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*BUILDING A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
TO LIBERATE AND CULTIVATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & NURSERY

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

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CELEBRATING HUMAN LIBERATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

POT LUCK LUNCHEON - BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR
OUR AFTER SERVICES LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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CHANGING THE MODEL OF COMPETITION

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

SPRING EQUINOX WITH THE PAGANS

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

A few weeks ago, the Mission/Vision writing team reconvened to work on the editing of the Mission Statement that was presented to the congregation last fall. This team is composed of the table leaders of the much larger congregation-wide gathering last September; when BOBBI REED led us through a process that had us take into account our history, aspirations, and values. If you remember, the will of the congregation as expressed in last November's Congregational Meeting was for there to be some time for the members to ask questions and offer critique about the words of the mission, and some time for editing for clarity and brevity of expression.

The team was very conscientious about the comments they received and about making the mission statement clearer, briefer, and easier to understand. Here it is, twenty-five percent shorter, and a good deal easier to understand and remember:

Our mission is to nurture the spirit within us and among us, to welcome all who share our covenant, and to embody our values of love, justice, peace, and respect for the earth, in order to transform the world. We learn, we lead, we love.

BOBBI explained to the team that one of the most important functions of a mission statement is that it describes how we want to be perceived by the larger community. I think that this statement does that by focusing on the three things we most want to be known by—nurturing the spirit within us and among us through worship and mutual support; welcoming all who would join in our covenant, regardless of belief, origin, age, able-ness, background, or sexual orientation; and embodying our values of love, justice, peace, and respect for the earth, in order to transform the world. And our mode of performing our mission is summed up by the phrase, “We learn, we lead, we love.”

I was very pleased with the process BOBBI led us through, as well as the Mission Statement itself. I'm glad that our Board of Trustees, led by President MARGARET LUCERO, was receptive to the will of the congregation so that the church could have time to reflect and comment on the earlier version.

I am grateful to the team that so thoughtfully used the congregation's comments to craft a clearer and briefer statement. And I hope that each one of you has time to give the Mission Statement some thought. If you have further questions or comments, please let MARGARET LUCERO or me know with a note or email.

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I had a statistics professor, DR. WILLIAM O. SMITH, who was also a retired Air Force General, who was fond of saying, “If you don’t care where you are going, any road will take you there.” Well, I know we care where we are going. Being as clear as we can be about our mission will help us know the roads we want to travel on.

I’ve said it before, but it bears repeating. I love being your minister; it’s a great privilege and only a handful of people get to do it. And I love this congregation. Take good care of yourselves and see you Sunday!

LOVE, PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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GREETINGS,

The children and youth had a very busy February. As part of community service and giving last month, the children took great pride in making valentines for residents of a local nursing home. They also made bird feeders to place around the church grounds as part of the “Reverence for Nature” lesson series.

On Friday, February 26 our tweens and teens settled in for our U2C3 Overnight Lock-In. We had a great time playing board games, listening to music and eating pizza. For the night owls there were movies to watch as everyone drifted off to sleep. Everyone headed home Saturday morning after a yummy breakfast.

Many thanks to MARGARET LAWRENCE, CHRISTY STOCKMAN AND WES BURKETT for chaperoning.

Last Sunday, Children’s Chapel focused on lessons in gratitude. We read a story called “Meshka the Kvetch”, about an old woman who complained too much. We then discussed how to turn negative thoughts into positive outlooks in our lives.

We are in need of assistants for the Pre-K and Elementary classes. In order to provide a safe environment for our children, each teacher needs another responsible person in the room. No experience is necessary and you don’t need to have a child in our program to volunteer. Please help make our program a success.

PEACE, LAUREN



UU AND U 27TH ANNUAL COFFEE HOUSE, SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010

THE UU & U COFFEE HOUSE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON
SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010

The candles will be lighted and the music will begin at
7:30p.m.

Come early to secure a table. Space is limited and we
are hoping for a crowd.

