

#### Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:45 a.m. Moments of Centering: That we all may be aware of His Presence

## Enter to Worship "Palm Sunday"

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

THE INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

THE PROCESSIONAL

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THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" #300

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN OR ON SCREEN)

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\*THE PRAYER HYMN Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "All Things Come of Thee"

THE RECESSIONAL

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

-Depart To Serve—Let's Be The Church!-

#### The Season of Lent



**LENT** is the period of time to reflect on the events that led Jesus to Calvary. For some, Lent is the time of fasting, sacrifice and preparation. The purple background symbolizes royalty, praying, fasting and penitence. The

gold found in the fringe, denotes worth, virtue, glory to God and Christian might. Each symbol used points to Jesus' suffering.

**THE PASSION CROSS**—This is a Latin cross that has pointed ends on each arm and expresses pain. It represents the painful suffering that Jesus endured on the cross. It is sometimes called the cross of agony or suffering.

**CROWN OF THORNS**—Symbolized the mockery of Jesus by the soldiers after Jesus was arrested. It indicates the Kingship of Jesus Christ and Jesus' suffering at the hands of the Jews. It also notes the cruelty of humans toward each other.

HAMMER AND NAILS—These are symbols of the brutal crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary as Jesus' hands and feet were nailed to the cross. They also serve as a reminder that Jesus possessed a human nature that experienced pain, as well as a divine nature.



#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

#### "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" #300

Je-sus, keep me near the Cross; There a pre-cious foun-tain, Free to all—a heal-ing stream-Flows from Calvary's mountain. (Refrain)

Near the cross, a trem-bling soul, Love and mer-cy found me; There the bright and morn-ing Star Shed its beams a-round me. (Refrain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be-fore me, Help me walk from day to day With its shad-ow o'er me. (Refrain)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop-ing, trust-ing ev-er, Till I reach the gold-en strand Just be-yond the riv-er.
(Refrain)

#### REFRAIN

In the cross, in the cross, Be my glo-ry ev-er, Till my rap-tured soul shall find Rest be-yond the riv-er.

A-men.





#### THE RESPONSIVE READING

#### Palm Sunday

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.

But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth.

And of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



### PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM.

#### Helen Ashmore

1026 Polk Street Charlotte, NC 28206

#### **Dorothy Cousar**

1509 Chelveston Dr. Charlotte, NC 28208

#### Lila Blake

509 Hidden Minor Drive Matthews, NC 28104

#### Lelia Kent

1337 Blu Steele Way Charlotte, NC 28134

#### Damie Warren

219 Maureen St. Charlotte, NC 28205

#### Joseph Scott

8214 Shadow Oaks Drive Apt # 312 Charlotte, NC 28269

#### **Birdeal Moss**

6501 Old Savannah Rd Charlotte, NC 28227

#### **Shirley Mack**

7115 Rodden Mill Ct. Apt 112 Charlotte, NC 28262

#### **Geneva Thompson**

3614 Glenwood Dr Charlotte, NC 28208

#### Maxine Shankle

201 West 10th Street #1114 Charlotte, NC 28202

#### l Moss Wanda Cherry

2415 Impatien Dr Charlotte, NC 28215

#### **Charlese Frazier**

407 Maureen Dr. Charlotte, NC 28205

#### **Carline Dinkins**

9620 Haying Place Mint Hill, NC 28227

#### **Charles Robinson**

3705 Prosperity Church Rd #227 Church, NC 28269

#### Micheal Woodson

2325 Chicory Dr. Charlotte, NC 28213

#### Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church Radio Ministry

## Praise 10029 Charlotte's Inspiration Station

PraiseCharlotte.com

## Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM

http://

praisecharlotte.com

#### Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

#### Mary Ann Moore

9120 Willow Ridge Road Pineville, NC 28210

#### Coretta Shipman

Pelican Nursing Home 2616 East 5th Street Charlotte, NC 28204

#### James Brewer

White Oaks Nursing Home 700 Howie Mine Road Waxhaw, NC 28173

#### **Imogene Martin**

Atrium Healthcare University Area 8800 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28262

#### <u>The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar</u>

"Together, We Can...!"

