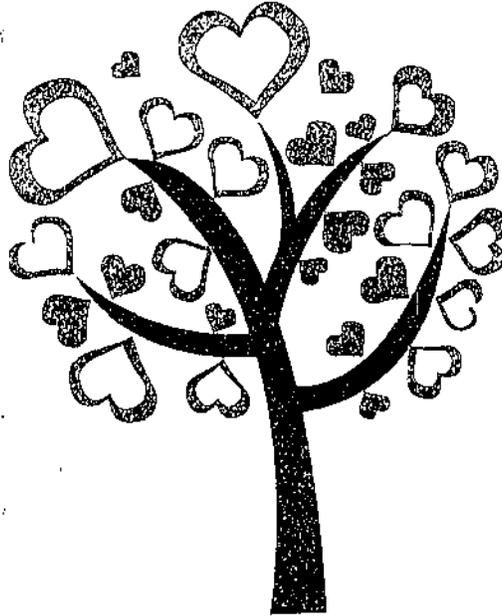


The Messenger

FEBRUARY, 2016



Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Fellowship

1459 White Memorial Church Rd.
Willow Spring, NC 27592
919-639-9973
www.wmpcwillow.spring.org

MISSION STATEMENT

Remembering God's grace, the mission of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:

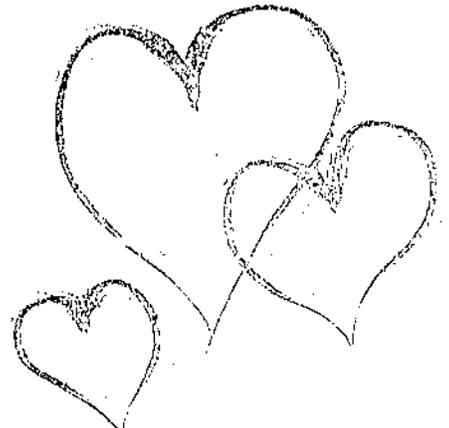
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;

Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;

Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;

Be loving and generous with time, talents, and treasures;

Go out into the world to welcome and invite.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

What an incredible ice storm was that? I hope all of you are safe and sound, and that recovery efforts from that nasty little weather are in full swing. It was a tough call to cancel services on January 24, but it was for the best. Jesus doesn't want us to hurt ourselves getting to Church! He wants us alive and well, so that we can be his hands, feet and voice in the world, living out his Good News in our everyday life.

As we head into February, that's what we are going to be talking about in worship—what it means to live lives as Jesus would have us live. We are going to gain insight into what Jesus wants us to do and how we are to do it. We are going to be talking about living into faith, holding onto hope, and abiding and embodying love. We are going to do all these things by taking a good look at stories in the four gospels that tell us of Jesus' life. By studying Jesus' life, we will slowly be formed into living the lives we were created to live, lives that we can only live as result of the gift of God's grace to us in Jesus Christ.

As always, feel free to be in contact with me at pastorhank1@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. If anyone ever wants to meet up for lunch sometime, feel free to get in contact about that too.!

All my best,

Henry

P.S.

I was recently cast as the Boatswain in a production of HMS Pinafore. It is a principle role with a handful of really neat solos and trios. I'm really excited about it. I get to sing really loudly.

Performances will be April 14, 15, 16, at the Carolina Theater in Durham, NC. If you'll be in the area, come on out, should be a ton of fun. I'll have ticket information in the next couple weeks. Please talk to me if you are interested in attending.

