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Rev. James Graham

“How Do We Become an Invitational Church”

I was asked the other day the following question, “Pastor, HOW do we do evangelism?” I must confess with some chagrin, that I was excited about the question, and in response I handed that person a book and said, “Read this!” As I thought more about this question, I imagine many of you have the same question, but don’t want to “read

a book!” So, in the next few newsletters, I’m going to give you some concrete ways you can immediately become an invitational church!

For the past 30 years the church has had the “Field of Dreams” mentality... if you build it they will come. That approach to evangelism no longer works! We have to be invitational. According to Jim Osier, there are 4 steps of “recommendation” that are effective in bringing in new people. The first step is:

Acknowledging: *This is the entry phase of recommendation and includes behavioural examples such as the following: (1) Checking in on Facebook during worship service or “liking” the church’s website. (2) Mentioning the church’s name in conversation outside the church, for instance, with a coworker in the office: “That’s cool that the sales division of our company is going to Habitat this Saturday; New Haven UMC — where I go — does that too!” (3) Specifically referencing an attribute of the church to a target audience or in social media. For instance, collecting canned goods for the hungry this Thanksgiving. If you’d like to help, let me know and I’ll pick them up!”*

Will you join me in practicing these three things in the weeks to come? It will help us to begin raising awareness of the many ways our church is involved in our community. Next time I’ll share with you the second step in Recommendation Evangelism, **Affirmings**. Until then, may you be blessed beyond measure!

Pastor James

**UMPTENAGERS PLANNING SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 11:30AM**

Lets get together and plan our day trips for 2018-2019
Bring your appetite for an hour of eating and meeting!
See you then!!!



LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!!!

**Mountain of Food
Coming October 14
Read all about it on
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Effective immediately

all emails for the New Haven office

should be sent to

Carol.Morgan@newhaven.org

emails to Pat Bates will no longer be delivered.



Our pets are a blessing to us..



..Join us in blessing them!

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

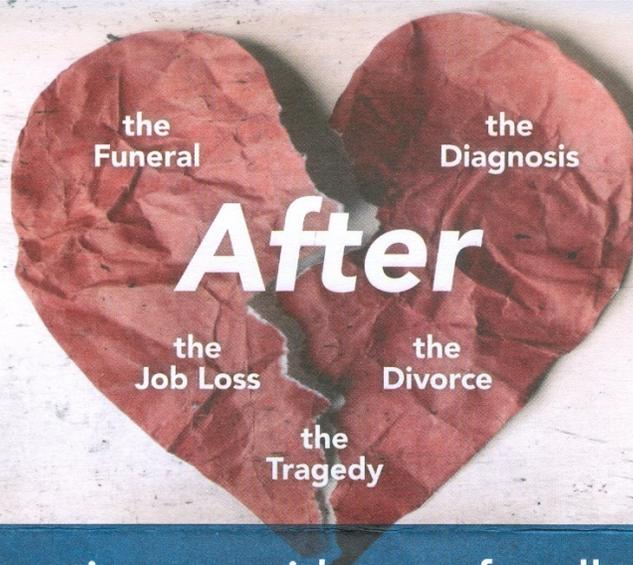
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

2:45 PM ~ FRONT LAWN

Our awesome Rev. Jan Boyd has a big hearts for pets and every year she has a special event for pet owners! You may bring your pets (on leashes or in a carrier) to the front lawn where we will have chairs set up for you.

Rev. Jan will talk for a few minutes about what this blessing is all about, then we take turns walking our pets to her and she will bless them with a prayer and give them a medal of St. Francis to wear on their collars. It's a special and fun time for everyone and so far, our pets have behaved beautifully!!!





How can congregations provide care for all the *afters* in life?

Pastors want to provide ongoing care to everyone who needs it—and a team of lay caregivers can make that a reality. Equipping laypeople to minister to hurting people is a highly effective and biblical way to ensure that those in need of Christ-centered care receive it.

Christ at work in and through gifted, trained lay caregivers—that's the Stephen Ministry vision!

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

This half-day event will show how to realize that vision. You and your team will gain hands-on ministry skills through a sample of Stephen Minister training, deepen your vision for care and outreach, and learn how to bring the life-changing benefits of Stephen Ministry to your congregation.

