

Church Officers 2015-2018

Elders



Camille Reynen



Ed Whitmore



JoAnn Williams

Trustee



Chuck Rucker

Endowment



Don Krekel

Deacons



Bill & Sue Carter



Pat Whitmore



Craig Gilchrist



Carey King

Glimpses of God's Grace

Dear church family,

You will be hearing a lot about 'radical hospitality' this summer, as we hope to live out the good news of Jesus Christ even more intentionally as we welcome others into our fellowship and family of faith. We began the discussion when we hosted our Egyptian Coptic brothers and sisters for breakfast and then a time of learning about their faith traditions. The Rev'd Randy Webster and I learned a lot right from the start, when the invitation was extended and accepted. Lesson 1. Never assume! We assumed they would like 'traditional American' breakfast food like eggs and bacon or at least cereal or yogurt and muffins. At other times they might have, but unbeknownst to us, at this time the congregation was fasting the Apostles' Fast, which begins for them the second Monday after Pentecost and extends for up to 21 days. The fast meant they would not eat anything with dairy, eggs, meat or fish in it.

Lesson 2. Think of the other first! It wasn't until I invited them to bring some Egyptian dishes, hoping to expand our experience through taste as well, that I learned of the fast. And while our initial thought was to have food for us and food for them, we quickly realized that was not good hospitality. So Randy spend significant time exploring vegan recipes that all could eat. From the response of those who attended, he did well, as we dined on tasty blueberry pancakes, scones, fruit, and muffins.

Lesson 3. Human nature is human nature, regardless of culture! I had encouraged those who attend the Wednesday Bible studies to mingle and sit with our guests, even though our desire and tendency is to chat and eat with those we know best. At least one person came up later and said, 'we tried to mingle, but they wanted to eat with each other.' Indeed they did, as that was the most comfortable thing to do. However, the next time we gather together, I am thinking it may become easier for them and for us to be together; it takes time to develop relationships, even in Fellowship Hall around a table of good food.

Lesson 4. Mistakes will be made (obviously!) and THAT IS OKAY! Life is a learning process. And saying, 'I am sorry,' or 'I goofed on that one' goes a long way in building bridges as we seek to understand each other better.

Lesson 5: God is pleased when we try to be in community with each other and with 'strangers'. Just look at Deuteronomy 10, Matthew 25 and Hebrews 13, for starters. According to *Embracing Grace, A Gospel for All of Us*, by Scot McKnight: 'From the beginning, God's design was to dwell among us and to create a community for us. This fundamental principle leads to the heart of the gospel: it is the work of God, *in the context of community*, to restore us to union with God ... for the good of others and the world. ... The gospel is designed to create community out of individualists.' (pgs. 65-66)

Mr. Rogers puts it another way: 'I've always wanted to have a neighbor just like you! I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you. ... Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?'

Wouldn't it be wonderful if more and more people start saying that about us as we practice radical hospitality this summer?

In His service,

Deb

Trustee Report

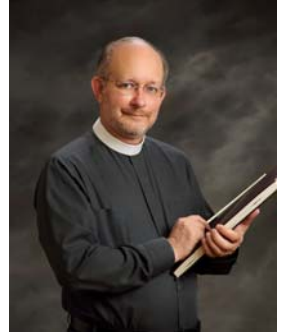
Statement of Income & Expense May 31, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
Balance Forward	\$16,678.00			
Income	\$11,000.00			
Pledge	168,558.00	73,911.50	94,646.50	43.8%
Non Pledge	24,000.00	17,138.78	6,861.22	71.4%
Investment Income	18,027.00	19,799.96	-1,772.96	109.8%
PerCapita	3,000.00	1,915.18	1,084.82	63.8%
Misc Income		1727.19		
Total Income	241,263.00	114,492.61	126,770.39	47.5%
Expenses				
Personnel	179,160.00	74,627.97	104,532.03	41.7%
Youth Ministries	2,650.00	868.52	1,781.48	32.8%
Fellowship	1,350.00	1,479.74	-129.74	109.6%
Deacons	750.00	13.78	736.22	1.8%
Property	61,330.00	26,459.01	34,870.99	43.1%
Worship	3,150.00	1,126.36	2,023.64	35.8%
Total Expenses	248,390.00	104,575.38	143,814.62	42.1%
Differential		9,917.23		
Estimated Income Hanna	\$31,540.00	\$18,813.96	12,726.04	59.7%
Mission Budget	\$26,295.00	10,369.03	15,925.97	39.4%
Differential		8,444.93		

**Per Capita
Apportionment
for 2015 is \$34.27**

Reflections from Rev'd Randy Webster

*My heart abounds with pleasure in this fair summertime
When God, with fullest measure, renews the world sublime,
The earth and all the heavens does God with life imbue,
All creatures, high and lowly, grow beautiful and true.*



So begins one of my favorite hymns for the season of summer. Summer has begun for me; I've seen my first fireflies, my first mayflies and my first mosquitoes. Summer for many of us is a time of rest and refreshment, a time usually reserved for family vacations. And, because it is "less busy," it also has the ability for us to stop and make plans for the future. Perhaps it becomes a form of Sabbath rest for us as a family of faith.