Prayer Concerns

- Jeremy Johnson is recovering from neck fusion surgery. Prayers for a successful outcome. Recovery is a three-six month process
- Gerry Jackson, Sharen's husband is being evaluated for fusion surgery this month.
- Jenn's son, B.C. is recovering from shoulder surgery and doing well.
- Linda Strickland's cousin, Judy, has been in the hospital. Prayers for her to recover.
- Melony Sauls is recovering from back surgery.
- Charlie Coates, Henry's brother, had tonsillectomy and some severe bleeding. Prayers for him to recover fully.
- Frances Seagroves fell at home a few weeks ago and injured her knees and a place on her head. Prayers for Frances's healing and safety.
- The lady who helps us clean the church building, Shannon, is having knee surgery. Prayers for her to heal completely.
- Roger Gossett has a second round of shingles. Prayers for his comfort.
- Glad Nikolas is feeling better. He had a virus and felt pretty bad for a few days. Looking forward to witnessing his baptism.
- Prayers for our newly installed elders, Lisa Stanley, Rush Grimes and Susan Foster.
- Mary Alice Rhodes and Joyce Byrd announced they are both expecting to be great grandmothers.
- Congratulations to Robin Grimes for being selected as Wildlife Member of the Year.
- Prayers for the McGee family – Gene McGee for his leukemia concerns and Alice Cox as she recovers from stomach surgery.
- Prayers for the Wade Dunn family. Glenda's co-worker, Monica Dunn Wood, as her father, Wade Dunn, is receiving palliative care. He is a patient at Liberty Commons.
- Prayers for Henry's journey through the ordination process with New Hope Presbytery.
- Drop Geraldine Stephenson a card in the mail: 106 Woodbridge Drive, Dunn, NC 28344
- Drop a card in the mail to LCPL Jacob Baudoux, VMA 233 (C/L), Unit 24091 FPO AE 09510-4091.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| * Kaylan King | * Frances Seagroves | * Marilou Minshew |
| * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart | * Michele Steinmetz |
| * Janet & Carl Bunn | * Barry Allen | |

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

- Danny Matthews, Hester Family Care Center, 154 Haven Lane, Princeton, NC 27569
- Pauline Jones, Liberty Commons, 2315 Hwy. 242, Benson, NC 27504
- Vada Allen, Oak Hill Living Center, 9767 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501
- Dorothy Page, Gabriel Manor, 84 Johnson Estate Road, Rm. 112, Clayton, NC 27520

JOYS

- Anyone wishing to donate items to Backpack Buddies, just see Glenda or another Circle member as we are collecting those at Myrline's house and taking them to Lighthouse Baptist for packing/distribution.
- Happy Valentine's Day to all our congregation.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
FEBRUARY, 2016

USHERS

Rush and Robin Grimes

NURSERY

7 – Jenn Baudoux, 14 – Becky Stephenson,
21 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 28 – Becky Stephenson

BIRTHDAYS

5 – Michael Rimbey, 7 – Janna Stephenson, 12 – Helen Smith,
12 – Kristy Gathings, 14 – Kaylee Johnson, 22 – Nicole Stanley,
25 – Anna Stephenson

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Judy Morris

H: 919-639-4210

C: 919-418-6367

Please call if you have concerns

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11:00 AM to when tasks are completed

Thursdays – 1:00 PM to when tasks are completed.

FEBRUARY 2016 MOUSE NEWS "Love God with all your heart and soul, and mind and love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30 We've experienced a winter event the past 3 days, schools cancelled, power failures, trees falling---not too good for those of us who are past our prime. The weather can be happy for the young and the young at heart.

- Don and Teresa's granddaughter, Reagan, loved visiting Grandparents and was disappointed when the lights came on. However, she did get to shower and freshen up at Aunt Laura's house. Thank God for the excitement of the young, even in undesirable circumstances.
- Church canceled Jan. 24, because the parking lot and steps/ side walk were hazardous. Well, January does have 5 Sundays.
- Pastor Carol 's power was out Fri-Sun. She had a battery radio that belonged to her father. When she turned it on, the sound that came out was a majestic symphonic hymn. A word from God.
- Good Samaritans --Good neighbors--Raymond Stanley drove to Florence's house and took her to stay at Margaret's. Then a limb fell on a transformer in Margaret's yard and she was without power 50 hours. However, her neighbor brought over his generator and hooked it up to provide some light, heat and to keep refrigerator running.
- Susan and Mel Foster wore many layers of clothes, including hooded sweatshirts under their warmest bathrobes. She said they looked like Sumo Wrestlers. She said the cats were frightened by their appearance, running off and hiding when they saw their masters.
- The die-hard NC State fans named Smith--Don, Myron, and Chris, watched the State-Duke basketball game on a TV in the greenhouses that were growing and protecting Chris' tomato plants. Nice set up but game unkind.
- Helen Smith and daughter, Jan went out as the bad weather began to the Emergency Room at the hospital on HWY.42. Doctors diagnosed Helen with a mini-stroke and admitted her for tests. She came home Saturday and is doing well enough not to have to see her doctor for 2 weeks.
- The Jerseys thoroughly enjoyed their 9 days in Hawaii. Ira picked up an airplane cold and babied himself at the hotel. Deirdre kept moving and did everything on the planned agenda. Aloha!
- Sandy and Mitch Parrish had scheduled a new heating system to be installed the day of the ice, not quite in the nick of time. They are very cozy now.
- Teresa S. and granddaughter Reagan participated in a Saturday art class together at the Benson Senior Center. Great fun for them!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



