

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

October 2011



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**‘Show Yourself...’
Evangelism for Congregations
Workshop, October 1 or 22**

(Offered as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative)

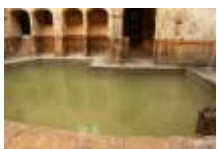


This year's Evangelism for Congregations Workshop, "Show Yourself," will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 1**, 9:00-noon, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1133 Pfginsten Rd., Northbrook, and **Saturday, Oct. 22**, 9:00-noon, at

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn (Same workshop, two dates and locations).

Register online for this free event at www.mtselca.org. See more about this workshop on page two. All are welcome.

**Register for November 5
Stewardship Conference**



This year's fall Stewardship Conference, Living Well - Health * Healing * Wholeness - Healthy People + Healthy Congregations, will take place on

Saturday, November 5, 2011, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1310 Shepherd Dr., Naperville, IL 60565, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The conference, including lunch, costs \$25 per person (if registration and payment are received prior

to October 22, 2011), or \$30 after October 22. Students from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago can register for \$20. Online registration is available at www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship/conference.php.

If you have questions, contact Steve Homberg in the synod office at shomberg@mtselca.org or **773-248-0021., ext. 20**.

Attend ‘Jesus and Justice’ Event



On **October 22, 2011**, the synod and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will join together to offer "Jesus and Justice: We Are Called to Act." The event

will offer models of local, regional, national, and international justice ministries that are currently working in congregations across the synod.

Speakers include Bishop Wayne N. Miller; Pr. Stephen Bouman, executive director of ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission; Pr. Denver Bitner, president/CEO of LSSI; and Pr. Beverly Conway, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Holland. The event will take place at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1100 E.55th St., Chicago, IL 60615) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a \$15 registration fee that covers the cost of a continental breakfast and lunch. To register, go to www.mtselca.org.

For more information, contact Joy Medrano, LSSI volunteer relations coordinator, at **847-635-4653**.



A MATTER OF MOTIVATION

Martha Grace Reese, author of the Unbinding books (*Unbinding the Gospel*, *Unbinding Your Church*, *Unbinding Your Heart*), has found that the greatest challenge to evangelism in mainline churches is a lack of motivation. We can say over and over that the Good News is so amazing that we just *have* to share it. But, for many of us, faith-sharing is a language we’ve hardly heard spoken, much less learned to speak ourselves. So being told that it should just spontaneously happen can leave us feeling frustrated and defensive.

If that sounds kind of like you or folks in your congregation, then how about taking advantage of one of these upcoming opportunities:

(1) Oct. 1 and Oct 22: **Evangelism for Congregations Workshop: “Show Yourself…”** with Brian Zehr and Bruce Hanson of Intentional Impact. This is the same workshop offered twice. No cost. Go to <http://www.mtselca.org> for information and registration.

(2) **Martha Grace Reese** is offering another conference call for synod pastors to hear about using the Unbinding resources to open up your leaders and your whole congregation to the Spirit’s work of calling people into faith and gathering them into Christian communities. Get in touch with Carol Breimeier or Vance Blackfox at the synod office for dates, times, and more information.

AND A REMINDER RE: RESOURCES

Congregational Renewal often begins with key questions:

- What can we do about our declining worship attendance?
- How do we reach out to our neighborhood?

- Why do we seem to be stuck as a congregation?
- It seems as if we do a lot, but are we doing the right things?
- Do we have clarity in ministry and mission?
- We sense that the Holy Spirit is moving. How do we respond?
- What is renewal? What would renewal look like in our congregation?

If you’re asking questions like these, here are online resources that you may find helpful:

Resource Guide for Turnaround Congregations

This is a step-by-step resource guide that addresses key questions about a congregational renewal journey. It also provides information about best practices and local resources and support.

www.mtselca.org/what/mission/tsi

Center for Parish Development



The Center recently launched a new website and online conversation about missional or congregational transformation. You will also find resources for congregational Bible studies and engagement. It is also on Facebook.

www.missionalchurch.org

Alban Institute

Sign up for the weekly newsletter focused on topics for congregational leadership. The site also hosts an extensive resource catalog and articles to download.

www.alban.org

Net Results

Net Results publishes a bi-monthly newsletter with short, accessible articles from practitioners and consultants—made to be shared. Your subscription cost includes the right to copy and share articles within your congregation or organization. Also available are collections of articles on a various topics from past years.

www.netresults.org

Register for Building an Inclusive Church Training



Building an Inclusive Church Training for Deepening the Welcome will take place on Saturday, **October 1, 2011**, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at United in Faith Lutheran

Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60634 (near Irving Park & Narragansett) – a handicapped-accessible facility with plenty of parking.

