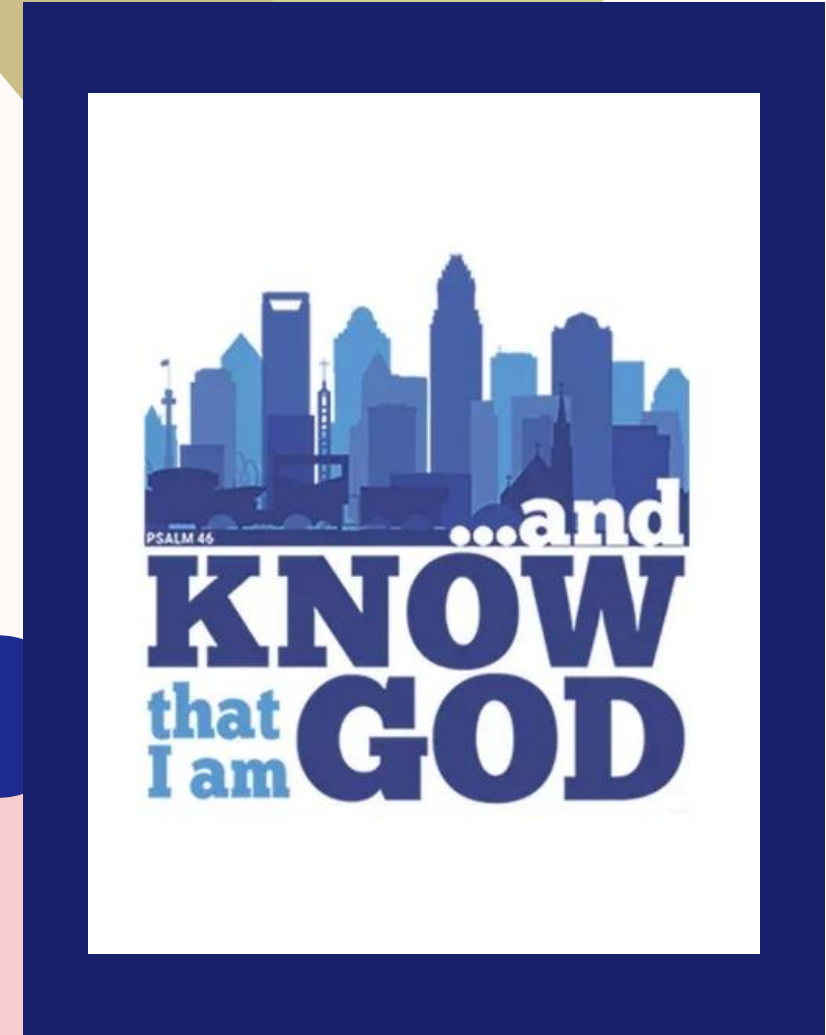


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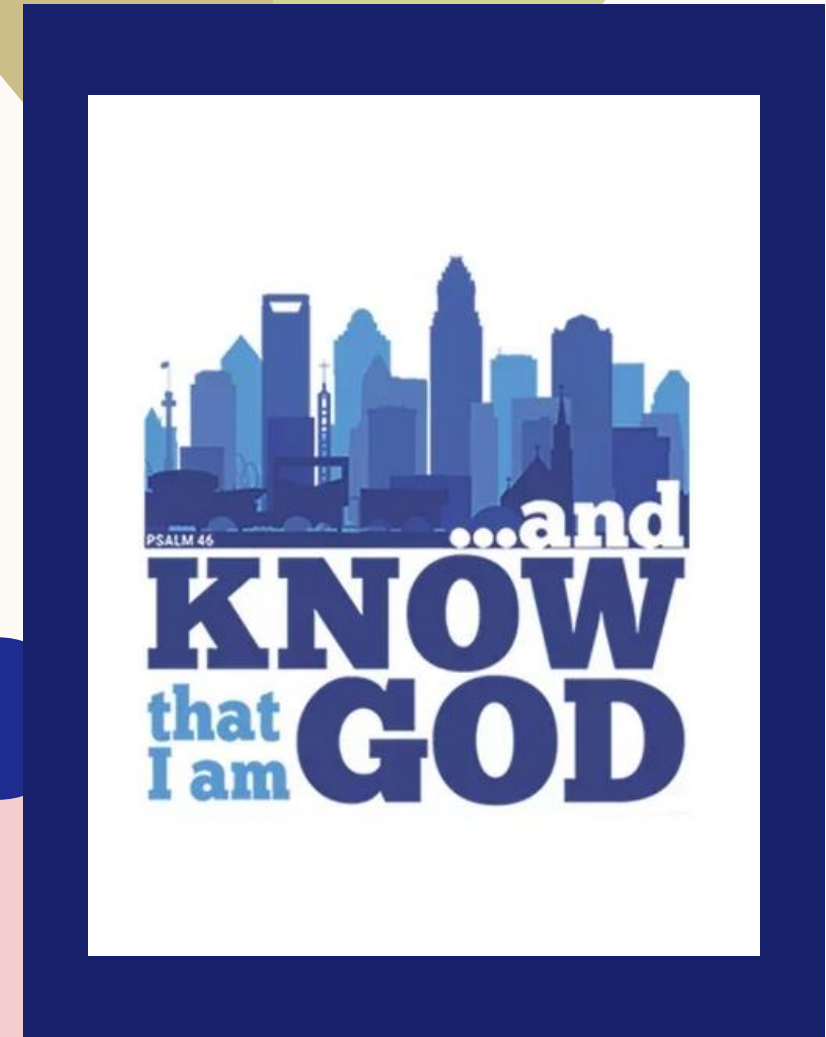
General Conference Basics

Key Legislation (The Three Rs)

What Ifs?

What Else?

