



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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Reconciliation

The Apostle Paul encourages us to be reconciled to God and says that we have been given the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-20). Are you a minister of reconciliation? Is there someone with whom you would like to be reconciled? What does reconciliation mean and how is reconciliation related to forgiveness?

This Sunday, September 10th, we will ponder reconciliation, specifically in terms of conflict within the faith community, but of course it has a wider application given our sociohistorical context.

We will also gather after worship for a special congregational meeting to approve the recent bylaws changes. It's a good weekend for us to come together and be the church!

I look forward to seeing you - my fellow ministers of reconciliation - on Sunday.

Shalom, Brother Fred

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Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, September 10 are given to the Glory of God by Marlene and Jim Williams in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply give to the glory of God. Opportunities are available for flower donations for September and October. If you are interested in donating flowers during these months, please email Wendy Sisson (wendyhigshschool@gmail.com) or call or text her at (401) 932-2055. Thank you.

Women's Fellowship 9/14

Join us for Women's Fellowship as we meet on Thursday, September 14 at 10 o'clock in the Hoxsie Lounge to visit and plan the year ahead.

Submitted by Judy healy

Youth Connect is Back!

YOUTH CONNECT (what we used to call "Sunday School") is back!



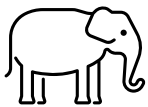
September 10 – The Great Creation Story Amazing Race. **DRESS FOR A MESS BECAUSE WE WILL BE PAINTING.** Opening day and sign up for Youth Connect @ 10am! Head on up to the second floor where Meg will be waiting for you. Refreshments, ice breakers, and fun games while parents complete the necessary paperwork.

Youth Connect will start on September 17.

Family Sundays: September 24 and October 22. There is no Youth Connect on FAMILY SUNDAYS, but ALL ages are welcome to join in the fun!

Check out the **Youth Corner** in the E-Light, which features info, thought prompts, and games especially for the youth in our midst!

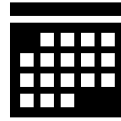
Submitted by Claudia Swain



White Elephants

Thanks to the ladies' efforts in the "Down Under" (cellar) - we are ready for set up for our Pumpkin Palooza sale on 10/7.

Care to help? Set up will be Tues. 10/3 from 10:30 to noon. We also need staffing at the sale. Sat. 10/7 for either 1st shift - 10:45 AM to 12:45 PM or 2nd shift) 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM. Yes, we always have fun. See Jane to volunteer. jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172. Be patient for delayed response at the moment.



On the Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 10 @ 10am
Contemporary Worship

Sunday, Sept. 10 @ after worship Special Congregational Meeting: proposed changes to the By-laws

Sunday, Sept. 17 @ 10am
Contemporary Worship & **Youth Connect**

Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 10am
Family Worship Service

Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 12:30pm
– Pumpkin Unloading!

Saturday, Oct. 7 – 11am
Pumpkin Palooza, White Elephant, Food & Games!

Mondays @ 6:30pm
NA Meeting – Learn to Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesday 9/6, 9/19 @ 6pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 7pm
Contemporary Choir rehearsal



Free Seedlings

Three-month old Crown of Thorns (Euphorbia milii) house plants looking for good homes. Easy care, will flourish in any light. Cactus with thorns and small red flowers. Pick up in

Fellowship Hall on the window sill. I have included info with each plant. Thank you, J. Stabile

Social Justice in Action



For **THIS WEEK'S** list of events and opportunities check out the [Social Justice Committee info](#) on the **Missions** or **Groups** section of our PDCC website. Submitted by Joanne Haynes

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

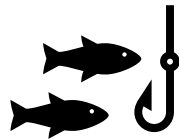
for the purpose of reviewing/approving
changes to the PDCC By-laws

Sunday, September 10th following worship

(see next page for more info)

Church Directory Funny Business

Beware of phishers and scammers looking for church directory information. If you receive a request for directory information – or for “a copy of the directory” – please do nothing other than notify the church office. The church directory in Breeze is password protected and available only to church members and active participants, only for church activities.



Solar Raves

As reported by Mary-Gail Smith, our church continues to get accolades on our solar project on the year-old anniversary. Nice article, check it out on the UCC website:

<https://www.sneucc.org/blogdetail/local-church-spotlight-solar-panels-at-peace-dale-congregational-church-17557043>

Submitted by Don Hermes
on behalf of the Green Team

The Block Island Sound Brass Quintet



will be performing

Saturday, Sept. 9th @ 5 P.M. – 6 P.M.

at The South Shore Village Community Center
(5 Birdie Court, South Kingstown)

If you search on “South Shore Village, Wakefield” the directions will take you to the entrance to our development. Then head straight in about a mile and you’ll see the Community Center.