*Live Jazz by the Unihorn Quintet, uninhibited Contemporary
words and music by the Joe Pierce Guitar Ensemble and
Friends. Russell Vaughan will dazzle you with his violin
virtuosity. Poetry and Prose will be featured by the Raconteur
Reed's and we will welcome a much published Cowboy Poet who
comes to us direct from Portland, Texas*

*All of this assembly of talent will be performing for you
under the supervision of that veteran Master of Ceremonies the
Right Honorable Mr. Kirk Newport*

*Clearly, this is an occasion that should not be missed, and
comes to you at bargain price of \$10.00 Adults and \$5.00
Students.*

*You may bring wine or other beverage of choice and there
will be set-ups with ice, wonderful cake, pastries and savory
goodies for purchase.*

For more information, call COLIN SYKES at 853-7992
To help by bringing food with this project call DIANE MASTERS at 991-2746,
or MARILYN BREMSER at 949-6790

DATES TO REMEMBER:

LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org)
FOR SMALL GROUPS
DATES AND TIMES, OR
OTHER CHURCH GROUPS

MARCH 6
27TH ANNUAL
U2C3 COFFEE HOUSE

MARCH 13, 8 AM TO NOON
RUMMAGE SALE

MARCH 15
WOMEN'S GROUP
POTLUCK DINNER AT
JESSICA LATIMER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
CALENDAR EVENT ON THE
CHURCH WEBSITE, FIRST
CONTACT JUDY SYKES AT
853-7992 OR BOBBI REED,
REEDS77@STX.RR.COM
TO MAKE SURE THERE
ISN'T A CONFLICT OF
OTHER EVENTS.

FOR ORDER OF SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEND
TO BARBARA BRIODY AT
MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM

BE A BONE MARROW DONATOR FOR TESS CHERRY

Tess Cherry, of our congregation, will be undergoing a bone marrow / stem cell transplant in a few months. At this time, it is believed that her sister is a match and can donate. However, it is not yet certain. Now is a great time to get registered as a potential bone marrow donor. The fee to register has been offset by monetary donations to the registry, so it is completely and utterly free to anyone who wants to be available for a life Saving procedure. These days, they are calling the transplant a "stem cell" transplant because they get the necessary cells from the donor's blood.

Ordinarily, the bone marrow is not necessary. So, in the unlikely event that you are a match, you would have a few trips to the facility doing the transplant. You would be given a shot to stimulate production of cells. And then you would give blood. Your out-of-pocket expenses would be paid.

While there is no monetary compensation given to donors, you will receive the supreme satisfaction of having helped save a life.

Right now, all that is asked of you is to run a few cotton swabs on the inside of your cheek. It doesn't hurt. And it could make all the difference to Tess or to a young woman that we have been told about who is currently in need of a donor and cannot find one.

Now is the time, as it takes up to 5 - 6 weeks to do the necessary tests on your sample.

To get your free kit, go to WWW.MARROW.ORG or call 1-800-marrow-2.

MARCH 13 REPLACEMENT BLOOD DRIVE FOR TESS

TESS CHERRY, daughter of DEBORAH SUNDERMANN AND SCOTT CHERRY, has unfortunately had a recurrence of her leukemia that we were so happy to hear was in remission last year. To fight this cancer, she will have to have a bone marrow transplant and a lot of blood transfusions. What blood we donate will be given a credit to her account at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

A mobile unit from the Coastal Bend Blood Center will be in the church parking lot on the day of our rummage sale, March 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. Please plan to donate if you are able or tell your friends about it.

There is an appointment sign up sheet in the church hallway or you can call MARILYN BREMSER BODRUG at (361) 949-6790 and she will put you on the schedule and/or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance from the SUNDERMANN/CHERRY family who deeply appreciate your concern.



RUMMAGE SALE MARCH 13 8 AM TO NOON

RUMMAGE SALE, PLANT SALE, BAKE SALE will be held March 13, from 8AM to 12Noon.

We need your items, brought to church on March 7, which is also 1st Sunday Luncheon. We need workers in the morning, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to noon, to help price and set up the sale. We need people to volunteer to work on Saturday morning. We need people to bake breakfast goodies.

What time can you give to this fund-raiser???

If you have questions please call **DIANA MASTERS, 991-2746** OR **JESSICA LATIMER 993-6013.**



WOMEN'S GROUP, FEBRUARY 15, 6:00 PM

The Women's Group meeting will be on **MARCH 15, 6:00 PM, IN THE HOME OF JESSICA LATIMER, LOCATED AT 429 PALOMA. RSVP AT 993-6013** SO OUR HOSTESS JESSICA HAS ENOUGH PLACE SETTINGS.