What You Can Do

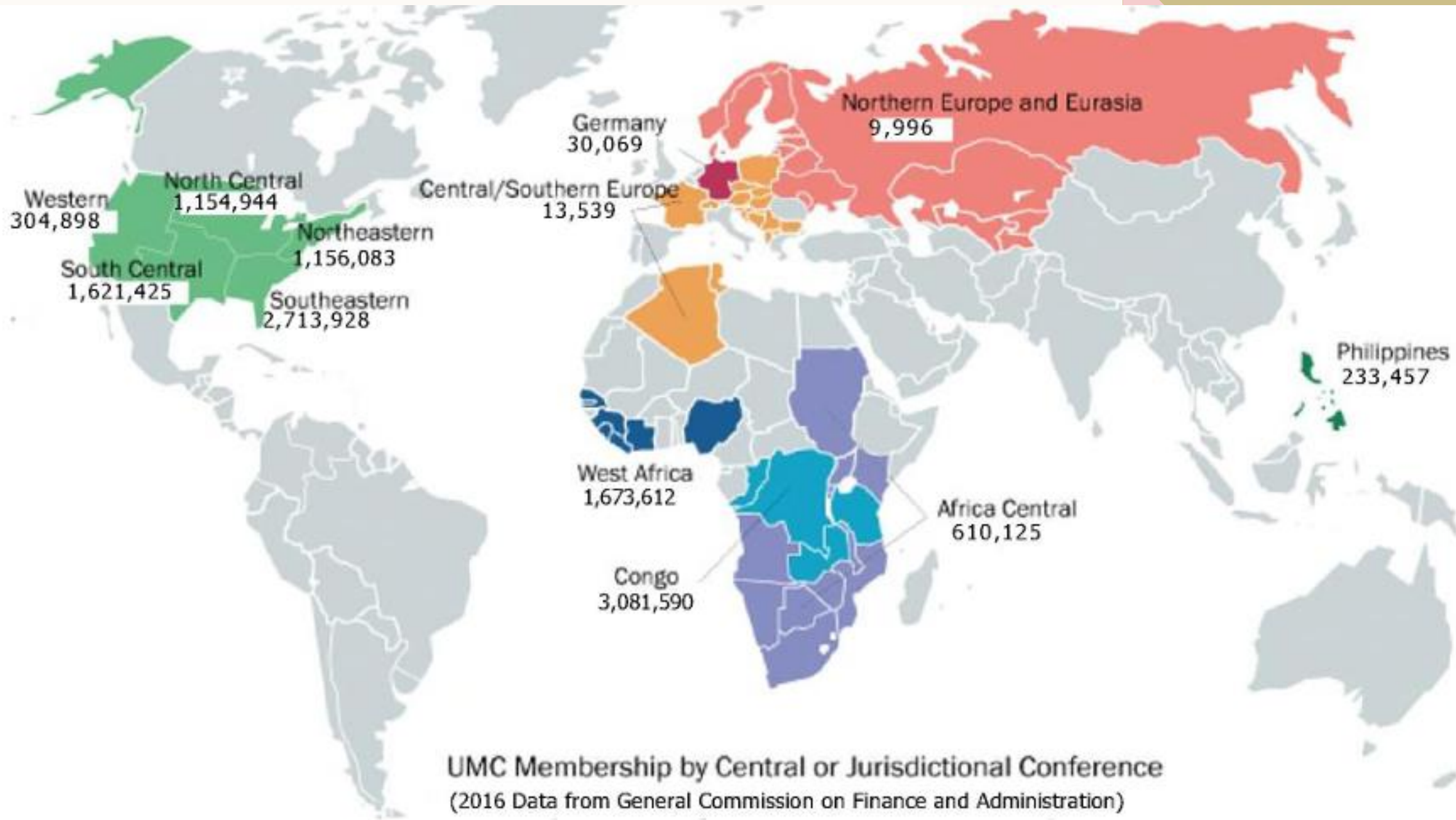




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862 Delegates





Legislative Committees:

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- Church & Society 1
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- Church & Society 3
- Conferences
- Discipleship
- Faith & Order
- Financial Administration
- General Administration
- Global Ministries
- Higher Ed/ Superintendency
- Judicial Administration
- Local Church
- Ordained Ministry

Plenary Sessions



KEY LEGISLATION: THE THREE R'S

- Regionalization
- Revised Social Principles
- Removal of Language

REGIONALIZATION – WHAT IT DOES

Proposes the formation of 8
Regional Conferences:

Africa

Central/S Europe

Congo

Northern Europe

West Africa

Germany

Philippines

United States



REGIONALIZATION – WHAT IT ALLOWS

Adapting administrative practices:

- Regional BOD
- Clergy Standards
- Adapted Rituals
- Contextual Ministry
- Chargeable offenses & penalties

WHAT WON'T CHANGE

We will still have:

- General Conference
- Judicial Council
- Council of Bishops
- General Boards and Agencies
- Constitution, Doctrinal Standards & Our Theological Task, Christian Ministry and Social Principles

LEGISLATION – 8 PETITIONS

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- Constitutional changes to create Regional Conferences
- Changes to relationship between Jurisdictional Conferences and General Conference
- Create a Standing Committee on Regional Conference Matters
- Replace “central” with “regional conference” throughout BOD
- Create the U.S. Regional Committee
- Establish interim US Regional Committee
- Create an interim Committee on Organization
- Update and perfect structure as necessary

RATIFICATION PROCESS

- Constitutional amendments require approval by a 2/3 vote
- Amendments need to be ratified by a 2/3 aggregate vote
- Council of Bishops certify results

REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

The Process:

- Worldwide input
- Broad feedback
- Prioritized marginalized voices

HOT SPOTS

- Homosexuality
- Marriage
- Polygamy
- Abortion
- Alcohol

REMOVING ANTI-LGBTQ+ POLICIES

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Key Moments in History:

- 1972 – incompatibility statement
- 1976 – funding restrictions
- 1984 – prohibition on ordination of LGBTQ people
- 1996 – prohibition on presiding at same-sex unions
- 2004 – chargeable offenses instated

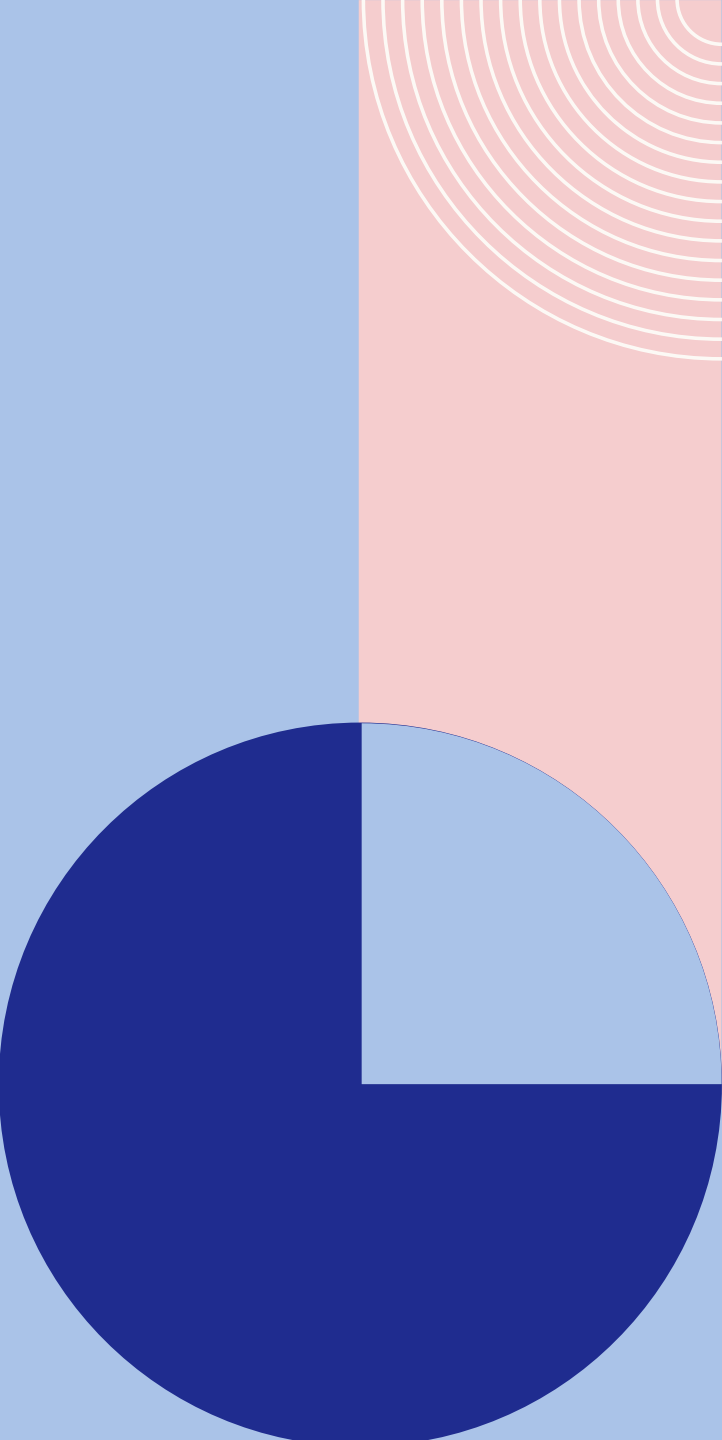
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6 Legislative Committees:

- Church & Society 2
- Financial Administration
- Faith and Order
- Ordained Ministry
- Judicial Administration
- Higher Ed/Superintendency

QUESTIONS?