TEAMS AND SCHEDULE

MEN'S BREAKFAST ADOPTED THEME:

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

Team 1: Ronnie Stephenson, Jerry Smith, Rush Grimes, Robin Grimes

Team 2: Don Smith, Lee Talton, Jason Talton, Eric Hammond, Henry Coates

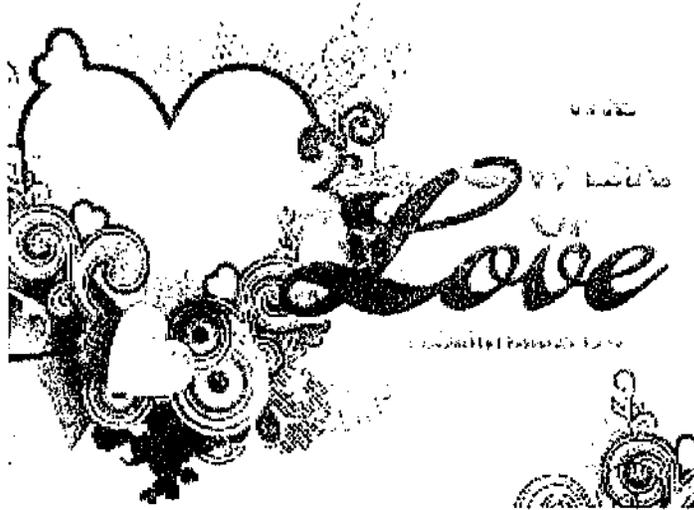
Team 3: Raymond Stanley, Mike Stewart, Ken Bianco, Justin Honeycutt

MONTH (2016)	TEAM	TEAM LEADER	DATE (2016)
FEBRUARY	1	Ronnie Stephenson	*February 7
MARCH	2	Don Smith	March 13
APRIL	3	Raymond Stanley	April 10
MAY	1	Ronnie Stephenson	May 8
JUNE	2	Don Smith	June 12
JULY	3	Raymond Stanley	July 10

*The normal Men's breakfast date is the second Sunday of the month, at 8 a.m. The February breakfast is changed to the first Sunday (the 7th) due to another church activity on Valentine's Day the 14th. Any other changes to the normal monthly date will be announced as necessary.

A voluntary collection is taken at each breakfast and team leaders are reminded they may request reimbursement of food costs by turning in the cost receipt with a completed voucher to the church treasurer. We look forward each time to a delicious breakfast, fellowshiping, and Intern Henry's informal but meaningful devotion while he is with us.

All community men, those associated with WMPC, guests, and any others, are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly breakfast.



We want to show you some love....so let us feed you a delicious Valentine's Day lunch!

Sunday, February 14 following worship in the fellowship hall

Menu

A baked potato bar with all kinds of delicious additions, including steamed broccoli, homemade chili, sour cream, cheese, chives, and bacon bits

Garden salad bar

Chocolate Dessert bar

We need to know how many to expect so let us know by Sunday, February 7. We'll be circulating a clip board at church or call Florence at 908-705-2643 or email fmarcinko@aol.com

Combined Church Senior Luncheon 2016

Senior Luncheon Rotation: (The second Tuesday of each month)

January -	Johnson Memorial Church
February -	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
March -	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
April -	Mount Zion United Methodist Church
May -	White Memorial Presbyterian Church
June -	Providence Presbyterian Church
July -	** No Luncheon (Summer Break)**
August -	Johnson Memorial Church
September -	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
October -	** No Luncheon (Homecoming month)**
November -	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
December -	Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Church Contact Info:

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Rev. Searles	Johnson Memorial Church	919-894-3688	chris@jmccexperience.org
Miriam Byrd	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church	919-772-8562	mimibyrd@icloud.com
Bonnie Adams	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church	919-639-4732	
Shirley Byrd	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	919-331-0408	sbyrd1935@gmail.com
Rev. Bledsoe	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	919-894-4454	pastor@pgbaptistchurch.org
Margie Taylor	Providence Presbyterian Church	919-207-0149	margietaylor@aol.com
Jim Davis	Providence Presbyterian Church	919-264-4324	jimdavis10@hotmail.com
Margaret King	White Memorial Presbyterian Ch.	919-639-6075	kingmm11@aol.com
Florence Marcinko	White Memorial Presbyterian Ch.	908-705-2643	Fmarcinko@aol.com
Rev. McCartney	White Memorial Presbyterian Ch.	919-639-9973	
Lisa Johnson	Mount Zion United Methodist Ch.	919-772-1294	carolinajisajean@gmail.com
LaVern Coats	Mount Zion United Methodist Ch.	919-820-1950	lavern89@embarqmail.com
Leonard Rex	Mount Zion United Methodist Ch.	919-772-8415	lrex@nccumc.org

