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*Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)*

A weekly electronic newsletter of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago
A patchwork of varied news and announcements
from our churches, communities, denomination and other organizations,
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region

December 7, 2005

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them.
Isaiah 11:6 (NRSV)

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December 11—Candlelight Vigil, Wal-Mart, 1300 Des Plaines Avenue, Forest Park, 6 p.m.

December 16—Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, presents 11th annual Jazz Christmas, 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online at www.hpuc.org or through the church office. Call 773.363.6063 or visit the website for details.

December 17—ABC MC Family Cabinet Meeting, ABC MC office, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240; 9:30 a.m.

December 18—First Baptist Church of Chicago Christmas Cantata, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, 11 a.m. For more information, please contact the church at 773-536-3430.

December 18—Original Providence Baptist Church Christmas Concert, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago. For more information, please contact the church at 773-378-5678.

December 22—Meeting of the Ghana task force, 11 a.m., McCormick Theological Seminary.

December 26-30—ABCMC office closed. Staff will monitor voice mail and email.

December 30, 31—Youth Encounter, First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago. Noon to 5 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

January 6—Registration deadline for online class “Connecting Faith and Health in the Congregation” (February 6-May 19) from North Park Theological Seminary. For information, phone 773-244-6201.

January 6—Registration deadline for online class “Experiences of the Body in Pastoral Ministry” (February 6-May 19) from North Park Theological Seminary. For information, phone 773-244-6201.

January 6-7—“Understanding the Bible,” Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO. For more information, please phone 800-626-5924.

January 11—9 a.m. to 4 p.m., “What Religious Organizations Need to Know about the Law,” North Park University, 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago. For more information, go to http://www.northpark.edu/axelson/religiousorg_law.cfm.

January 18-25—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Resources for the 2006 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available electronically at the World Council of Churches web site, <http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/faith/wop2006contents.html>.

January 22—6th Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service, sponsored by the Ecumenical Millennium Committee (of which ABCMC is a part), Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke, 1500 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago; 4 p.m.

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February 14-23—World Council of Churches 9th Assembly, “God, In Your Grace, Transform the World,” Porto Alegre, Brazil. Visitors can register through the Mutirao Program. Information on the 9th Assembly is available at www.wcc-assembly.info.

March 21-24—SCUPE’s biennial congress on urban ministry, Chicago. For more information and registration, visit www.scupe.com/Programs/Congress/cngrs_homepage.htm.

April 17-20—Ministers Council's "Wait on the Lord" conference.

May 10-24—ABCMC Mission Partnership Trip to Ghana.

May 15—Deadline for submitting a proposal for a Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal grant.

July 27-29—Missional Church Conference.

Thinking Theologically

Larry Greenfield, our Executive Minister, writes a column every other week for Protestants for the Common Good. His columns address biblical teachings and current events. His latest column is attached.

Faith in Action

ABCMC has made a commitment to minister with children living in poverty. Part of our ministry is to be active citizens looking out for those in need. Francine Stark, our representative to the ABCUSA General Board, has provided us with the following correspondence.

Blessings All:

Friday, Nov. 18, 2005 the United States House of Representatives passed the House Budget Reconciliation bill by a vote of 217 to 25. It proposes a national budget that will cut \$50 Billion from some of our most vital antipoverty programs. The Bill, if enacted, will immediately harm the most vulnerable in our land. I called Curtis Ramsey Lucas in National Ministries Office of Governmental Relations in Washington, DC. He forwarded the following information to me. As ministers and disciples of the Risen Savior, we are called to be advocates for biblical justice -- to assure that everything possible is put in place so that the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, and that children are protected and given the best that our great land can provide. Urge your classmates, church members and neighbors to contact their representatives to voice their concerns about the proposed cuts. Feel free to contact Curt at the email shown if you need more specific information about this bill or if you want to talk with him about the proposed national budget.

Grace, Peace and Courage,
Francine

-----Original Message-----

From: Curtis.RamseyLucas@abc-usa.org
To: revfstark@aol.com
Sent: Mon, 5 Dec 2005 18:58:17 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Budget Update

12-05-2005

Among the top priorities for Congress, when its members return to Washington this week, is the construction of a conference report for spending cuts that is acceptable to both chambers. The House and Senate versions of the reconciliation bill for entitlement spending contain significant differences, particularly with respect to cuts to Medicaid, student loans, and food stamps. The razor-thin margin by which these bills passed in each chamber will likely make reaching consensus during the conference difficult.