WHAT IF...

The three Rs are adopted

- Approved legislation becomes effective January 1 of the following year

The three Rs are not adopted

- The Minnesota Annual Conference will continue to live into our stated mission, vision and values

WHAT ELSE...

- General Church Budget
- Pension Plan
- Number of Bishops
- General Agency Staffing
- Elections
- Disaffiliations

WHAT YOU CAN DO

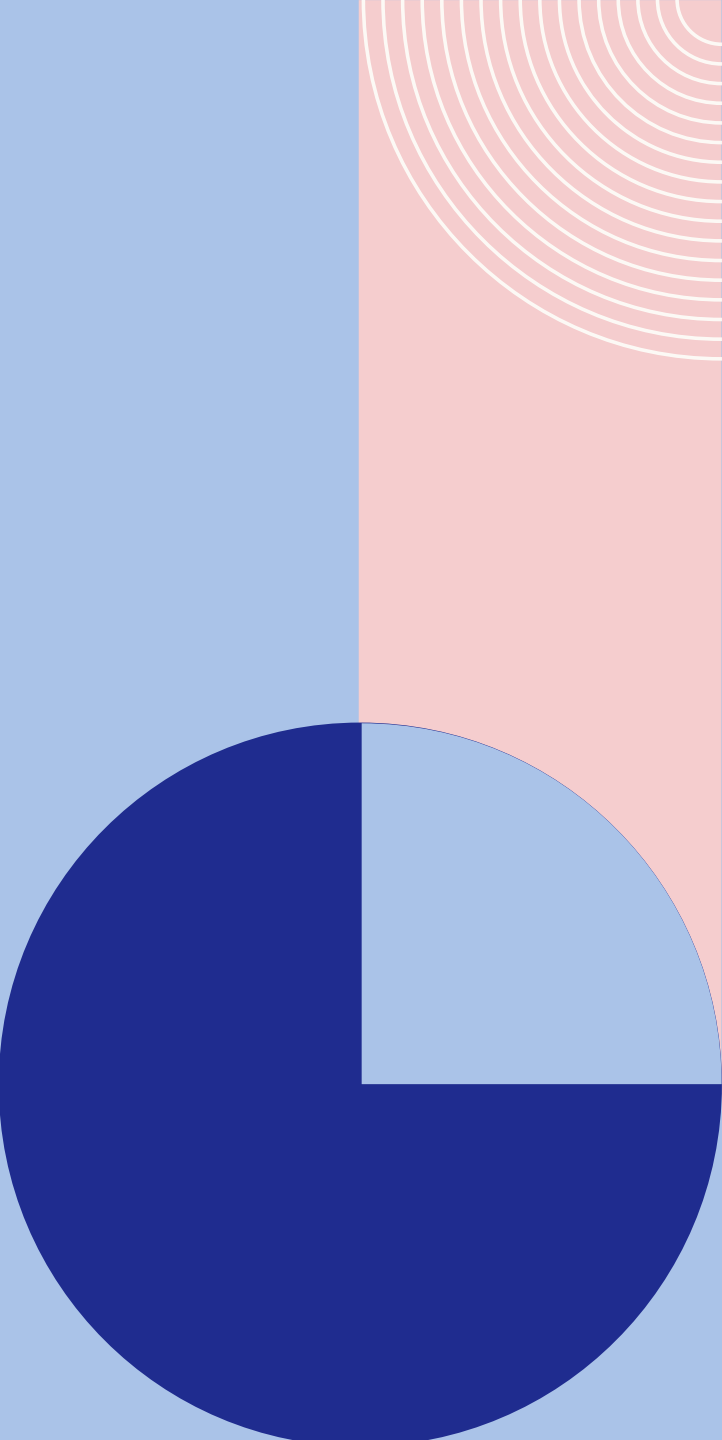
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- Talk with others
- Pray

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