Please submit head count in by Wednesday before the luncheon

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Reconciliation Peace Community (RPC)

Statement of Vision, Calling, and Faith

The Reconciliation Peace Community believes that studying and, we hope, approving the *Five Affirmations* will become the first step for the Church of Reconciliation in developing a renewed, timely, and prophetic witness for peace. The *Five Affirmations* represent an invitation for reflection and a calling for action as well.

This is our vision: That a world of harmony and peace will replace our world of injustice and war.

The Affirmations remind us that peacemaking is "essential to our faith in God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ." The Church of Reconciliation has always identified itself as a body of Christians who actively work for reconciliation, justice, and peace. Embracing the *Five Affirmations* can inspire our community to "cultivate moral imagination" and "reclaim the power of nonviolent love" as we seek to discern and do God's will in the world.

This is our calling: To know God's ways of peace, and so to make peace in our family and community, our nation and world.

This is our faith: That in Jesus, we meet the God who makes peace with our wayward and hurting world; and that by this reconciling love, we are moved to bridge the chasms of fear and estrangement.

Peacemaking means committing ourselves to an ongoing spiritual and social journey that begins with the *Five Affirmations* but will surely lead to new opportunities, challenges, and discoveries. Are we, as a church, ready not just to affirm peace but to bear witness, intentionally and prophetically, for peace in our community, nation, and world?

Create Tractors out of Tanks!



Sow Peace: Reap Thanks....

We will have respondents from the congregation to spark the Second Hour conversations.



THE RECONCILIATION PEACE COMMITTEE
AND THE SESSION OF THE
CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
IN CONSIDERING HOW WE CAN EMBODY
JESUS' TEACHINGS OF PEACE

PEACE AFFIRMATIONS IN THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2016



The Church of Reconciliation has been a PC(USA) Presbyterian Peacemaking congregation since 1981, when we signed The Call to Peacemaking. A small group of members and fellow-travelers has begun meeting to delve more deeply into peace discernment. God is calling us to be a greater force for peace and reconciliation in our lives, our community and our world.

* The final wording of the 5 peace affirmations is not yet approved. This is the latest version, as discernment continues.

History: Our church has long been involved in the PC(USA) Peacemaking Program, "*Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*" (1980). The 2010 General Assembly, influenced by a decade of war, authorized a six-year discernment process to take a new and fresh look at peacemaking in the church's life.

A steering committee, chaired by our Pastor Mark, was appointed to devise opportunities for the broad membership of the church to explore the basic nature and scope of the Gospel's mandate for Peacemaking. The 2012 GA authorized distribution of study materials and discussions in various congregations.

The 2014 General Assembly distributed the subsequent *Five Affirmations* (along with supporting rationale, "Risking Peace") to each of the Presbyteries for their discussion and advisory vote with the results of those votes (along with a summary of floor discussion) sent back to the *Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy*. In February, 2015, *New Hope Presbytery* discussed and took an advisory vote on the *Five Affirmations*, and with a large majority in favor of the *Affirmations*. Their votes were tabulated along with all other participating Presbyteries to guide preparation of a report on peacemaking directions for the 2016 General Assembly.

In parallel with these Presbytery discussions and voting, the *Reconciliation Peace Community (RPC)* of the *Rec* studied the *Five Affirmations** and Session approved a process for involving the congregation in study and discussion.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

Affirmation 1. We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our faith in God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ, whose love and justice challenge evil and hatred, and who calls the church to present alternatives to violence, fear, and misused power.



Mark Davidson has been a teaching elder in the PC(USA) since 1982 and Pastor of the Church of Reconciliation since 1998. He studied at University of Texas, Davidson College, Princeton Theological Seminary, Earlham School of Religion, SMU, and completed the certificate program in Clergy Spiritual Life and Leadership at the Shalem Institute. He is working currently on certification in spiritual direction.

Active in numerous social issues and a retreat leader with his wife, Allison, Mark is strongly committed to a vision of Christian discipleship rooted in spirituality and social justice.

He explored these themes in three collections of his sermons: *Sacred Glimpses* (2006), *A Luminous Presence* (2008), and *Fire in the Bones* (2013).