**Ephesians 4:11-16** 

#### Sunday, March 24, 2024—PALM SUNDAY

- ♦9:00am Adult Sunday School via website www.littlerockamezion.org and in Sanctuary
- ♦9:00am—Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ♦10:00am Morning Worship in Sanctuary
- ♦12:15pm Class #10 Meeting in the Sanctuary
- ♦ 12:00 noon Reception for Mr. Jimmie Hackett's Birthday in the Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, March 25, 2024

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

#### Tuesday, March 26, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦10:00am Varick on 7th Grand Opening
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 27, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦ 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)
- ♦5:00pm Livingstone College Recruiting Team in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦7:00pm Bible Study in the Sanctuary in person and via livestream

#### Thursday, March 28, 2024

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ◆7:00pm Little Rock Liturgical Dancers Ministry Rehearsal

#### Friday, March 29, 2024 - Good Friday

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦6:30pm "Seven Last Words from the Cross" Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream

#### Sunday, March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

- ♦6:00am Sunrise Service at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, Guest Preacher, Dr. Dwayne A. Walker
- ♦9:00am Easter Recitation by the CED Department via website www.littlerockamezion.org and in Sanctuary
- ♦9:30am- Adult Sunday School via website and in the Sanctuary
- ♦10:00am Easter Morning Worship in Sanctuary

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



**Excellence In Ministry:** 

## TOGETHER, WE CAN...!

Ephesians 4:11-16

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

## 40-40-40!

# Lead ME to Calvary

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me..." Matthew 16: 24-26

During this **LENTEN SEASON**, let us commit to living well so that we will emerge from these 40 days, changed for the better!

JOIN US AS WE ENGAGE IN AND EXPERIENCE

1. A Personal Journey 2. A Prayerful Journey 3. A Powerful Journey

## Commit to becoming SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY HEALTHY as we spend these 40 days of Lent in

as we spend these 40 days of Lent in 40 minutes of Daily Devotion when are 40 minutes of Daily Exercise and the state of Daily Exercise of this the Drink at least 40 ounces of water Daily

**EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY** 

401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 | (704) 334-3782 | www.littlerockamezion.org





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

## GRAND OPENING

of



#### MARCH 26, 2024 AT 10 AM

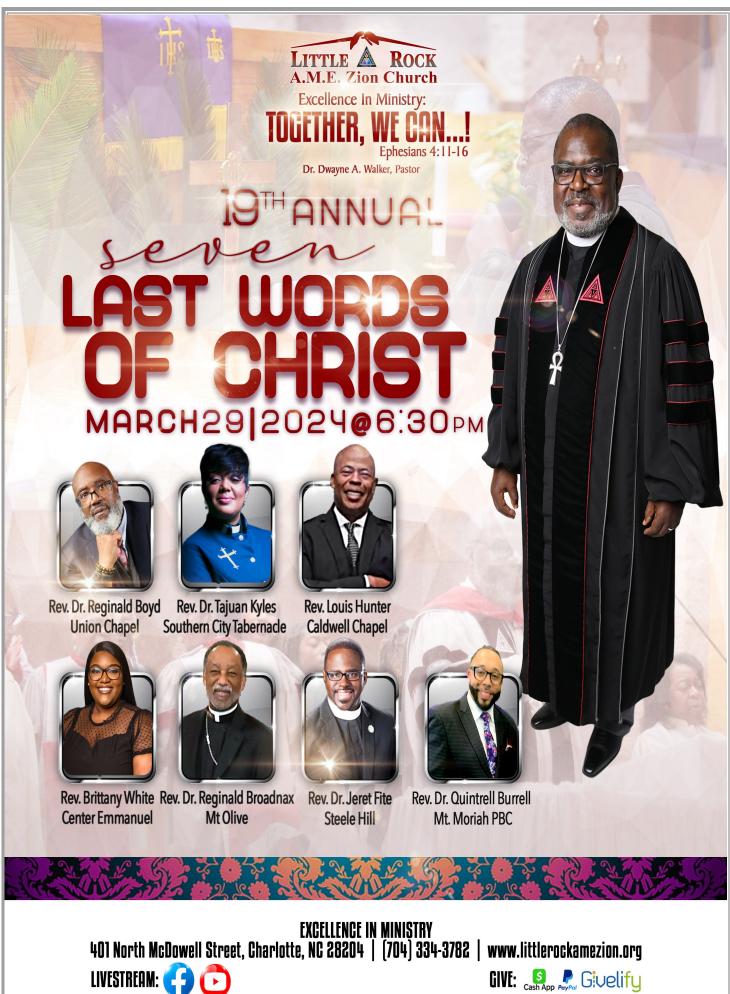
Please join us to celebrate the Grand Opening of Uptown Charlotte's most inclusive and sustainable new residential community.