We will watch a short video put out by Smile Train, an organization we have donated to before.

U2C3 women get together once a month to dine and get to know each other better. Please join us

GROUNDS COMMITTEE TEAMS

Spring is just about here and we'll need to begin semi-regular grass cutting and other chores on the church property soon. We already have at least 5 volunteers, but there's always room for more. Traditionally we have had pairs of volunteers come out at two week intervals, but it's totally flexible. If you would like to help on a regular basis or just fill in once in a while, that's good too.

Almost all of the Johnson Grass has been eliminated so we'll be able to let most of the eastern half of the property go "natural" with just some paths running through it. Other areas, particularly along Joplin, have been taken over with native ground covers so we won't be mowing them either. Overall, it should be considerably less labor intensive than it has been in the past.

I would like to touch base with volunteers soon so he can plan a schedule that will be convenient for everyone. Please let ME know if you would like to help!

KIRK NEWPORT KNDCCCTEX@YAHOO.COM 887-7569

*"Equal dark,
equal light
Flow in Circle,
deep insight*

*Blessed Be,
Blessed Be*

*The transformation
of energy!*

So it flows, out it goes

Three-fold back

it shall be

Blessed Be,

Blessed Be

*The transformation
of energy!"*

~ NIGHT AN' FEY,

TRANSFORMATION OF ENERGY

U2C3 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT AUCTION

In preparation for a new photographic exhibit in our entrance hall, the artist, JUSTUS SUNDERMANN, has agreed to sell the photographs that are currently on display. He would like a portion of his costs back, but any profits above that will go to the church.

So on Sunday, March 14, we will launch a reverse auction. What this means is that we will establish a price for each photo. Sales will be on a "first come, first served" basis. Every week, for 5 weeks, the price will go down a little bit. You can wait until we reach the rock bottom price, but we are not going to tell you what that price is and, each week, you take your chances that someone else will want that picture at the existing price.

Any photographs that do not sell at the final established price will be returned to Justus. JUSTUS will be here on March 14 to launch this auction. More details to come. For More Information contact
DEBORAH SUNDERMANN: 290-9004.



*To find the universal
elements enough;
to find the air and
the water exhilarating;
to be refreshed by a
morning walk
or an evening saunter;
to be thrilled by
the stars at night;
to be elated over
a bird's nest
or a wildflower in spring
- these are some of the
rewards of the simple life.*
~ JOHN BURROUGHS,
NATURALIST



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 1	TOM BROWN
MARCH 1	MARBETH MUNN
MARCH 2	STEPHANIE RUIZ
MARCH 11	ANNA FUGATE
MARCH 14	ALENE BURCH
MARCH 17	KATE CHERRY
MARCH 18	PEG BRASWELL
MARCH 19	DIANA MASTERS
MARCH 31	TESS CHERRY



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 17	DAVID AND VALENE BARTLETT
MARCH 18	DEBBIE AND KIRK NEWPORT
MARCH 20	DIANA AND QUENTIN MASTERS
MARCH 30	PETE AND PEG BRASWELL

★ ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES ★ ★

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER, OR WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY DATE AND AN ANNIVERSARY LISTED, PLEASE EMAIL DEBBIE NEWPORT AT KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM

*I cleanse myself of all
selfishness, resentment,
critical feelings for my
fellow beings,
self-condemnation, and
misinterpretation of my life
experiences*



*I bathe myself in
generosity, appreciation,
praise and gratitude for my
fellow beings,
self-acceptance, and
enlightened understanding
of my life experiences.*

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

Joining a Hospitality Team is a great way to get to know members of our congregation. Once a month you commit to coming a little early, making the coffee and lemonade, greeting people at the doors with an order of service and staying a little late to clean up the coffee cups. There are five or six people on a team. March is the month we like to relieve some of the faithfuls so it would be nice to have new volunteers.

The Hospitality teams are not responsible for the goodies we share after the service. Everyone is encouraged to share in our convivial gathering after church by signing up to bring refreshments one Sunday....cookies, cakes, or breads. Sign up sheet is on the hall table.