We’re playing fun music! Come enjoy yourself and see our beautiful community center.

Submitted by Jean Simpson

PDCC By-laws Proposed Changes

The by-laws of Peace Dale Congregational Church have undergone a thorough review during the past several months to:

- make them more current with the mission of our church;
- update language and practices to reflect our current century;
- update overall organization of the document to eliminate redundancy and make the document easier to follow.

Changes have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board and recommended for presentation to the congregation for approval at a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 10th following worship. On the PDCC website, you may find [links to the documents](#) in two forms (one showing all changes in highlight and eliminated language crossed out, and the other showing the document as it will appear when all changes are applied). **A few printed copies will be available at the church if you prefer to read a hard copy.**

Please review these documents on the web @ peacedalechurch.org/leaders-staff prior to the meeting on September 10th. If you have questions or suggestions for further changes, please contact Joanne Haynes (joanne@haynesrandj.com), Sylvia Blanda (sylviablanda@gmail.com), or Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@gmail.com) so we can be prepared to present appropriate changes at the meeting.

Here is a rationale for the changes shown in the documents.

1. Overall reasons for changing the by-laws is to simplify and better organize, make them in-line with what we are actually doing and to make them more current with the mission of our church.
2. Number of people elected to boards
 - Specifying a maximum number provides more flexibility and encourages boards to adopt a practice of using support people to carry out projects and creating ad hoc committees to do specific tasks. Some boards can operate with fewer elected members, while others may need the maximum.
3. Eliminating Associate membership. Those in that classification will be considered active members with all the rights associated with that classification.

4. Combine Hospitality and Church Family Life
 - There is currently collaboration between these boards and they have similar charters to serve our congregation by hosting activities that promote Christian Fellowship
5. Change from President to Moderator (same responsibilities, just a less hierarchical name).
6. Add an Assistant Moderator
 - Provide help to Moderator
 - Provide training for Moderator position
7. Eliminate past President (Moderator) on Executive Board. Free out-going person to serve in other capacities.
8. Clarified the definitions and responsibilities of members and non-members
9. Added technology ad hoc committee to Executive Board
10. Changed Historian from elected position to appointed position
11. Distinguish between committees and boards
12. Eliminate Flower Committee as congregation-elected position and make it an ad hoc committee of the Deacons.
13. Broaden discretion of the nominating committee to fill positions appropriately
14. Change the covenant to a more current version.
15. Change of budget year
 - The **fiscal** year for the church will remain January through December. All reporting associated with the fiscal year will remain the same.
 - The **budget** year will become July 1 through June 30th.
 - The annual meeting would include a status report of the budget
 - Boards formed in February after the annual meeting will review their strategic plans and establish what they need for their budget effective July 1st.
 - Annual meeting will still happen in February where new officers and board members will be elected.
 - Budget will be approved at special congregational meeting in May, ahead of it taking effect July 1. Allows budget to be approved **before** actually taking effect.
 - Discussion with the treasurer at Kingston Congregational Church indicates that this is a workable plan as they have been on a July 1st budget year for several years.

Submitted by Joanne Haynes

Church Family Life invites you to



Help Make Apple Crisp for the Pumpkin Palooza

Fun and fellowship in the kitchen!!!

We will be putting Apple Crisp together in the kitchen for The Pumpkin Palooza

Join in the fun on
Friday Oct. 6th at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Please bring aprons, peelers, and a 9x13 pan (metal or glass). All the ingredients will be provided.

There will be a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall following Sunday service.

Contact Christine Grevstad
christinegrevstad@hotmail.com
516 694-9154

September Mission of the Month: UCC Hawaii Wildfires Response

The Hawaii Conference and Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ have both issued appeals to support those impacted by wildfires across Hawaii, including the Maui fire which took more than 100 lives and is being called one of the deadliest US wildfires in the past 100 years.

“As we learn of the rising toll of the wildfires in Maui and see more and more of the extent of the destruction, we hold the people of Hawaii in our prayers, including UCC members and Hawaii Conference leadership,” Peter Makari, transitional executive for Wider Church Ministries, said in [this United Church News article](#).