721 E. 7TH STREET | CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Light refreshments served.

















Excellence in Ministry

Every member is asked to GIVE to the Little Rock Day Celebration— \$200.00 (adults); \$25.00 (children under 18) years of age or college students).

You are encouraged to GIVE

your \$200.00 by soliciting patrons, GIVE in installments and/or all at one time.

Our goal is \$50,000.00
We realize that these are tough times, so we ask that you do the very best you can. Patron Lists are available in the office soon.

The bulletin, and the screen in church will display the QR Code. This may be used by friends and family to GIVE.



Little Rock AME Zion
Church

## Little Rock Day

**Celebrating "Excellence in Ministry"** 

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Rev. Belinda Austin, Chairperson Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor



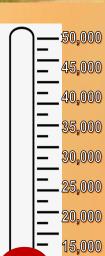
Goal \$50,000.00

Raised 10,645.50

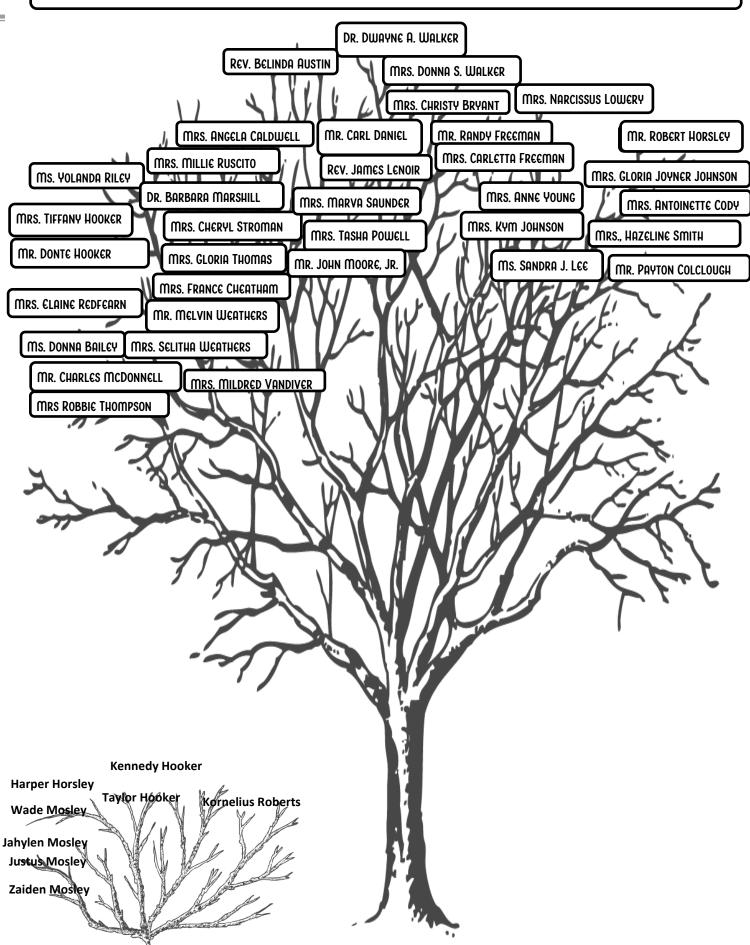
Needed \$ 39,354.50

Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

Little Rock AME Zion Church Cashapp QR Code. Please scan to pay \$Iramez. In the comment section please include "LRD" Thank You.