SESSION 1: MINISTERING TO THOSE EXPERIENCING GRIEF

SESSION 2: AN INTRODUCTION TO STEPHEN MINISTRY

SESSION 3: HOW TO CARE IN A DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN WAY

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Pastors and church staff
- Lay leaders and decision makers
- Caregivers and caregiving teams

WORKSHOP COST

\$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from your congregation or organization.

Take advantage of the group rate and bring a whole team. They'll learn how to cast a vision and build support for beginning Stephen Ministry.

DATES & LOCATIONS

The accompanying letter tells about a workshop near you. For a nationwide schedule of upcoming Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshops, visit www.stephenministry.org/schedule.

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. At www.stephenministry.org/workshop
2. Call (314) 428-2600
3. Submit completed registration form **by mail**

Registration Form



Workshop Location: Asbury United Methodist Church - Tulsa, OK (9/29/2018)

To Register: *(We encourage you to register five or more days before the workshop)*

- Mail or fax this completed form to Stephen Ministries—see address and fax number below;
 - Register online using a credit card at www.stephenministry.org/workshop; or
 - Call (314) 428-2600 (Monday through Friday, 8 A.M.–5 P.M. Central Time).
- Check this box and fill in your contact information below if you *cannot attend* but would like to receive an information packet about Stephen Ministry.

Number Attending:

_____ Indicate the total number of individuals from your congregation who plan to attend.

_____ Indicate how many of those individuals, if any, are pastors.

Workshop Costs:

- Per Person Rate:** \$15 per person (_____ individuals x \$15 each = \$ _____)
- Congregation Rate:** \$50 for a group of four or more from your congregation

Payment Options: Payment enclosed (checks payable to **Stephen Ministries**)
 We will pay on the day of the workshop

Congregation Information: *(Please print legibly)*

Congregation/Organization

Congregation/Organization's Phone #

Exact Name of Denomination (e.g. Lutheran-ELCA, United Methodist, Southern Baptist, etc.)

Congregation/Organization Street Address

City, State, Zip

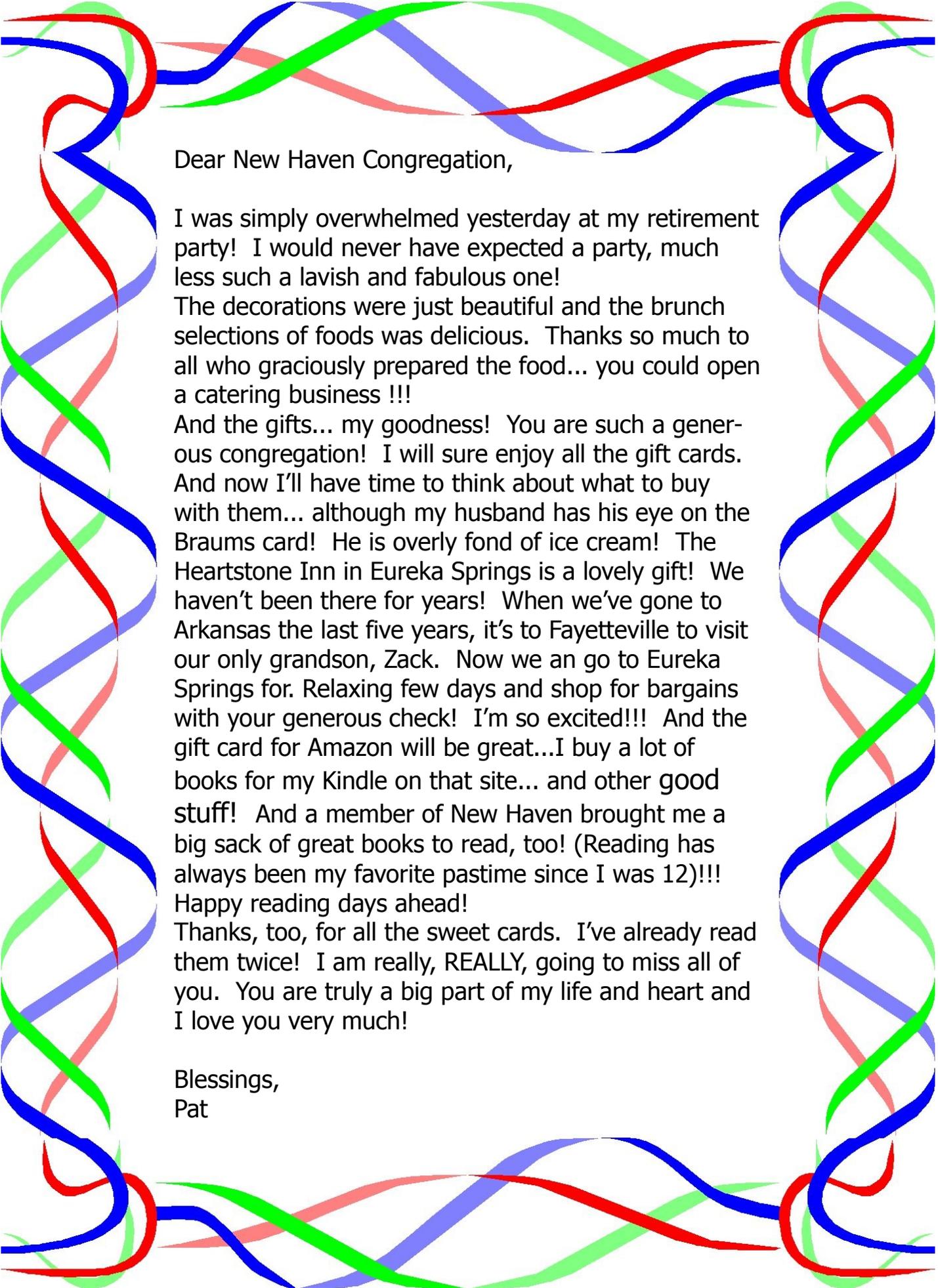
Contact Person (Title, First Name, and Last Name)

