we ask for your help to make a step forward.

The mission project, "Bridge of Love", has collected more than \$37,000.00 in the past four years. As sponsors of this mission project, the Board of Lay Ministry expresses appreciation for your generous response.

The funds collected 2003 - 2006 have been divided equally between the East and West Angola Conferences. This is truly a witness of your care and concern for the people of these two Conferences. Providing water has been a major emphasis for our giving and the recent "VISION" shares how these funds made a difference.

The Board of Lay Ministry adopted this "Bridge of Love" for five years. The offering at the 2007 Annual Session will complete our role in this project. The Conference Board of Global Ministry has voted to continue leadership in the Rocky Mountain and Angola Conferences connection.

Bishop Gaspar Domingos of West Angola Conference will join with the laity at the Laity Session at Annual Conference to celebrate in worship the "Bridge of Love" that now exists. In our closure we pay tribute to our memories of this work. We recognize the continued needs in Angola with our gifts and prayers.

Again this year we ask you to promote the "Bridge of Love" offering in your churches and bring to the 2007 Annual Conference. The loose change offering will be received at the Plenary Session, Thursday, evening, June 14, 7 P. M. The offering will be divided between the two Angola Conferences for the medical needs of their children. Thank you, churches of Rocky Mountain Conference! Wouldn't it be great to raise \$13,000.00 this year bringing our total to \$50,000.00! Contact Judy Hill with questions, 970-358-4389 or e-mail Hillej@plains.net.

## **The Conference Community**

### **Prayer Concerns and Caring For The Conference Community**

Prayer Concerns are offered for the Clergy and Lay Members and leadership of the Annual Conference and their immediate families, as a way to nurture the community of the Annual Conference. Prayer concerns are listed on the Prayer Concerns pages on the Conference web site: [RMCUMC.org/Community](http://RMCUMC.org/Community). More information about each of these named is on those pages. Please keep in your prayers:

- Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. and his spouse Minnie Brown for speedy recovery from surgeries. Send expressions of care to 6110 S. Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111.
- Remember those affected by war: Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur...
- Clair Mitchell, retired RMC clergy living in Los Angeles, who Parkinson's and other issues. Encouragement to eclairm29@arczip.com or 5545 Village Green, Los Angeles, CA 90016
- Lou Pratt, retired RMC clergy, recovering from surgery: [loupratt@msn.com](mailto:loupratt@msn.com).
- Matthias Krier, pastor at the UMC of Steamboat Springs, and his family. Matt's sister Connie, 63, died unexpectedly. Care to Matthias and his spouse Della at [mattkrier@springsips.com](mailto:mattkrier@springsips.com).
- The people in Holly, CO, hit by a large tornado March 28, as well as Dave Moorman and his spouse Sheri who escaped harm but are providing much-needed ministry. Support to [revdave6@rmi.net](mailto:revdave6@rmi.net).
- Scott Schiesswohl, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Evergreen, whose mother Jean