The House passed its version of the bill cutting just under \$50 billion on Nov. 18 by only two votes (217-215). With the resignation of Rep. Randy Cunningham (R-CA) on Nov. 28 that margin is cut in half. The Senate had already passed its bill cutting \$39.1 million from entitlement programs over a five-year period on Nov. 3 by a vote of 52 to 47.

The Senate cuts are not nearly as contentious or damaging to low-income beneficiaries as those in the bill passed by the House. To what extent

Senate provisions will be reflected in the final bill is difficult to speculate. The select few Representatives and Senators chosen as conferees will wield considerable power and the bill emerging from conference for a final vote in each chamber could be drastically different than either version.

At its November meeting in Green Lake, WI, the General Board of the American Baptist Churches USA adopted a Declaration on an Issue of Importance on our National Budget (0053.40:11/05). The declaration states, in part, that the budget cuts proposed in the House bill would "harm the most vulnerable in our land and thus further imperil the well-being of all U.S. citizens." It further calls upon "our Office of Governmental Relations, our churches and members to advocate for the poorest among us by calling upon our legislators to refuse passage of any budget bill that eviscerates vital programs that ensure basic human needs and to work to restore necessary funding to anti-poverty programs so that all people in our nation might experience the wholeness and shalom God intends for us."

Call or email your Representative and Senators this week to share this message and your concerns. Call the US Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. For additional contact information, visit www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. To properly identify your representative you will need your plus four zip code, which can be determined by visiting the US Postal Service web site at www.usps.com.

Tell the House of Representatives: Help the Needy, Not the Greedy!

Protestants for the Common Good sent us the following information and request for action.

After voting to cut \$50 billion from health care, food stamps, child support enforcement, student loans, and other vital services under the guise of deficit reduction, the House is expected to vote on this week on a tax cut bill **which will primarily benefit the very wealthy and increase the deficit.**

The House tax cut reconciliation bill would cost over \$56 billion—using up all of the savings squeezed from services for poor and struggling families, and then some—and the tax cuts are likely to get even larger when the differences are worked out with a very dissimilar Senate bill. For example, the House bill includes an extension of tax breaks for capital gains and dividends—a controversial tax cut which overwhelmingly benefits households with incomes over \$1 million – that was dropped from the Senate bill.

The House had been expected to vote on the tax cut bill before Thanksgiving. But many members were—and are—nervous about voting to give more tax breaks to the very wealthy soon after voting for a bill that would "cut people off food stamps, squeeze student lenders, impose new fees on Medicaid recipients and slash federal aid for child-support enforcement," according to the Washington Post. This vote could be close!

Take Action! Tell Your Representative to Vote "NO" on Tax Cut Reconciliation!

Call your Representatives at 1-800-426-8073

Use this toll-free number (generously provided by the American Friends Service Committee) to be connected to the Capitol Switchboard.

Tell your Representative:

- Vote "no" on tax cut reconciliation, which will primarily benefit the very wealthy and increase the deficit.
- It's shameful to give more tax cuts to the wealthiest while cutting services for those most in need.

Response to ABCW Name Change

Attached to this edition of *eWind* is a copy of the letter that Larry Greenfield wrote to ABCMC leaders concerning the name change that was reported in last week's *eWind*. The American Baptist Churches of the West announced that the region was changing its name to "Growing Healthy Churches."

International Ministries Makes Prayer Call

International Ministries has asked congregations in ABCUSA to pray for an end to the continued violence, human rights abuse and even murder of innocent persons in the Philippines. This violence has been and is being actively resisted by our Baptist partners and other Christians in that country.

On Nov. 21, the Asian Human Rights Commission issued a report claiming the military had killed nine peasant farmers and injured many others at a vigil held for farm land reform.

Rev. Job Santiago, general secretary of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches told IM, "The churches here are raising their voices to the leaders of the country to stop the killings, human rights violations, to care of the environment, to propagate and work for the kind of peace – shalom – that the Lord Jesus showed and gave us." Santiago said not only peasant farmers, but journalists and even ministers have been killed.

During a fact-finding tour in July 2005, Western and Filipino church leaders issued a statement that said over 400 innocent persons had been killed since President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had taken office in 2001.

Santiago has asked his "brothers and sisters in the ABC" for their assistance. "We really need your prayers and solidarity support," he said.

In response, IM's Rev. Benjamin Chan said "People in the Philippines have been fighting a very difficult, but courageous battle to reclaim their basic rights, and a fair distribution of wealth. Our hearts go out to the innocent victims and their families." Chan, who is IM's area director for East Asia, and responsible for the ministry partnerships in the Philippines, added, "We stand with church leaders who are risking their lives for justice and the foundation of lasting peace."