Contact Person's Daytime Phone #

Contact Person's Email Address (Used only for emailing your registration confirmation.)

Name(s) of Individual(s) Planning to Attend:

(Write additional names on back or attach another sheet if needed.)



Dear New Haven Congregation,

I was simply overwhelmed yesterday at my retirement party! I would never have expected a party, much less such a lavish and fabulous one!

The decorations were just beautiful and the brunch selections of foods was delicious. Thanks so much to all who graciously prepared the food... you could open a catering business !!!

And the gifts... my goodness! You are such a generous congregation! I will sure enjoy all the gift cards. And now I'll have time to think about what to buy with them... although my husband has his eye on the Braums card! He is overly fond of ice cream! The Heartstone Inn in Eureka Springs is a lovely gift! We haven't been there for years! When we've gone to Arkansas the last five years, it's to Fayetteville to visit our only grandson, Zack. Now we can go to Eureka Springs for. Relaxing few days and shop for bargains with your generous check! I'm so excited!!! And the gift card for Amazon will be great...I buy a lot of books for my Kindle on that site... and other good stuff! And a member of New Haven brought me a big sack of great books to read, too! (Reading has always been my favorite pastime since I was 12)!!! Happy reading days ahead!

Thanks, too, for all the sweet cards. I've already read them twice! I am really, REALLY, going to miss all of you. You are truly a big part of my life and heart and I love you very much!

Blessings,
Pat

Corner



Dear Missy,

Just what is the Mountain of Food? We live in Oklahoma; the mountains aren't anywhere near here!

Signed,

Worried church member

Dear Worried,

The "Mountain of Food" is an annual mission project developed and launched in 2002 by New Haven UMC members, and now other Tulsa congregations copy the event. During October to early November, New Haven members and guests contribute cash to purchase food for Restore Hope Ministries (RH), the Oklahoma Methodist Conference's urban ministry located on Charles Page Boulevard in Tulsa.

This ministry works to "restore families in financial crisis to economic and spiritual vitality." They work to prevent homelessness, reduce hunger and promote hope through emotional and spiritual support. This mission-sponsored event allows RH to purchase food for hungry families. Instead of a canned goods drive, we ask for cash contributions because RH can purchase the food at greatly reduced rates through the Tulsa Food Bank and other community partners. Much of what we donate will carry RH through the holidays. Restore Hope distributes over 222,000 pounds of food each year, serving nearly 5,000 families.