Contributions made through the UCC Disaster Ministries network will focus on bridging the gaps between the assistance offered by first-time responders and community revitalization.

The Hawaii Conference used existing disaster relief funds to issue aid for gas, clothes, toiletries and other immediate aid, according to their website. The Conference has also established the Hawaii 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund, which will both continue to issue immediate aid and be used for long-term recovery.


For additional information, see the UCC website at sneucc.org/newsdetail/how-to-help-in-hawaii-17539151

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports the UCC Hawaii Wildfires Response as our Mission of the Month. You may donate funds by placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service; sending a check to the church office; or clicking the Give now button below to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Checks should be made out to PDCC with “UCC Hawaii” in the memo line.

Thank you,
The Missions Board

[Give now](#)



**You're
Invited**

Pumpkin Palooza

October 7 11-2
Rain date October 14 11-2

Pumpkins, White Elephants, Food, Baked Goods, and Children's Activities including a Halloween Obstacle Course with Inflatables, Extreme Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Smashing at 12 and 1, and much more

Peace Dale Congregational Church
261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI

Opening Day
Tabitha's Closet
new and gently used
clothing

Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Church Family Life (CFL) suggests ask someone at PDCC to join you! Why not ask during hospitality after church when we're all together? ***Please share events you find or are interested in with Jane Stabile.***

Fri. 9/8 – Sun. 9/10 – PVDfest – Providence's free outdoor signature arts festival at Innovation Park. Artisans, makers, food trucks, parade, music, Mavis Staples and Africa Nyaga Drum and Dance Festival. <https://pvdifest.com/>

NEW! Fri. 9/8 – Sun. 9/10 – Vietnam Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall, Rocky Point State Park, Warwick, RI. Marking the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam war, an 80% replica of the one in Washington DC. <https://warwickonline.com/stories/travelling-vietnam-memorial-wall-to-be-displayed-at-rocky-point-park,204085>

NEW! Sat. 9/9 – Warwick Fall Apple Festival, from 10 AM to 3:30 PM at Rocky Point Park, 1 Rocky Point Ave., Warwick. Featuring 88th Army Band, Southern New England Chapter of the Wolfshager Hexenbruts Dance Troupe, food trucks, crafters, vendors, demonstrations, special character guests, Touch a Truck, live music, children's activities, more. facebook.com/events/746400833644422?active_tab=about

NEW! Sat. 9/9 – South Kingstown Trifecta with ART, music and food from 12 to 10:30 PM at Saugatucket Park, High St. & Main St. in Wakefield, RI. FREE with 40 artisans, performances including Ladies of the Rolling Pin, demonstrations, children's activities, local breweries, food trucks, LIVE MUSIC. Field of Artisans and a self guided Open Studios Tour from 11 to 5 PM to visit South Kingstown artists in their studios. <https://www.southcountyart.org/trifecta-festival.html>

Sun. 9/10 – Friends of RI CASA End of Summer Celebration, Bonnet Shores Beach Club, Narragansett. Benefit to support the needs & wishes of abused & neglected children in family court cases. Food, cash bar, silent auction, raffles, live entertainment by Ron Giorgio (1:30 to 3PM) and 2nd to None (3 to 7 PM). <https://friendsofricasa.org/event-information/>

NEW! Thurs. 9/21 – Garden Club of America Judged Garden Show at the Dunes Club, Narragansett. Luncheon noon - 3 PM, cash bar available. ***Our own Claudia Swain and her garden club will have an entry.*** Go team! \$45 PP includes lunch and a glass of Rose wine. Also be sure to enjoy the contestants' displays. Checks made out to the South County Garden Club & mail to 55 Briggs Rd., Saunderstown, RI 02874.

NEW! Fri. 9/22 – RI Philharmonic Orchestra Open Rehearsal at 5:30 PM; Sat. 9/23 TACO Classical at 8 PM – Robert Spano, conductor; Karen Gomyo, violin. Playlist – BRIAN RAPHAEL NABORS: Of Earth & Sky: Tales of the Motherland; BRUCH: Violin concerto #1; SOSHTAKOVICH: Symphony #5. <https://tickets.riphil.org/single-tickets>