Two missionaries from IM serve in the Philippines as seminary professors.

Hostages in Iraq

Faithful America provided the following information and request for action.

Four members of the Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) in Baghdad were kidnapped last Sunday and are held hostage in Iraq. The kidnappers have threatened to kill the peace activists

by Thursday, unless all prisoners in US and Iraqi detention centers are released. These four are in addition to others also taken hostage.

CPT is an ecumenical peacemaking agency associated with the Church of the Brethren, Mennonites and Quakers. Its members are deeply committed to non-violent peacemaking and are willing to put their lives on the line to make it happen.

We are asking that you help in two vital ways:

- 1) GO HERE [letter](#) and add your signature to a letter already signed by several prominent religious leaders calling for the hostages' release. This letter, along with the names of all its signatories, will be forwarded to Al Jazeera, the Middle East's leading news organization. It is believed that it is the best vehicle for reaching the captors and helping to exert influence to win their release.
- 2) If you are able, please help organize a prayer vigil. The Christian Peacemaker Team has some helpful resources for you to use. Go here: [prayer vigil](#)

The four hostages are: Tom Fox, 54, Clearbrook, Virginia; Norman Kember, 74, London; James Loney, 41, Toronto, Canada; Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32, a Canadian. More information on them may be found at the Christian Peacemaker Teams website: [CPT](#).

Time is of the essence! The stated deadline is Thursday Iraq time, several hours AHEAD of U.S. time zones. Please act now and do everything you can to help spare the lives of these innocent victims. Then, please use every space in our "tell-a-friend" feature to forward this on to as many friends and colleagues as you can. The more names we receive the better the chances of winning their release.

Blessings to you as ever,
Vince Isner and your
FaithfulAmerica.org Team
Sign this petition via the web at [petition](#)

Petition:

To those who are holding the Christian Peacemakers Team in Iraq, and to people everywhere of all Traditions of Faith and Peace:

We who write you affirm what all the traditions teach that trace their spiritual origin to Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all teach explicitly that to kill even one human being - even more strongly one who is doing no harm, most especially one who is seeking peace and nurturing human bodies and communities -- is to destroy a world. All other religious traditions agree about the holiness of human lives.

This teaching applies to all innocent Iraqis and foreigners who have been killed or taken away in Iraq out of anger against the US occupation - and it applies with special clarity and strength to the members of the Christian Peacemakers Team who are being held in Iraq. Like us, they too opposed the US attack. They came to serve the Iraqi people. They came not only to urge peace but also to live peace.

We who have opposed the US invasion and occupation of Iraq call on all who live in Iraq to seek the release of these people into safety and freedom. And we call on all people of good will everywhere to join in this call.

No doubt, those who planned and executed the US invasion and occupation of Iraq will cite this action as evidence for the rightness of their action. We utterly reject this logic, and affirm that the war undertaken by the US has multiplied the violence it pretended to oppose.

We hold morally responsible for the lives of these Christian Peacemakers both those in Iraq who have taken them, and those who have brought about the deaths of thousands of Iraqis and Americans by pursuing this war.

Once again, we call for a swift end to the US occupation of Iraq and for peaceful action by the entire human community to assist Iraqis to achieve their own self-government. And we send our >loving prayers to those who have become victims of their own loving commitment to peace, justice, and healing.

(Signed by the initial emergency list of signatories below)

Dr Sayeed Sayyid, Secretary General, Islamic Society of North America;
Sheila Musaji, editor of The American Muslim;
Abdul Malik Mujahid, chair of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago; that Council as a body;
Anwar N. Haddam, elected Member of Parliament of Algeria (December 1991), chairman, board of trustees, Education for Life, Northern Virginia, and member, executive committee, Coordinating Council of Muslim Organizations of Greater Washington Area (CCMO);
Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad of Bethesda, MD
Muhammad Ali-Salaam of Boston
Abdul Cader Asmal, MD, PhD;
Rev. Robert Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches;
Rev. Osagefyo Sekou, Director of Clergy and Laity Concerned about Iraq;
Rev. Peter Laarman of Progressive Christians Uniting in California;
Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Rabbinic Director of The Shalom Center.

Christmas Concerts and Cantatas

Hyde Park Union Church will present the 11th Annual JAZZ CHRISTMAS featuring the legendary Willie Pickens Trio on Friday, December 16, 2005 at 8 p.m. This year's concert will feature guest musical artists vocalist Maggie Brown and saxophonist Charles McPherson. The concert will be at the church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online at www.hpuc.org or through the church office. Call 773.363.6063 or visit the website for details. All proceeds from the concert benefit Centers for New Horizons

The **First Baptist Church of Chicago** choir is presenting a cantata, "God's Love Gift", by Harold DeCou, Sunday, December 18, 2005, during the regular service time, 11 a.m. The church is at 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago. Everyone is welcome to come to this special service.