The word "Sabbath" is a Biblical term meaning a weekly day of rest or time of worship. Sabbath is first mentioned in the Genesis creation narrative, where the seventh day is set aside as a day of rest and made holy to God. (Genesis 2:2-3). Observation and remembrance of the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, reminding us of our individual and corporate need to set aside time for rest so that we might "recharge our batteries."

Summer can be much like a Sabbath for us, and July is like that here at First Presbyterian Church. There are almost no organized meetings. Such a time period becomes a Sabbath time for us.

Sabbath time, a time free from the "busyness" of the program year, affords us a time of visioning, of making plans in a bigger picture for the future. A day for visioning is being planned for us. On Saturday, July 18 beginning at 9 a.m. we will meet here to look at the concept of radical hospitality. Called *Entertaining Angels Unaware*, we will spend some time looking at the Biblical call for hospitality and some time of visioning about how we might look to the future. The program will include both breakfast and lunch; hopefully we'll be through in the early afternoon. We hope many of the congregation will set aside some Sabbath time for this visioning retreat. A sign-up sheet is already located in the Fellowship Hall.

Have a blessed time of rest.
"Warmly,"
Randy+

***Save the date!
Entertaining Angels Unaware
A day of spiritual Sabbath and Visioning
Saturday, July 18
Beginning at 9 a.m., including breakfast and lunch***

Newsworthy Notes

New Fellowship Schedule

This summer we are trying something new: Breakfast before worship! It is free and it begins at 8:30 a.m. and will be served every Sunday morning through Sept. 6. If you would like to contribute, there will be a basket for a free-will offering and whatever proceeds we have at the end of summer will go towards a mission project. We also are offering a chance to learn something new in an adult study of a DVD series that will be held in the Chapel and will take about 20-25 minutes, beginning about 9:15 a.m.

That means Fellowship Hour after worship will be slightly different. First, we are giving those who have faithfully hosted it these past 10 months a well-deserved break. Second, we will only be serving coffee, tea, lemonade and left-overs from breakfast, if there are any, but nothing more.

The breakfasts will vary, in that some weeks the Rev'd Randy Webster will be preparing the meal with help from some of you.

On Youth Sundays, the third Sunday of July and August, the children and youth will be making portions of the breakfast and serving it.

On July 5th, we are inviting you to bring a breakfast dish to share.

And on July 26, it will be a lighter fare because the Mariners are hosting a Cruisin' for Christ trip to the Hotel Nauvoo after worship.

Congratulations To Our Scholars by Charles Bell, Moderator

During the coming school year 8 young adults from our church family have applied for and received scholarships to assist them continue their education. They include Samantha Anderson, Ashley Brink, Alexis Coulter, Jessica Coulter, Javier Garcia, Vernave Garcia, Caleb Hemphill and Shawn Trosen. When these students return for holidays or summer breaks, and we see how they are developing their talents, we are reminded of the role these future Christian leaders will fill in our communities and the importance in supporting them.

The scholarship program is funded by two pools of money. One fund was originally established by First Presbyterian Church. A similar fund was established by Faith Presbyterian Church in honor of a pastor who many years ago also taught Bible classes in the Burlington public schools. When Faith and First Presbyterian Churches merged the Faith Presbyterian fund was brought into the scholarship program with the intent to help memorialize Faith Presbyterian Church, the former pastor and its last pastor, Duane Cavins.

In 2015 approximately \$8,000 is available from the two funds and each recipient will receive \$1,000, which the Church disburses directly to the school they are attending. A portion of the Scholarship fund is set aside for those entering in mid-term or attending technical or trade schools that may be on a different "school year".

Please keep the Scholarship Fund in mind when making gifts and bequests. It is an excellent way to show your support and confidence in the young adults in our church family. For many years the Presbyterian denomination has also been referred to as the "Education denomination". This is one way to ensure that this heritage continues. If you have any questions contact a member of the Scholarship Committee or the church office.