Mark chairs the Peace Discernment Process for the PCUSA (2010-

A monthly examination of Peace Affirmations
January - May, 2016

Affirmation 2. We confess our complicity in the world's violence and our failure to stand with those who suffer even as we pray for the Spirit's courage to unmask idolatries, speak truth about war and oppression, and respond with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation.



Rick Ufford-Chase is the Co-Director of Stony Point Center, 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, New York 10980. Stony Point is in Rockland County, New York and Co-Founder of the Community of Living Traditions.

Rick has worked throughout his career on helping to energize and rejuvenate congregations around issues of peace and social and environmental justice. Rick served as the Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004 – 2006) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rick and his wife Kitty have three children, Teo (20), Troy (17) and Leana (16).

Rick is deeply interested in the intersection between our faith, the challenge of responding to violence in our time, and the work of partnering with those from other religious traditions to protect and extend basic human rights to all people.

**Lunch and Second Hour Discussion
Fellowship Hall**

Child Care available

Children's Activities for these Peace Study Sundays will include: Origami Peace Doves, Love and Peace Magnets, Sand Trays with Tractors, Glitter-painting feather doves, Decorating Dove Cookies

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

Affirmation 4. Learning from nonviolent struggles and counting the costs of war, we draw upon the traditions of just war, Christian pacifism, and just peacemaking, to cultivate moral imagination and discern God's redemptive work in history.



Logan Isaac is an author, advocate, and academic cultivating fruitful conversations at the intersection between Christian faith and military service. He is an Iraq veteran writing in the wake of war and he serves as the executive officer of Centurions Guild, which provides training in

congregational enrichment for Christian leaders engaged in ministry with soldiers and veterans. Learn more at www.CenturionsGuild.org.

- Logan (Mchl-Laituri) Isaac
Executive Officer, Centurions Guild

**Lunch and 2nd hour discussion
Fellowship Hall**

Child Care Available

Children's Activities

Affirmation 3. We celebrate Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, and reclaim the power of nonviolent love evident in his life and teachings, cross and resurrection.



Rev. Alonzo Johnson is the Mission Associate for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and is Convener of the Educate A Child, Transform the World Domestic Initiative. Before this, he was former Pastor of The Oak Lane Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA. Rev. Johnson has 20 years of experience working in urban ministry – one that included youth ministry and prison ministry. Rev. Johnson was also a volunteer chaplain at a correctional facility. He is

currently enrolled in the DMin program at Louisville Seminary.

**Lunch and Second Hour Discussion
Fellowship Hall**

Child Care Available

Children's Activities



SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

Affirmation 5. We commit ourselves to practice the things that make for peace in our daily lives, families, and communities, to risk calling our nation back from the practices of empire to the highest ideals of our heritage, and to take part in social movements for a domination-free order.



Mark Koenig is the director of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations.

Koenig speaks of a theology of interconnectedness- the earth is the Lord's and every person is made in the image of God (the basis for a Christian understanding of human rights). This is a way for the denomination to show practical solidarity with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Koenig noted in a Justice Committee meeting re: Syria, that the 220th General Assembly crafted a policy that calls for support to mediate a process that will end violence; all outside parties cease military intervention; a strong show of support for the situation from the United Nations; and U.S. restraint from military intervention.

**Lunch and 2nd Hour Discussion
Fellowship Hall**

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Children's Activities



SIX SHORT STORIES

Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain, On the day of prayer
all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's FAITH

When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows
you will catch her.

That's TRUST

Every night we go to bed, without assurance of being alive the next
morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up.

That's HOPE

We see the world suffering, but we still get married and have children.

That's LOVE

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, 'I am not 80 years old.....
I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

That's ATTITUDE

Have a great day.... live your life like the six stories.

Biblical Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly,
"I know what the Bible means."
His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you know what the
Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said the father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy Daddy...the young boy replied excitedly, It stands
for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'"

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	Presbyterain Women's 6:00 PM	Christian Ed 7:00 PM	Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM			
						6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM		Senior Luncheon Noon, Mt. Pleasant Called Session Meeting, 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Music Ministry Practice	Worship and Music 7:00 PM		
						13
	14	15	16	17	18	19
First Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Valentine's Day Luncheon after Worship		Session Meeting 7:00 PM	Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM			Fellowship Hall reserved, 5:00 PM
Third Sunday in Lent Sunday School						
	21	22	23	24	25	26
Second Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM			Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM			Fellowship Hall reserved Noon to 5:00 PM
	28	29				