- Schiesswohl, 76, died. Care to [rdscott@whispertel.net](mailto:rdscott@whispertel.net) or 3757 S Ponderosa, Evergreen, CO 80439.
- Paul Brunner, pastor of Applewood Valley UMC, whose mother, Janet Renwick Herniman Mullaney died suddenly 4/1/07. Expressions of care may be sent to Paul and family at [pabavumc@msn.com](mailto:pabavumc@msn.com) or Applewood Valley UMC, 2035 Ellis St., Golden, CO 80401
  - Bin and Lois Gilbert, retired RMC clergy family. Bin has recently decided to discontinue dialysis. Bin retired from the RMC in 1991. Care to 1327 Woodmoor Road, Canon City, CO 81212 or [lobink@ris.net](mailto:lobink@ris.net).
  - Dale Lovett, pastor of Cedaredge UMC, whose mother Pernie Agnes Lovett died April 20 in Birmingham, Alabama. Expressions of care: [dlovett43@earthlink.com](mailto:dlovett43@earthlink.com) or PO Box 369, Cedaredge, CO 81413.
  - Sharon Norton, Sunshine District Administrative Secretary, who is undergoing tests for possible TIA. Expressions of care can be sent to [sunshinedistrict@qwest.net](mailto:sunshinedistrict@qwest.net).
  - Clancy Wells, the director of the Grant Ave Community Center, whose father Glenn Wells died.
  - Larry Howard, pastor at Jefferson Avenue UMC, whose son Chuck is recovering from painful in Wichita. Care: c/o Jefferson Ave UMC, 4425 Kipling St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, [revlarryhoward@juno.com](mailto:revlarryhoward@juno.com).
  - Paula Murphy, surviving spouse of Paul Murphy, RMC retired clergy, recently deceased recovering from cancer surgery. Care to 14091 E. Marina Drive, #402, Aurora, Colorado 80014 or [pj70pe@comcast.net](mailto:pj70pe@comcast.net).
  - New UM Fellowship In Salt Lake Valley: encouragement to Rob Bruendl, Lay Leader, Hilltop UMC
  - The families of all those who died at Virginia Tech. See Prayer Concerns on Web for much more.
  - Family of retired RMC clergy James Lorenz, who died February 25, 2007. James was ordained a probationary member in 1943 and retired in 1992. He served in Pueblo (Bruner) and had served at McCurdy School from 1950 until his retirement. Memorials to McCurdy School. He is survived by his wife, Helen of 626 N. Wabash, Glendora, CA 91741.

### **Thanksgivings**

- King Harris, pastor of Epworth UMC, Denver, sends thanks to all who prayed and thought of him during his time of trial.
- Jeff and Laura Rainwater give thanks for the birth of Emma Rose Rainwater and thanks for all the prayers and words of encouragement during the pregnancy, and thanks in advance for all your prayers as Laura and I begin this new wondrous adventure in being parents. Congratulations can be sent to PO. Box 1234, Center, CO 81125 or [leastrain@centurytel.net](mailto:leastrain@centurytel.net) or [pastorjeff@centurytel.net](mailto:pastorjeff@centurytel.net).
- Thank you to the entire Rocky Mountain Conference and staff for the lovely flowers, cards, calls, and prayers extended to us during our times of surgery and healing. Special thank you to the Episcopacy Committee and the Executive Leadership Team and Conference Staff. We are doing very well! – Warner and Minnie Brown

### **Appointments**

*Updated appointment list on RMCUMC.org: <http://rmcumc.org/CHI/Journal/Appointments.htm>*

- Rev. Dale Lovett to Pine Bluffs UMC July 1, 2007.
- Mark Johnson to St. Paul's, Colorado Springs, July 1.
- Phil Covert, to Asbury UMC, York, Pennsylvania July 1.
- Bradley Laurvick to associate pastor, St. Luke's UMC, Highlands Ranch, July 1.
- Jim Harris to Northglenn United Methodist Church, July 1, 2007.
- Ginny Bettendorf, pastor at Redlands UMC, Grand Junction, to Incapacity leave effective April 1. Notes of care and encouragement may be sent to: [GinnyBettendorf@gmail.com](mailto:GinnyBettendorf@gmail.com) or to her home at 390 High Ridge Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81503-1638. Don Sperber, intentional interim April 15-June.
- Laurie Bruce, Deacon in Full Connection, Minister of Christian Education and Discipleship at Park City Community UMC effective March 12, 2007

### **Scholarship Established to Honor Boigegrain**

A scholarship to honor Walter J. Boigegrain '53, '61 has been established by The Iliff School of Theology for students interested in attending the school. Contact Iliff's Lynda Wright, 303-765-3108, for more information.

### **Angel Pin Offered In Memory of Susan Plymell**

An angel pin in memory of Rev. Susan Plymell is being offered by the SonRise UMC in Pueblo. This pin with the angel wings of a butterfly and a halo evident on the head was designed with the help of Susan's family. Send \$10 to Susan Angel Pin, c/o Shara Heinbaugh, 19 Meadowbrook Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81001.



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This edition contains a lot of news about the tornado in Holly. This is a prime example of the advantage in times of emergency and disaster of the speed of electronic communications (e-mail and web). See this link for the Communications rationale: <http://www.rmcumc.org/News/Communications/rationale.htm>.

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