Thank you for your support. The Scholarship Committee: JoAnn Williams, Curtis Blom, Francis McAllister

Worship Schedule through July

July 5: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; the Rev'd Randy Webster preaching; *Radical Hospitality 2* from Genesis 18; puppet ministry returns!

July 12: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Communion & summer choir; *Radical Hospitality 3* from Luke 22:7-30

July 19: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Youth Sunday; *Radical Hospitality 4* from Leviticus 19:33-34, Acts 2:42-47

July 26: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; *Radical Hospitality 5* from 1 Peter 4:8-11

Aug. 2: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Communion & summer choir; *Radical Hospitality 6* from Acts 6:1-7

Aug. 9: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; *Radical Hospitality 7* from John 2:1-11

Aug. 16: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Youth Sunday; *Radical Hospitality 8* from 1 Kings 17:7-16

Aug. 23: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; *Radical Hospitality 9* from Romans 12:1-21

Aug. 30: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; 5th Sunday; *Radical Hospitality 10* from John 21:1-17

Sept. 6: Final breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; *Radical Hospitality 11* from Isaiah 25:6-9 and Luke 14:7-14

Welcome New Members: Jayson & Amanda Young



Mission: Treasure Chest from Janet Calvin

Gifts are needed for the treasure chest to send to our friends at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. We send a shipment of 30+ gifts each month. The children look forward to choosing a gift as they receive their treatments. There are 30 beds in the unit we help and often the child receives multiple treatments.

Will you help by placing a gift in the treasure chest to be chosen by a child, age infant to 17 years of age? There is a list of items in the treasure chest, that are appropriate for the hospital environment. You may take and keep one for further reference. Thank you for sharing God's love .

Mission: Dirty Hands Sunday

Clean Hands Volunteers at Work

Many volunteers make work easy. Our Clean Hands group prepared and served a delicious dinner for ten people at the Homeless Shelter the last Sunday in May. Many thanks go to Janet Calvin, Ruth Francis, Barb Garcia, Lou Harter, Susan Hoisington, Clara Reynen and Pat Saldeen.



Dirty Hands Ministry

Dirty Hands at the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter

The Problem: The Homeless Shelter had water leaking into the house from snow melt. Plus, a privacy hedge growing along the property line was growing out of control.

The Solution: The Dirty Hands People of First Presbyterian Church!

Early this spring, as snow melted from the steep embankment near the back door of the Homeless Shelter, water would puddle, and eventually come in through the back door of the homeless shelter.

Mike Gorman and Dick Hoisington analyzed the problem and designed a solution for the drainage. That is, to dig a ditch along the sidewalk, line the ditch bottom with limestone rock, place a perforated pipe with filter sock on top of the limestone rock, and cover everything with pea gravel. Three Halfway House men were hired to assist with the ditch digging, with Mike and Dick making sure the ditch sloped away from the house. The limestone rock base will form a concrete-like layer to assure the water enters the perforated pipe, while the filter sock will prevent the fine particles from clogging the pipe. The pea gravel will permit the water to filter down to the pipe, and to be carried away from the house. And finally, a stone wall along the edge of the sidewalk full length to keep any runoff from moving onto the sidewalk.

The hedge was trimmed with chainsaws and loppers, and all the brush dragged to the Carter's handy dump truck to be hauled away. This was no small task, as it had been years since the hedge had been trimmed. It took as much hard labor to trim the hedge as it did to fix the drainage problem!

Those working on the projects were Sue and Bill Carter, Kevin Eibes, Bernie and Barb Garcia, Toddy and Mike Gorman, Dick Hoisington, Camille and Peter Reynen, Julie Schulthies, and Pat and Ed Whitmore.

The people at the Homeless Shelter were thrilled that so many turned out to solve a long existing problem for them. The really big test will come next winter, when hopefully no water will enter the home.