This three-day training is condensed into *one* day for congregational teams and interested individuals in the Chicago area to gain the basics of graceful engagement to Deepen the Welcome. Anti-bullying discussion will also be introduced.

The planning team is delighted to welcome back Emily Eastwood, executive director of Lutherans Concerned/North America, as the trainer for the event. Emily was the leader of the Beginning the Conversation workshop at our synod's Deepening the Welcome resource day last February. The event is co-led ecumenically through the Institute of Welcoming Resources and sponsored by Lutherans Concerned-Chicago chapter and the synod Justice Team.

As the church engages rapid changes in society, this training will be useful for:

- Congregations just beginning conversation about explicit welcome for lgbt individuals
- Congregations who may be Reconciling in Christ but are looking to renew, refresh, or deepen their welcome and conversation about welcome
- Congregations that may be engaging in conversation about marriage policies, including the new Illinois civil union legislation

- Congregations or individuals who want to be further equipped to assist other congregations in site-specific or issue-specific training or have great experiences to share with those just getting started.

Participants will be equipped with a tool-kit for assessing the congregational timeline and readiness and trained in graceful engagement techniques that would be helpful for any congregational conversation that involves deep listening and reconciling. Consider how your congregation might send a core team this October. The synod Justice Team is offering a limited number of scholarships for congregations able to send teams of three to the event.

Cost: \$30 for individuals, \$60 (third member free) for core teams of three from a congregation or institution. Lunch and materials are included.

Register as soon as possible at <http://welcomingresources.org/communityorg.htm#chicago>.

For more information on the event *or for instructions on how to register while utilizing the core team scholarship*, contact Kim Beckmann at kimbeckmann@gmail.com or **773-697-4612**.

All Congregation Ministry Showcase on October 30



The Chicago Chapter of the African American Lutheran Association A.A.L.A. is proud to present an All Congregation Ministry Showcase #3, on Sunday, **October 30, 2011**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615.

For more information please contact Ms. Jannae Jenkins at **773-732-3749** or queenmsj@yahoo.com

Immigration Reform Seminar at St. Paul in Villa Park



Wayne N. Miller, Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA, will introduce the ELCA’s social policy resolution “Toward

Compassionate, Just, and Wise Immigration Reform” at a seminar on Saturday, **October 8, 2011**. The seminar at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 545 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, begins at 1:00 p.m. and is sponsored by Faith Lutheran in Glen Ellyn and Prince of Peace Lutheran in Addison.

Candace King, director of the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform, will speak about the recent demographic changes in DuPage County. A representative of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services has been asked to attend to highlight the church’s work with immigrants and refugees.

The seminar will conclude with Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Miller will deliver the sermon.

A copy of the social policy resolution can be found at <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Resolutions/Comprehensive-Immigration-Reform.aspx>.

All are invited and welcome. For more information, please call Kristen Rosenwinkel at **630-832-5580**.

Understanding Systemic Racism Workshop Offered



Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism is an intensive 2 ½ day workshop that will help you understand and analyze

racism in the church and society.

Join us for an exploration of:

- The definition of systemic racism;
- The three manifestations of racism— individual, institutional, and cultural, and their effects on both communities of color and white communities; and,
- The issue of racism and the task of dismantling racism from spiritual, ethical, political and social perspectives, with the goal of equipping people to combat racism within their institutions and in the larger society.

October 20-22, 2011

Cardinal Meyer Center
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

This workshop is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect, caring and safety, and is not based on confrontation, guilt, and judgment.

Anyone who has an interest in developing a deeper understanding of racism and its impact on our church and society is invited to attend.

Hours

This is a 2 ½ day workshop - participants must commit to attending all sessions

Day 1 - (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.)

Day 2 - (8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Day 3 - (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Participants must register in advance and have participated in an introductory workshop. The event is \$35 per person for ELCA members and \$105 for non-ELCA participants. The cost includes three meals, course notebook, and workshop materials. Register online at www.mcelca.org/what/ministry/antiracism.