NEW! Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 – Fall Visitors' Weekend at West Place Animal Sanctuary. Meet the new farm animal rescues. Reconnect with familiar furry and feathered friends. Choose from 30 interactive and educational guided tours of the historic 8-acre farm. Get up close and personal with the inspirational farm animals rescued from cruelty, abuse, and neglect. Event held rain or shine. Tours last approximately 60-90 minutes. **Online registration recommended** at <https://www.westplace.org/visitors-weekends>. Dress for the weather; wear comfortable shoes or boots. Check out the video at the bottom of the home page. <https://www.westplace.org/>

NEW! Sun. 9/24 – Cranston Fall Festival at Itri Sq. Knightsville, Cranston. 10 AM to 5 PM. Sponsored by Cranston Police Dept. Vendors, entertainment, Touch a Truck, games, food trucks, demonstrations, beer garden, kids activities, more. facebook.com/events/209617562035261/?active_tab=discussion

NEW! Now through 10/11 – Great Orchards to visit in RI for apple picking and more, article in the Providence Journal by Katie Landeck. <https://www.providencejournal.com/lifestyle/>

Now through 10/5 – "Umbrella Sky at Newport's Brick Market enjoy a canopy of color created from more than 500 umbrellas magically suspended over Newport's Brick Marketplace." Rain or shine admire this extraordinary art installation while enjoying shops, art shows, craft fairs and vendors from 8 M to 11 PM. Free. <https://whatsupnewp.com/2023/06/umbrella-sky-newport-exhibit-opens-in-brick-market-place/>

Anytime RIWalks Challenge – Search for 34 metal nature inspired designs on trees in special places on Land Trust Trails. Snap a selfie or photo and share it. See photos and get info at: <https://www.riwalks.org/challenge.php>

Help Wanted for Tabitha's Closet

Clothing Records-Keeper Tabitha's Closet has a need for a PDCC volunteer with interest or experience in basic recordkeeping to help us with tracking expenditures, keeping track of donations and connecting with our church finance committee. This is not a very time consuming role, and is a great way to volunteer if you are not available during daytime hours.

Clothing Drive Coordinator The committee is also looking for someone who likes to connect with people to serve as our clothing drive coordinator, to reach out to local churches and organizations and arrange clothing drives throughout the year.

If you would like to serve in either of these roles, please contact Galen McGovern at GalenMcGovern@cox.net or Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@gmail.com.

Clothing Donations and Volunteers Needed

Thank you for your generous donations thus far. We are in need of more children's clothing.

PDCC's new clothing ministry, Tabitha's Closet, will need **individuals to volunteer** regularly on a weekly or monthly basis to sort and prep the clothing, as well as run the shop on Saturday mornings. The committee is also looking for folks with an interest in art or graphic arts to help with logos and signage, a sales/marketing

person who can help us get the word out, anyone with interest or experience in fashion merchandising, and a financial liaison to help with managing the donations. If you can help in any of these areas, we would love for you to join us!

Planned opening October 7

Tabitha's Closet is now accepting donations of **new and gently used fall and winter clothing**. We are asking that only church members donate clothing at this time. We will say "no thank you" to items with bad odors or any torn, stained, worn and please no buggy items. **Items we are NOT accepting are socks, underwear, bathing suits, and formal wear, including men's suits and ties.**

We are asking that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. **Donations may be placed in the bin at the bottom of the side door stairwell on the first floor.**

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern@cox.net. For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@gmail.com

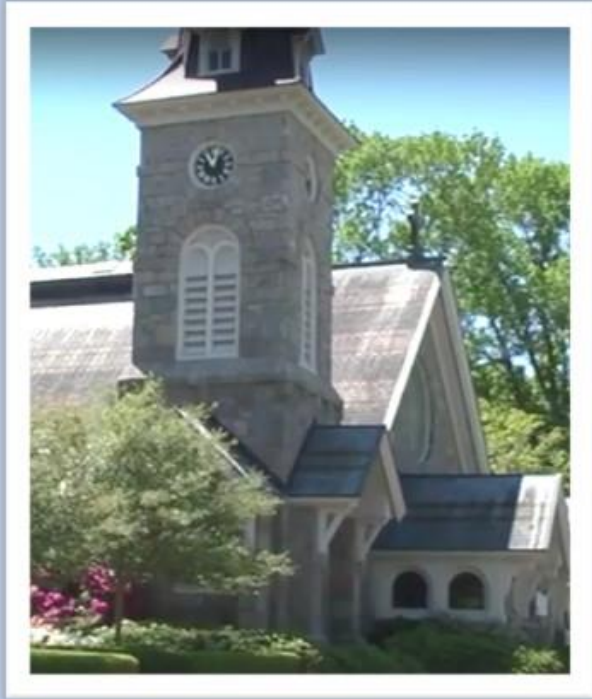
Thank you so much!