Staff Reports	May, 2015	Pastor Deb Kinney
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<p>Worship 5 worship services</p> <p>Education 8 Bible study groups</p> <p>Connections 16 Drop-ins/appointments/calls 4 home/hospital/prison visits 18 cards sent</p> <p>Church Meetings Congregational Meeting Trustees Staff (4) Deacons</p>	<p>Session Mission</p> <p>Church Activities/Events I Attended Knitwits Staff lunch for Admin. Assistants' day Hymn Festival Mother's Day Brunch</p> <p>Other Change of Command service at IAAP Memorial Day service at IAAP 1 Spiritual direction session <i>Connections</i> work Separate meetings with staff (14)</p>
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Dir. Of Youth Ministries	May, 2015	Tammy Hulett
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<p>Worship Young Disciples (4) Graduation Sunday Presentations Youth Sunday (1)</p> <p>Church Meetings & Events Meetings with Pastor (4) Working in KidZone (4) Bible Study (4) Kids Against Hunger Roadside Cleanup Youth Ministries Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Contacts Phone-calls and e-mails: 30+</p> <p>Education Children's Message Prep (2) KidZone Prep (4) Taught Godly Play (1)</p>
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Minister of Faith & Worship	May, 2015	Rev'd Randy Webster
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<p>Sunday Worship services (5) Hymn Festival and reception Staff meetings (4) and staff lunch Session meeting Mission Committee meeting Deacons meeting Yum-Yums</p>	<p>Worship planning and consultation with the Pastor Mother's Day luncheon Dirty Hands lunch Hymn Festival planning Summer retreat planning Private practice Connections submissions</p>
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Church Happenings

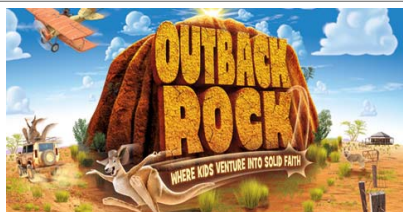
PW News



Presbyterian Women

Will not meet in the summer months.
Meetings will resume in September.

On Thursday, July 16, **Yum Yums** will meet at 6:00 p.m. at The Pink in Lomax. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. if you would like to car-pool. All are welcome. Please call Bonnie White at 752-1244 for more information and to make reservations.



Where Kids Venture Into Solid Faith
June 26 5-8 p.m. (light supper)
June 27 9 a.m.-noon (pancake breakfast)
June 28 10-11:00 am
Ages: 3 (diaper free) through 5th grade
Registration deadline: June 1st

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Charles Bell, Jim French, Steve Hemphill, Marilyn Nuss, Camille Reynen, Julie Schulthies, Ed Whitmore, JoAnn Williams, ruling elders.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM: Bill Carter, Sue Carter, Adele Coulter, (secretary), Ruth Francis, Barb Garcia (moderator), Craig Gilchrist, Carey King, Pat Saldeen, Jay Schafer, (vice-moderator), Jolene Schafer, Sandy Smith, Pat Whitmore.

GOD'S STEWARDS TEAM: Connie Bowen (Secretary), Terri Huddleston, Larry Lazenby (Co-President), Francis McAllister, (Treasurer/Co-President), Chuck Rucker.

Thank You from the Ruckers

We want to thank everyone for the many cards and personal messages sent to wish us a happy special anniversary.

It meant a lot to receive so many good wishes from our special Christian friends.

Chuck & Penny



- July 1.....Joanna Schneden
.....Barbara Blom
- July 3.....Mary Daedlow
- July 5.....Tammy Lohmann
- July 7.....Sandy Morrison
..... Linda Tickel
- July 9.....Jeff Huddleston
- July 11.....Eileene Buxton
- July 12.....Barbara Howard
- July 13.....Vernave Garcia
- July 14.....Janet Calvin
- July 17.....Mark Scott
- July 18Gary Abramsohn
- July 19.....Andy Opiekun
.....Nick Spencer
- July 20..... Toddy Gorman
..... Daniel Kinney
- July 21..... Marcy Brockett
.....Terri Huddleston
- July 22.....Whitney Kinney
.....Marcia Stiefel
- July 23.....Cindy Murphy
- July 24..... Zach Hulett
- July 25.....Jessica Coulter
- July 28..... Curtis Blom
- July 30.....Katie French
- July 31.....Jim Byars
.....Ruth Francis

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session

May 18, 2015

1st Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa

A Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa was held in the church parlor on May 18, 2015. Moderator **Rev. Debra Kinney** opened the meeting with prayer at 6:56 p.m.

A quorum was present.

Present: Moderator Rev. Debra Kinney, Clerk Ted Francis and Elders Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Vickie Carhoff, Dick Fischer, Jim French, Steve Hemphill, Marilyn Nuss, Bonnie White

Excused: Julie Schulthies

Guests: Rev. Randy Webster, Amanda and Jayson Young, newly elected church officers including Deacons: Bill Carter, Sue Carter, Craig Gilchrist, and Trustee: Chuck Rucker.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the session meeting on March 16, 2015; the minutes from the Special-Called Congregational Meeting on May 3, 2015; staff reports from **Rev. Debra Kinney, Rev. Randy Webster** and **Tammy Hulett**; session committee reports; the trustee report; and **Ed Whitmore's** report on the Presbytery of East Iowa meeting held on March 7, 2015. The motion for approval of the consent agenda included removing the financial report for separate consideration. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The financial report included in the session packet was incorrect. An amended report was distributed at the meeting. A motion to accept the amended financial report was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

At 7:10 the session took a break from their business meeting to examine **Amanda** and **Jayson Young** for membership. Amanda and Jayson shared their backgrounds with the elders. The elders introduced themselves and talked briefly about their responsibilities on session.