LSSI ‘Concert of Caring’ at Atonement in Barrington



This year’s “Concert of Caring” will feature pianist, composer, and speaker Mary Beth Carlson, who will provide a wide variety of music to appeal to listeners of all ages. Her concerts are filled with warmth, intimacy, and humor. In the Chicago area, the concert will be held **October 5, 2011**, at

the Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 East Main Street, Barrington, IL 60010. Concerts will also be held in the Northern and Central-Southern Illinois Synods.

The concert will benefit Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) programs in the synod, including services for children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Much of Carlson’s original music has been composed in honor of her daughter Jody, who was born with cerebral palsy and autism. She has written and performed music specifically for the International Special Olympics, Arc, Children’s Cancer Research Fund, and the Alzheimer’s Association.

Tickets cost \$15 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Lutheran Church of the Atonement at **847-381-0243**. Information is also available at www.LSSI.org or LSSI’s Facebook page.

Opportunity to Learn About Church World Service

The Illinois Region of Church World Service (CWS) invites you to join them **October 30-November 3, 2011**, for a hands-on educational mission opportunity. Participants will travel from

Illinois (Joliet) to the Church World Service warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, to observe the domestic and international work of Church World Service.



They will also have opportunities to serve in the Church World Service warehouse and in the SERRV fair trade warehouse.

Participants will learn about the international work of Church World Service and get to know one another. Each morning will include devotions, and there will be time in the evenings for fellowship, games, or quiet time. The cost when finalized is expected to be around \$400 per person. The cost includes transportation, housing, and most meals. This trip is open to anyone, but the volunteer work does involve standing for periods of time, and the campus does have some hills.

For more information, please contact the Illinois Regional Office of CWS, Julia Jones at **630-200-4572** or jjones@churchworldservice.org.

Revival at St. Mark’s – Oct. 19-21



St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 655 E. 88th St., Chicago, IL 60619, cordially invites you to a revival on **October 19-21, 2011**. The theme is “The

BIBLE: God’s GPS for Living.”

The guest revivalist is the Rev. Lucille “CeCee” Mills from St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Virginia. The revival will begin each night with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and worship 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the congregation at pcstmarklutheran@yahoo.com or **773-723-2246**.

SWO Convention to Be Held October 29



The Synodical Women’s Organization (SWO) convention will be held on Saturday, **October 29, 2011**, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Luke, 1500 W. Belmont

Ave., Chicago, IL 60657, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

All women are invited.

The advance registration fee of \$30 includes a continental breakfast and catered lunch. A limited number of scholarships will be provided. Forms and fees are due to the SWO treasurer before **October 14, 2011**. Send to: Cheryl Dickinson, 2931 Trillium Ct. East, Aurora, IL 60506.

Pastors Ruth Hamilton and Cynthia Hileman will lead the opening worship service. Key speakers include former Bishop Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl speaking about the ELCA Malaria Initiative; Jane Otte discussing Lutheran Social Services of Illinois’ (LSSI) Prison Ministry project, Storybooks for Children; and Kevin Bercaw on LSSI’s new Autism Initiative. Convention offerings will be shared with Women of the ELCA and the programs related to the speakers.

In-kind gifts will be appreciated: hardback books, ages 3-5, especially baby books (no metal, no spiral binding, no attachments, not even bookmarks per prison requirements); twin-bed size linens, kitchen supplies, and paper products for the new autism group homes. Those interested may sign up in advance for a tour of the new senior apartment building adjoining St. Luke’s, following convention adjournment. Free parking is available in a lot adjacent to the congregation.

See flier included with this newsletter for registration information. Contact Kathleen West at kathleen.west@elca.org if you have any

questions, or call Sandie at **773-248-0021**, Tuesday through Thursday.

Taizé Service Offered October 28



A Taizé service will be held on Friday, **October 28, 2011**, at 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Rd., Evanston, IL 60203,

(six blocks east of Crawford.) Join in a meditative service of readings, prayers, silence, and singing. Pie and coffee will be available after the service. For more information, contact the congregation at **847-673-8564**.

Training Events Offered by the African American Strategy Team

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod African American Strategy Team will be hosting two training events:



October 1 – An All-Congregation Leadership Training Event will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 651 E. 166th St., South Holland, IL 60473.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will begin at 9:00. For more information, please contact the Rev. Lawrence J. Clark at **773-723-2246** or pcstmarklutheran@yahoo.com.