The Tabitha's Closet Team



Youth Corner

The Rose Window



Church Tour

Join us as we go on a pictorial church tour of our amazing church in this and future issues of our newsletter. Our first stop is the beautiful rose window.

Click here and go to YOUTH CORNER to see the rest of the pictures and guessing games!

PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Volunteers and Donations Needed

KIDS CAN HELP TOO

This year's Pumpkin Palooza will be on October 7 from 11 until 2. You can help us get ready by donating fall themed white elephants, Halloween candy, baked goods, and other handmade items (including items that children would enjoy, like fall scented playdough and slime). If you can donate some of your time to help on the day of the palooza, please contact Meg Kolodziej (megkolodziejri@gmail.com). We would love to have your help!

Your wonderful donations and warm hospitality make our events special. Thank you for your generous support!

Youth program coordinator Meg Kolodziej
megkolodziejri@gmail.com





You are God's masterpiece

PDCC Youth Connect Calendar 2023-2024

September

10 Sunday Youth Connect Opening Day 10 am
 17 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 24 Sunday Family Service 10 am

October

1 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 7 Saturday Pumpkin Palooza 11 am-2 pm
 8 Sunday Holiday weekend--No Youth Connect
 15 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 22 Sunday Family Service 10 am
 29 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am

November

5 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 12 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 19 Sunday Family Service 10 am
 26 Sunday Special Thanksgiving Mission Project 10 am

December

2 Saturday Children's Christmas Village and Christmas Bazaar
 3 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 10 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 17 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 24 Sunday Special Christmas Eve Family Service
 31 Sunday New Year's Eve—No Youth Connect

January

7 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 14 Sunday Martin Luther King Weekend--No Youth Connect
 21 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 28 Sunday Family Service 10 am

February

4 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 11 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 18 Sunday School Vacation—No Youth Connect
 25 Sunday Family Service 10 am

March

3 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 10 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 17 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 23 Saturday Eggstravaganza 11 am-2 pm
 24 Sunday Family Service 10 am—Palm Sunday Parade
 31 Sunday Easter Sunday

April

7 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 14 Sunday Spring Vacation—No Youth Connect
 21 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 28 Sunday Family Service 10 am

May

5 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 12 Sunday Mother's Day--No Youth Connect
 19 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 26 Sunday Memorial Day Weekend—No Youth Connect

June

2 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
 9 Sunday CE Sunday Celebration—High School Senior Recognition

Gift Cards with a Kick

 **RaiseRight** Formerly ShopWithScrip **You get a card for the full amount and every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.**

Use RaiseRight to buy your Groceries and support PDCC at the same time. In support of Stewardship in Action, if you buy a \$100 grocery card on Sunday you will contribute \$4 - \$10 back to the church. No extra money out of your pocket – buy from us before you shop and help bridge the gap in the deficit.

RaiseRight is not *just* for gifts – **use cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries and prescriptions. Remember your reusable bags and gift cards in your everyday shopping trips.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales are available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Cards in stock include:
Belmont (\$25 & \$100), Dave's (\$100), Shaw's (\$25 & \$100), Stop & Shop (\$25 & \$100), CVS (\$25), Walgreen's (\$25), Amazon (\$25 & \$100), Applebee's (\$25), Brickley's Ice Cream (\$20), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).



Brickley's is open for the season!! We have \$20 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

Prayer Matters



To build fellowship and make full use of the congregational power of prayer, we offer this Prayer Matters space to allow members of our community to

lift up their names and requests for prayer. This adds to the opportunities for congregants to lift up their prayers during Sunday service, and to request the care of the [Prayer Circle](#) that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our [Called to Care](#) ministry.

How to share your prayer

You may choose to use all or any combination of: Joys & Concerns on Sunday morning, Prayer Circle ministry, Called to Care ministry, and the new Prayer Matters section of the newsletter.

- To lift up your prayer during **Sunday Service**, simply raise your hand, voice your joy or concern and then say, "this is my prayer"; the congregation responds "this is our prayer". Prayer requests made during Sunday service are shared aloud with those in attendance.
- To request the care of **Prayer Circle**, submit the [online form](#) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request the support of our **Called to Care** ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the [online form](#). These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-Light, send email to office@peacedalechurch.org or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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