Each week during our Mountain of Food drive, food is purchased with the previous Sunday's contributions. These flats of canned and boxed food are delivered on Thursday morning and placed in the sanctuary close to the altar. The Mountain grows through October and on November 4 the Mountain of Food will be dedicated and delivered to Restore Hope for distribution.

New Haven members can help in several ways: (1) give money to purchase food; (2) volunteer on Thursday mornings during the drive (Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov.1) to unload the canned goods and build the mountain; and (3) on Sunday, November 4 help to load up the entire Mountain for delivery to Restore Hope. Thursday deliveries take about 30 minutes to unload and stack in the sanctuary. We will need at least 8 adults on these mornings (a sign-up sheet will be on the hallway table). The final Sunday load up takes about an hour and we would like at least 25 volunteers to stay after the 11 o'clock service to help us load the food onto the delivery truck.

Together we can build high a "Mountain of Food" that will provide Restore Hope Ministries with a means to reduce hunger in the Tulsa area as well as provide hope for many low-income working families.

In Mission,

Missy

Plan for the Way Forward

Dear Oklahoma United Methodist Family,

As many of you know, we will soon be facing an important time in the life of our United Methodist Church. On February 22-24, 2019, a special called General Conference will be held in St. Louis, Mo. with the purpose of discerning the direction our church will go regarding the Human Sexuality questions we have debated over many years. We encourage every United Methodist in Oklahoma to be in prayer concerning this conference. We also have available a weekly devotion (written by Oklahoma leaders) that can supplement your prayer time. Use the following links to subscribe to that resource. Here's the link to sign up for the weekly devotions: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/28WeeksActsDevotions> and the link to the archived devotions: <http://okumc-email.brtapp.com/archivearea/329>.

We would also like to invite you to attend a presentation about the plans that are scheduled to be presented at the called General Conference. This discussion and presentation will have members of the Oklahoma delegation present as well as Bishop Nunn. This important gathering will be held on Friday, **Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at St Luke's UMC Christian Life Center (CLC) in Oklahoma City**. There will be no charge to attend, however if you plan on attending we need you to register so that we have adequate seating and handouts for all. Please use the following link to register your attendance for this meeting: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/OklahomaDiscussionon2019GeneralConference>.

If you are not able to be present, we plan to live stream this important discussion in the life of our denomination. A link to the live stream will be provided on the conference website and sent by email to you as we get closer to the date.

We want to thank you for your prayers, concerns and continued commitment to our beloved church. As challenging as this discussion may be to some, it also offers us hope for a future that will best reflect our ongoing commitment to making disciples for the transformation of the world. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 5th.

Rev. Linda Harker, Chair Oklahoma Delegation
Rev. Joseph Harris, Assistant to Bishop Nunn
Dr. Don Kim, Oklahoma Delegation

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:45 Contemporary Worship
9:45 Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Invitation to Old Testament Study
at the Parsonage
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 pm Writers Group/161

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

1:30 pm Women's Grief Recovery Group
6:00 pm Day School Council/161
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm ACOA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Invitation to Old Testament/
Parsonage
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Marti Lowery	Children Director
Carol Morgan	Office Clerical Asst.
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

Late September Birthdays

19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
Pamela Holt
28. Wayne Love
Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing

October Birthdays

2. Richard Jaeger
Betty Hodge
Carol Morgan
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
Kate Scruggs
10. Mark Morgan
Jim Leach
14. Janet Hopkins
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Sue Hunnicutt
26. Greg Gotcher
Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
Kala Morgan



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
"Defiant Joy"

Parlor: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class
"Religion & Violence"

Room 103: Interlude Class
"Moses" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group** "Making Sense of
the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Room 161: Roundtable "Sacred
Resistance" by Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 9, 2018

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 50

11:00 am ~ 91

Live Stream ~N/A

Total ~ 141

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 56

Youth ~ 7

Children ~18

September 16, 2018

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 48

11:00 am ~ 139

Live Stream ~ N/A

Total ~ 187

Please email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best.

Please email your article to carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Joe Sanders
Jan Duffield
Mary Lou Black
Rev. Ken Tobler
Sheila Ernissee
Louise McCrory
Ann White

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<http://www.newhavenumc.org>