The meeting continued at 7:30 with the examination of officers-elect **Sue Carter, Bill Carter, Craig Gilchrist** and **Chuck Rucker**. Elders **Camille Reynen, Ed Whitmore, JoAnn Williams** and Deacons **Carey King** and **Pat Whitmore** were unable to attend.

The business meeting resumed at 7:46.

Following the time of examination, a motion to accept **Amanda** and **Jayson Young** into church membership was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Following a time of examination a motion was made signifying that the officers-elect had been examined by the session as required by the *Book of Order* and they are ready for ordination and installation. **Camille Reynen, Ed Whitmore, Pat Whitmore, JoAnn Williams** and **Carey King** were included as approved for ordination and installation. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Report of the Clerk

A motion to re-affirm the following three motions electronically approved was seconded and approved by voice vote:

A facilities use request from **Carol Brotherson** for her PEO Chapter HU to use Fellowship Hall and the kitchen to make May baskets on Thursday April 30, 2015 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

A facilities use request from **Pat Whitmore** to use Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 from noon to 4:00 p.m. for her Chapter NI PEO meeting.

A request to hold a Special-Called Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, May 3, 2015 in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations from the Nominating Committee and electing members for the Endowment Committee (1), Board of Deacons (5), Session (3), and the Board of Trustees (1). There will be no other business conducted at this meeting.

A motion was made to establish standing approval for any facilities use request, subject to the availability of the facilities, from any PEO Chapter with a member from First Presbyterian Church. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

A motion to place the following names on the inactive roll was seconded and approved by voice vote: **Janel Baker, Claudine Capps, Linda Cochran, Kelly Ripperger, Judy Parks, Lee Parks, Bob Pries, Bennett Stewart**.

Received a facilities use request for **Laura Wiberg** and **Justin Stonerock** to have their wedding in the Sanctuary on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. **Rev. Debra Kinney** will officiate. A motion to approve the request was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Worshipful Work

Personnel: The committee recommends a request from **Rev. Debra Kinney** to defer two weeks of 2015 study leave with one week added to her study leave in both 2016 and 2017 for a total of 3 weeks in both years. The extra week each year will be used to finish doctoral coursework and work on her dissertation. The request was approved by voice vote.

Mission: A motion to establish the Dr. Don Allgood Living Waters Ministry Fund was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Worship: **Rev. Randy Webster** will lead worship on July 5, 2015. Communion will be moved from July 5 to July 12th. Members have an opportunity to sign-up to bring or provide flowers for the sanctuary this summer.

Scholarship: Eight college scholarships were awarded this year.

Youth Ministries: Vacation Bible School will be held from June 26-28th. The committee is seeking volunteers to help with various duties.

Randy Webster: A hymn festival will be held Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

What's Happening Now!

Elders **Carol Brotherson, Dick Fischer, and Bonnie White** plus Clerk of Session **Ted Francis** are finishing their terms on June 30th. A time of refreshments and socializing was enjoyed in their honor. They also received a thank you gift for their service.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Elders were asked for prayer requests. The meeting closed with prayer by **Rev. Debra Kinney** at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Francis, Clerk of Session

Rev. Debra Kinney, Moderator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:15 AM No Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM No Women's Bible Study	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:15 AM Rod Bell DVD 10:00 AM Worship	6	7	8 7:15 AM No Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM No Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Knitwits	9	10 Office Closed 7:00 PM Moms Group	11 7:00 PM Kevin Eibes-Going away party
12 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:15 AM Rod Bell DVD 10:00 AM Worship/Communion	13 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	14 12:00 PM Peo NI	15 Connections Deadline 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	16 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party 6:00 PM Yum Yum Group	17 Office Closed	18 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Entertaining Angels Unaware
19 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:15 AM Rod Bell DVD 10:00 AM Worship/ Youth Sunday 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting	20 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	21	22 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	23	24 Office Closed 7:00 PM Moms Group	25
26 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:15 AM Rod Bell DVD 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Hotel Nauvoo	27 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	28	29 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	30	31 Office Closed 5:00 PM Rich Wedding Rehearsal	

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