## MEMBERS LISTED ON THE TREE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN \$200 TOWARD LITTLE ROCK DAY GOAL OF \$50,000



Youth, College Students and Children who have contributed \$25 toward our \$50,000 goal.



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	Ezra Corbett		Matthew Weathers	22	Delphia Daniel
2	<b>Courtney Martin</b>				Michelle Scott
3	Ž		Hazeline Wallace	22	
3	Rev. James Lenoir	11	Carl Daniel	23	Jesse Massey, Sr.
	Dawn Aiken		Sidney Oliver	24	Robbie A. Thompson
5	Belinda Mobley		·		Warren Jordan
4	Jamey Stephens		Tonja McKinney	25	Ronald Metz
4	Jamey Stephens	12	Gloria Thomas	23	Ronard Metz
	DeViyah Wade	13	Scott Howard		Charles Carlton
7	Ja'mice Wilson			26	Ramiyah Harper
	D. A. J. 147.11	<b>15</b>	Jahylen Mosley		-
8	DeAndra Walker	16	Angela Thompson		Marcus Jones
	<b>Charles Carrouthers</b>	18	Andrew Robinson		Mabel McCullough
	Tamesha Hughes-Frazier		Simone Smith	27	Kyla Barnes
	Charlene Carrouthers	21	A.J. Watkins		Leashia Kierce
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			Sonya Burt	28	Angeli Stewart
			Phillip Polk	30	Lauren Howard
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Scottie & Latoya Potts

17 years

If your birthday does not appear on the Church List during your birthday month, please contact the Church Office. We would love to include you and celebrate with you.

Any couple within the church family is welcome to send your anniversary date to the Church Office, (704) 334-3782. We will publish your anniversary twice during your anniversary month.

### Altar Flowers

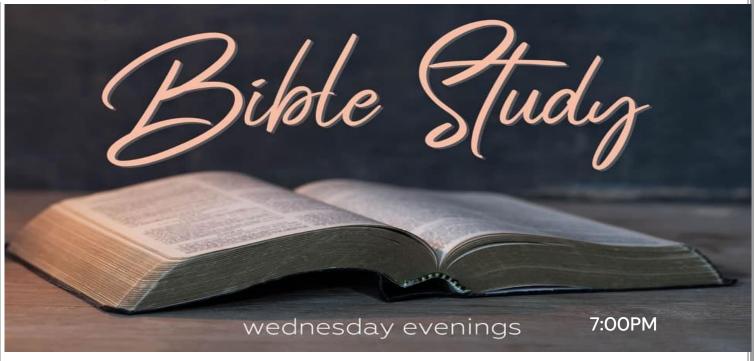
The Flowers on the Altar today are given in honor of the birthday of

Mrs. Harriet Louise Major,

(March 21st)



beloved mother of Mrs. Jennell Crump



Debit Card Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM				
Givelify APP		ww.givelify.com		
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Sunday, March 31, 2024



The Resurrection: Key to Faith

#### **Devotional Reading**

Exodus 14:10-14, 21-23, 26 -31

#### **Background Scripture:**

Mark 16:1-8

#### **Affirmation**

We will value God's presence and guidance amid the difficult and unknown.

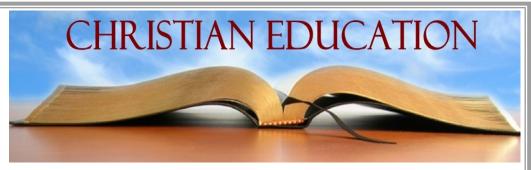
#### **AUDIO VISUAL** MINISTR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering in the Audio-Visual and/ or the Information-Technology Ministry

PLEASE call the Church Office at (704)334-3782.

Training will be provided.



#### **Ministry of Kindness**

Your gifts will make a world of difference in someone's life. Thank you in advance for sup-









## Little Rock Class Meetings

#### Sunday, March 24, Class #10

will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a meet and greet your new Class Leader.

Class Leader: Mrs. Chella Mills

#### Sunday, March 24, Class #3

will meet in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend this meeting. Class Leader: Mr. Keith Powe.