Thanks from MARILYN BREMSER BODRUG 361- 949-6790

TREASURER REPORT

Our Treasurer, BILL BODRUG, reports that he is pleased and gratified that his expression of concern over the finances of the church last month was met with such an immediate and responsible and generous response. He is delighted to report that the church is once more on good financial footing and exhorts everyone to keep up the good work.

RECIPES FOR OUR COOKBOOK!

Please contribute a little story to accompany the recipe(s) you submit so that our U2C3 cookbook will be a reminder of who we are in 2010. It doesn't need to be exotic! If you are a family shuffling two jobs and keeping up with kids' schedules, briefly describe that life and what is the favorite "quick and easy" recipe you make. What do you make for the church potluck? What is the favorite recipe you received from your grandmother? How do you prepare barbeque for company and where did you find the recipe? What are the recipes for the great breads our members make? What are some gluten-free recipes?

If you use the computer, it is helpful to send recipes directly to BARBARA BRIODY MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM Otherwise, put the recipe(s) in the large white envelope you will find on the bulletin board. Let's get going. This is a project that will take time to finish (with art work?) once we have the material.

CREATIVE AWAKENING

Sometimes the best way to experience the Sacred, the Divine, emerging into this world is through our own creativity. Explore your own personal unfolding of the inner Sacred with simple explorations. Facilitated by DIANE WEINER AND DEBBIE CANNATELLA Sundays at 9:45 starting March 21 and finishing April 18.



*"Springtime is the land
awakening.
The March winds are the
morning yawn."*



1. MARCH 21-VISUAL MUSIC

How can music translate to visual creativity? What types of music evoke different creative responses? Come explore emotive and physical reactions to different types of music and spend the hour drawing those experiences. **Materials:** Large sheets of drawing paper, masking tape, jumbo colors and/or markers, sound system, music

2. MARCH 28- SACRED SPACE COLLAGES

Select images based on your intuition about what your own sacred space feels like. Combine them in a pleasing way to create a collage that helps induce a meditative mood. **Materials:** magazine and calendar images, scissors, glue, paper support, notepaper & pens for jotting down musings.

3. APRIL 4- CLAY MOSAIC

Clay has long been used as an expressive medium, whether it is aboriginal face paint, pottery unearthed from ancients, as an artist's medium, or even a skin conditioner. In this session we create individual clay tiles, molded and shaped with designs and symbols. The tiles will then be fired and pulled together in several wall sculptures by various fine artists in the congregation, and auctioned off as a fundraiser event for the church. **Materials:** sculpting (or like) clay, trays to hold finished tiles, various sculpting tools, support boards or placemats to roll clay on, music to sculpt by

4. APRIL 11- STORY CREATING

Select an image, weave a story. Images evoke personal impressions by the view, usually depending upon their own stories and frames of references. Artwork compels a variety of responses from its viewers. Spend the hour with us as we take images and create stories surrounding them. **Materials:** Images prepared in advance, paper, pens or pencils for writing.

5. APRIL 18- MANDALA AND HAIKU

Within a paper circle, experiment with "automatic" drawing (drawing without any preconceived plan). Then using words which come to mind as part of the process, construct a haiku poem. **Materials:** Sheets of paper with mandala circle pre-drawn, markers & pencils, scrap paper for jotting down musings.

“BELOVED COMMUNITY”

*THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY
FREELY GATHERS TO LIVE
OUT A SHARED MINISTRY.
EVERY HUMAN BEING IS
SACRED AND IS CALLED TO
THE TASKS AND JOYS OF
LOVE. WE DO NOT LIMIT
THE TRUTH OF GOD (EVEN
TO THE WORD “GOD”) BUT
LIVE IN OPENNESS AND
BELIEF IN HUMAN FREEDOM
AND DIGNITY. WE
CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF
LIFE, AND JOIN IN TAKING
ON THE SUFFERINGS OF A
FRAGILE WORLD. WE ARE
THIS GENERATION’S
BEARERS OF AN ETERNAL
MESSAGE: THAT TRUTH
MUST GROW, ENLARGE, AND
GLOW IN CREATIVE
FREEDOM. REVELATION
HAS NOT BEEN SEALED. IT IS
LIVED ANEW IN EVERY
HEART, INCLUDING YOUR
OWN. AND THROUGH OUR
TRANSFORMED HEARTS,
AWAKENED SOULS AND ACTS
OF LOVE, EMERGES, THE
BELOVED COMMUNITY.*

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IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE BEST WAY IS TO CALL 817-456-6404. FRIDAY IS HIS DAY OFF, BUT HE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR AN EMERGENCY. HE IS GENERALLY IN THE OFFICE AT CHURCH MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY MORNINGS.