November 11 - 12 - Leadership Retreat at Pheasant Run (St. Charles, Ill.). Registration materials will be shared when they become available.

For more information please contact the Rev. Darryl Thompson Powell at **773-721-2393** or revdtp@gmail.com.

Employment Listings

(More complete listings are available online at www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment)

Sunday morning nursery attendant

Sunday morning nursery attendant is needed every Sunday during both of our worship services and coffee hour. From Father's Day to Labor Day, these hours are 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., the remainder of the year the hours would be 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This person is responsible for the drop-off nursery and would be responsible for children ages newborn-6. Parents would remain in the building while their children are in the nursery. We request that they are available by cell phone if needed. Additional hours may be available.

Infant & Child CPR and First Aid certifications are required for this position - opportunity for certification if needed. Please contact Lauren Busey at Trinity Lutheran Church (3637 Golf Rd., Evanston, IL 60203) at lauren@trinityevanston.org or **847-673-8564**.

Director of Stewardship

Grace Lutheran Church and School is an independent Lutheran congregation, located in River Forest, Illinois, nine miles west of downtown Chicago.

Grace Lutheran School currently serves 238 children in preschool through eighth grade. Our school prepares children for a life of discipleship by helping them to grow in faith, knowledge, and character. We seek to educate the whole student—mind, body and spirit—and to develop a lifelong love of learning. We strive to provide an intellectually challenging environment that is responsive to the needs of all students. We believe that learning occurs in the classroom and

beyond—on the playground and playing field, in worship, in song and in service.

Director of Stewardship Position

A new position for Grace, reporting to the Senior Pastor, the Director of Stewardship will have primary responsibility for shaping and developing the overall structure of stewardship programs for the church and school. He/she will lead efforts to meet annual financial goals for the general fund of the congregation, school contributions, and endowments working closely with pastors, staff, and congregation members. The ideal candidate will be an organized, self-starter able to work well with a variety of people from all stations in life. Grace staff members are accustomed to working as a team to meet challenges and possess a strong commitment to the Christian ministry of the church. It is expected that the Director will be active in the life of the church and school. A minimum of 3 to 5 years of experience in fundraising or related field is required, and experience in church or other faith-based organization preferred. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates should e-mail a cover letter and resume to:

stewardshipdirector@graceriverforest.org

Director of Stewardship Search Committee
Grace Lutheran Church & School
7300 Division Street
River Forest, IL 60305

No phone calls, please. Electronic submission recommended and preferred. For more information, please visit the website at www.graceriverforest.org.

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www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment)*

Music Director - Gloria Dei, Downers Grove

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515 is seeking a Music Director.

This position may be held by one person, salaried at a ¾ time level. It may also be divided between two people, of whom one will have the administrative responsibilities associated with the position.

This is a ministry leadership position that bears primary responsibility for the music program of the church as it pertains to worship. All staff persons are expected to have a degree in music or church music, and a demonstrated knowledge of Lutheran theology, liturgical practice, and the use of music in worship. Each staff person must have the ability to work well with others, and participate collegially with other staff, pastors, and congregational leaders.

All staff persons are expected to contribute positively to the mission and ministry of the congregation, striving for excellence and contributing to the attractiveness of the congregation to potential members.

Please reply with resume, and cover letter specifying your areas of background and interest to: pastor.rothaar@gloriadeichurch.org. The position is available immediately.

Minister of Music - Calvary Lutheran

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago seeks a Minister of Music to lead the congregation in worship. The candidate should be proficient in playing organ and piano, willing to assist in

planning worship, capable of directing and leading an adult sanctuary choir and children’s choir, and skilled in introducing new hymnody and liturgies to the congregation.

The ideal candidate would be available for choir rehearsal during the week and for special liturgies during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week.

Please send resume to:

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, at 6149 S. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL 60629 or by e-mail to calvaryluther@sbcglobal.net.

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

St. Mark Lutheran Church (200 S. Wille St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 - ph.847-253-0631) is seeking a Youth & Family Coordinator. The goal of the Youth & Family Coordinator is to support youth and families in a process of lifelong discipleship through Christian Education, Fellowship, Social Ministry (Community Outreach) and Worship.

The Coordinator will be responsible for a comprehensive ministry to youth and families.

The Coordinator needs to be supportive, self-motivated, enthusiastic, creative, well organized, a positive role model, able to take initiative and to delegate responsibilities.