#### Tuesday, April 9, Class #12

will meet via Zoom. The login will be emailed to members. Class Leader, Dr. Angelia Fryer.

#### **Lenten Sacrificial Offering**

Please return your Lenten Offering prior to or on Easter Sunday March 31, 2024.

You may receive a Lenten Envelope from an Usher. This Sacrificial Offering will be placed on the Altar Easter Sunday.

"...Lead Me To Calvary"



#### **Graduation Information for the Class of 2024**

All high school and college graduates are asked to complete the information below and email or text it to the Christian Education Director, Mrs. Antoinette Cody at <a href="mailto:Acody13@yahoo.com">Acody13@yahoo.com</a> or 704.281.2765 by Sunday, April 7, 2024. Thank you.

Name (as you want it printed):					
Parents or/Spouse:					
High School Graduating from:					
Future Plans after high school:					
College Graduating from:					
Degree conferred from college:					
Honors/Awards/Recognitions/Scholarships:					

#### Little Rock General Claims and Quarterly Conference Dues

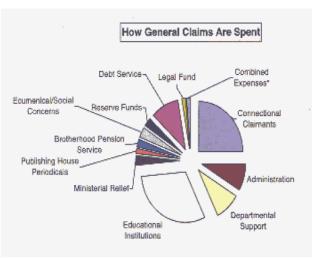
ALL members please be mindful of:



GENERAL CLAIMS: This assessment is for the purpose of supporting the various denominational enterprises, such as Schools and Colleges; Home and Overseas Missions; Church camps and administrative responsibilities of

the General African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The General Claims Assessment is required of each member. This assessment may be paid through the church envelope system or designated through electronic given. The \$100.00 may be divided into four payments (\$25.00 per quarter) to be paid on the Sunday prior to each conference Check-Up Meeting.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE DUES: These funds are applied to the salary of the district Presiding Elder. Each member is asked to pay \$40.00 a year. The \$40.00 may be broken up into four payments of \$10.00 per quarter. Members may use the church offering envelope system.





## Little Rock Fourth Quarterly Conference

Our final quarterly conference for this year, 2023-24 will be held on Thursday,

May 2nd at 6:30pm. All ministers, boards, and ministries are asked to please have your final reports into the office by noon, April 22nd.

Thank you



#### **EASTER LILY MEMORIALS-\$15.00**

You may purchase one of the Easter Lilies that will adorn the sanctuary in memory of a loved one. Their name will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below and give to an usher or to the Church Office.

Name
In Memory :

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY Checks should be made payable to Little Rock AME Zion Church. E Platform giving must be indicated as "Easter Flowers".

#### Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor



#### The Twelve Classes of Little Rock

Gilbert McRae, Leader of Leaders 704-567-7588

Class #13—New Members

Class Numb	er Class Leader	Contact Number
Class #1	Dr. Sonya Campbell	704 858-4601
Class #2	Tyteen Humes	770 548-6255
Class #3	Keith Powe	704 968-7353
Class #4	Sharbara Ellis	704 535-9516
Class #5	Rev. James H. Lenoir	704 806-2591
Class #6	Mary Davis	704 691-5448
Class #7	John Moore, Jr.	704 502-8295
Class #8	Stafford Mackey	704 898-3890
Class #9	Rev. Michelle Courtney	704 281-1661
<i>Class</i> #10	Chella Mills	980 353-6317
Class #11	Glain Haynes Lewis	704 399-0581
Class #12	Dr. Angelia Fryer	704 572-8517

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday School
Morning Worship
Little Rock Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
Youth | Young Adult Choir Rehearsal
Children's Choir Rehearsal
Bread of Life Ministry

9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12:00 noon 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m. Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m.

#### WHAT WE BELIEVE

#### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic\* Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.

\*Universal Body of Christ

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Belinda Austin Rev. James Lenoir Rev. Michelle Courtney Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell Rev. Anthony Redfearn Rev. Diane Commander Minister of Evangelism Minister of Christian Education Minister of Evangelism for Inreach Minister of Youth and Young Adults Minister of Counseling Assistant Minister of Evangelism

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