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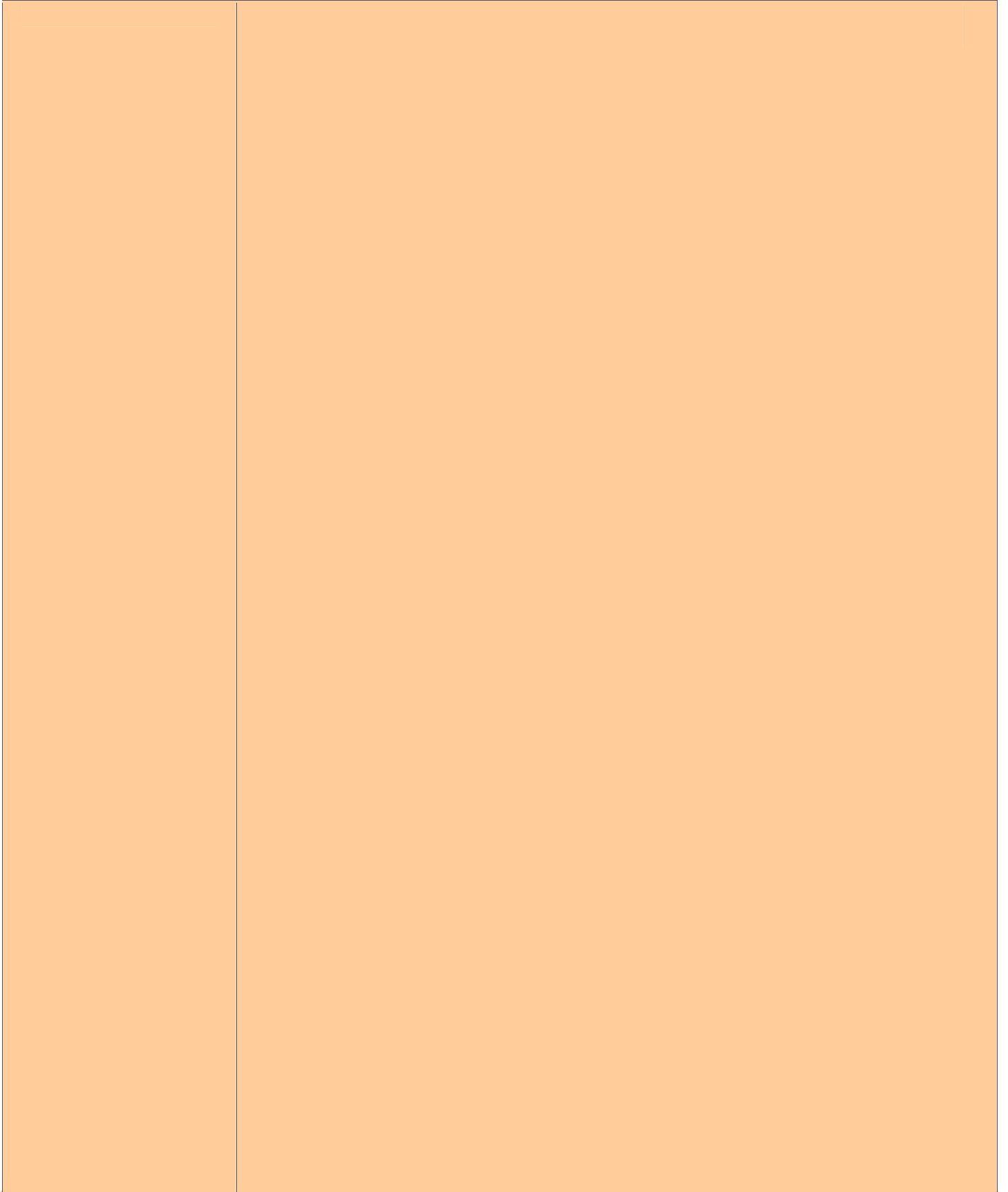
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