The **Original Providence Baptist Church** will present its Annual Christmas Concert, "**Christmas Joy**" on Sunday, December 18, 2005. Directed by the Minister of Music, Mr. Julius H. White, the concert will feature the Original Providence Mass choir, accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. The choir will sing songs of praise that celebrate the joys of the season. The holiday concert will feature Grammy nominated Special guest artist **Kim McFarland**. The concert will begin promptly at 3:42 p.m. with joyous pageantry. The community is invited to come and share this joyous occasion at Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue in Chicago's Austin Community. For more information contact the church at 773-378-5678.

Camp Director

Paul Ethington, Camp Director for Camp Grow Ministries, fell out of his tree stand while deer hunting Monday afternoon. He suffered a back injury. Paul came home from the hospital on

Sunday, but his progress following surgery is very slow. He is walking a couple of times a day, but most of the time is flat on his back. He really appreciates cards and notes. Well wishes can be sent to his home, W2580 Oakwood Beach Rd., Markesan, WI 53946. Please keep Paul in your prayers.

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 2005



The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is promoted and received in American Baptist congregations during November and December each year. Prayerfully decide how you can support the vital ministries supported by this offering. Please give when your congregation receives the offering. Since 1935, American Baptists have contributed to special offerings received in their churches for retired ABC ministers and missionaries, or their widowed spouses. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) was established in 1977.

Through this annual offering, American Baptist congregations say **thank you** in a tangible way to the denomination's retired ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses.

The offering provides them with:

- Emergency and other financial assistance, based on financial need.
- Thank You checks, based on 15 or more years of ABC service.

Receipts from the 2004 RMMO totaled \$1,764,749, a 1.1% increase over the 2003 receipts of \$1,744,801. Of this amount, \$774,564 was made available to meet immediate emergency and special financial needs. The balance of the receipts was distributed by The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) on behalf of American Baptists in the form of Thank You checks: 3,252 checks were distributed in 2004, ranging from \$53.50 to \$428. The average check was \$304.49.

Dallas West, Former Executive Minister, Dies

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—The Rev. Dr. Dallas J. West, executive minister of the Indiana Baptist Convention for 30 years, died Dec. 1. He was 86.

West was named executive minister for the Indiana Baptist Convention (now American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky) in 1955. He directed all missional, administrative, pastoral and financial ministries that served the region's 400 churches. He also was director of World Mission Support for the region.

West was a member of numerous American national organizations, including the General Staff Council, and was on the board of the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis. He also was active in American Baptist Campus Ministries at several Indiana colleges.

Prior to his regional and national leadership, West held pastorates in Gosport, Shelbyville and Evansville, Ind.

He was a worldwide traveler and participated in mission tours in Europe, Asia and Africa.

A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to his wife, Elna West, at 4225 Brown Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46226. Memorial contributions may be made to The Dallas and Elna I. West Scholarship Fund at Franklin College, 101 Branigin Blvd., Franklin, IN 46131-2623.

"Dallas West was a model of dedication on so many levels of American Baptist life," said the Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA. "His support and nurturing of hundreds of congregations in Indiana over 30 years enabled those churches to provide a powerful witness for Jesus Christ. He also was a valued and cherished colleague for national American Baptist leaders, and brought to all he did wisdom, compassion and a deep commitment to American Baptist ministry."

Understanding the Bible

The Rickman Center in Jefferson City, Missouri will offer "Understanding the Bible," a seminar/retreat focusing on the basics of critical thinking, the development of the biblical canon and a brief survey of the history of biblical criticism. This seminar will be the entry point for new students to join a warm and caring "grassroots" scholarly community.

The instructor will be Bob Flanagan, an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He teaches in the area of religious and culture in the Religious Studies Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is also pastor of the Sturgeon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Sturgeon, Missouri. Both of these professional roles relate closely to Dr. Flanagan's vocation as a pastoral theologian or, in other words, as someone who thinks constructively about the Christian faith tradition primarily from the perspective of pastoral work.

The event will take place from 7 p.m. on Friday, January 6 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 7 at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. The cost of \$50 will include meals and lodging.

For more information, phone 800-626-5924, email KrystalMSR@earthlink.net or visit www.ms-rcrm.org.