This is a 30 hour per week position.

If you would like to be considered for this position please send your resume to nhundley@stmarkmp.org or fax 847-253-5387.

Metropolitan Chicago Synod Directory Changes

Name	Change	Effective
Hooper, Janelle R.	Transferred to Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod	6/12/2011
Waldo, Marlys	Transferred to Northwest Synod of Wisconsin	8/11/2011
Campbell, Falcia R.	Part-time Mission Developer, Love, Faith and Hope Ministry, Chicago, Ill.	8/28/2011
Washington, Joel S.	Part-time Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.	8/28/2011
Maring, David H.	Retired	9/1/2011

Attend *Thy Word Is Truth* and Learn More about Christianity in China



Take part in an opportunity to learn more about the growing, changing landscape of Christian faith in China from the Bible Ministry Exhibition of the Protestant Church in China.

Its traveling exhibit, entitled “Thy Word Is Truth,” is coming to Chicago from **October 12-16, 2011**. The free exhibit will be open daily to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple located at 77 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602.

An opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday, **October 11, 2011**, at 4 p.m. in the Temple’s sanctuary.

Through 42 panels of texts and pictures and 350 displays of Bibles, paintings, handicrafts, models, and other artifacts, this showcase of treasures gives

an account of the Bible Ministry in China of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. You will learn how the Bible was brought into China and how it has been translated, published, distributed, used and loved by the Chinese people.

To enrich the experience, indigenous artisans from Yunnan Province will perform three times daily during the exhibition (10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.). These performances will offer a sense of Chinese traditional culture and the ways in which Christianity is expressed from the indigenous perspective.

A delegation of 23 people from China will include the president of the China Christian Council, Reverend Gao Feng; the chairman of the Jiangsu Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Church, Reverend An Xinyi; and the president of the Yanjing Theological Seminary, Reverend Gao Ying.

During their stay in the Chicago area, in addition to the Bible Exhibition, three seminars looking at Church Life, Theological Education and Social Service Ministry in China and the United States will be offered and open to the public (for free).

The exhibit is organized by the China Christian Council and the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (CCC/TSPM) which work to expand dialogue and partnership with Christians around the world. This exhibition is designed to share the history and movement of rapidly growing ministries in China.

To learn more about the Exhibitions Tour of the United States go to www.bibleinchina.org.



Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

(For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit www.mcselca.org)

- October **01** Acts 15 Team Training Course, Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154
Building an Inclusive Church, United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60634, 9AM
Evangelism for Congregations Workshop, Gloria Dei, 1133 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062, 9AM
- 10-12** Professional Leaders Conference, George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, 53191
- 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
- 19** Retired Rostered Leaders Luncheon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston, IL 60203, 11AM
- 20** North Conference Meeting, Peace, 1050 South Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 9AM
- 21-22** Acts 15 Team Training Course - Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154
- 21** Leadership in Ministry Group – Synod Office, 10AM
- 22** Evangelism for Congregations Workshop, Trinity, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453, 9AM
'Jesus & Justice: We are called to act...' - Justice Fair, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615, 10AM
- 27** Interim Pastors Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM

Rostered Leader Vacancies - Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process		
KEY: (A) Self-study (B) Candidate search or interviewing (C) Call Extended (D) Call Accepted (PT) Part-time (*) Associate Position		
Central	Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan - B	St. James, Chicago – B
Bethel West, Chicago - B	Northeast	Windsor Park – on hold
Martin Luther, Chicago - B	Pilgrim, Chicago - A	Zion, (Stony Island), Chicago – on hold
Mission of Christ, Chicago – B	St. Luke’s, Park Ridge - A	Southwest
St. James, Chicago – on hold	Northwest	United By Faith, Evergreen Park - A
Near West	Bethel, Palatine - A	West
Grace, Elmwood Park - A	Christus Victor, Elk Grove Vlg.(*) (PT) B	Geneva, Geneva - B
Northlake, Northlake – on hold	Luth. Church of the Cross, Arlington Hts. - A	Good Shepherd, Naperville (*) B
Redeemer, Hinsdale - B	St. Mark’s, Mt. Prospect (*) (PT) B	St. Luke’s, Glen Ellyn - B
Resurrection, Franklin Park – on hold	South	St. Mark’s, Aurora (*) - D
North	Calvary (Spaulding), Chicago – on hold	



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