Light a Candle for Change

Join religious and community leaders to highlight the moral and ethical issues related to Wal-Mart's treatment of workers and business practices. A candlelight prayer vigil will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Wal-Mart store located at 1300 Des Plaines Avenue, Forest Park, IL 60130 on Sunday, December 11, 2005. Sponsored by: Local 881 UFCW, ACORN and Chicago Jobs With Justice. For more information call 847-294-5064, ext. 390.

CTA Blue Line Directions:

CTA BLUE LINE train to Forest Park stop. Then take PACE BUS #308 west to Roosevelt and Des Plaines stop. Then walk 0.10 mile South on Des Plaines Avenue. (For specific directions call 836-7000 from any Chicagoland area code or visit: www.transitchicago.com)

If the issue of justice for Wal-Mart employees is of particular interest to you, you may want to take a look at the letter attached to this issue of *eWind* as a guide for voicing your concerns to the company.

Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program

Lilly Endowment Inc. has announced that its popular National Clergy Renewal Program will continue for a seventh year. The Indianapolis-based Endowment offers grants of up to \$45,000 to congregations across the country to allow their pastors to spend some time away from the daily demands of parish ministry. "Pastors and congregations both benefit from this period of renewal," said Craig Dykstra, Endowment senior vice president for religion. "The pastors are given a rare opportunity to dig deep into what 'makes their hearts sing.' The renewal and refreshment of a pastor's heart is key to the spiritual vitality of a congregation's life. That is why we suggest that, before they move too quickly to figure out the details of their renewal proposal, pastors reflect carefully about what kinds of experiences will touch them most deeply."

Most pastors who receive the grant end up spending three to four months away from their churches. Their experiences both open their minds to new possibilities and connect them more deeply with what really matters to them. They travel the world, study things they really care about, and reconnect with family and friends from years past.

"As they explore the roots of their religious traditions, write poetry, practice contemplative prayer, and spend weeks or months in significantly different cultural contexts," Dykstra said, "they come to see their ministries with fresh eyes. At the same time, the congregations often come to see their pastors and themselves in a new way as well. The planning process itself gives them a better understanding of what their pastors do, and their appreciation for them grows. Sometimes congregations decide to undertake a spiritual journey of their own alongside the pastor; they may read some of the same books the pastor is reading or form discussion groups around the sabbatical theme. Comments from former recipients prove to us that both pastors and congregations find the whole experience empowering and exciting."

As many as 120 congregations will be selected for the 2006 program. They will join the more than 600 that have received grants since 2000. While each grant proposal may request up to \$45,000, up to \$15,000 of that may be used for congregational activities during the pastor's absence.

The brochure/application is available on the Endowment's Web site, www.lillyendowment.org. Interested persons may call 317/916-7350, e-mail clergyrenewal@yahoo.com or write Lilly Endowment, 2801 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208.

Completing the application requires a joint effort of the pastor and congregation; applicants are encouraged not to put off applying until the last minute. "The process takes some time," cautions Dykstra. "It involves intentional and purposeful discussion between the congregation and the pastor. It is not just a form that can be filled out overnight. We have found, however, that - even among congregations that did not receive grants - the application process itself helped them focus on issues such as effective leadership, the future directions of the congregation, and the like."

Also on the Endowment's Web site are two documents that applicants may find helpful: "What Makes a High-Quality Proposal?" and "Grace Notes." Both the brochure and the Web site also

suggest possible reading materials for interested persons. To be eligible, ministers must have earned at least a master of divinity degree. The program is open to all Christian congregations in 49 states and the District of Columbia. The deadline for proposals is May 15, 2006.

Clergy Spiritual Growth

Check out the Ministers Council web site, and learn about the upcoming "Wait on the Lord" event, to take place in April 2006 in Orlando, Florida. For information, go to <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/WaitontheLordInformation.aspx>. For registration, see <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/Wait%20on%20the%20Lord/WOTLRegistrationInfo.aspx>

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Paul Ethington, Camp Director for Camp Grow Ministries, as he recovers from back surgery.

Please pray for Elna West and her family and friends mourning the passing of Dallas West, formerly Executive Minister of the Indiana Baptist Convention.

Please join ABCUSA missionaries John and Tomoko Armagost in thanking God for the many ways in which God is strengthening their ministries in Japan.

Please hold in prayer the Christian Peacemaker Team members being held hostage in Iraq.

Please pray for justice in our nation's many and varied workplaces.

Please hold in prayer the U.S. Congress that they may act with wisdom and justice in budget matters affecting our most vulnerable citizens.

Please pray for peace and human rights in the Philippines.

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