



The Call

St. Andrew's & St. Swithin's Episcopal Churches
September, 2009

To Know Christ and make Him Known

Moral Theology

Way back, before I even knew I was going to seminary, I remember reading the Church's statement about necessary academic and theological proficiency prior to ordination. There were seven areas which would be examined in some way, some of which were pretty straightforward: Holy Scripture, church history, and liturgics. But there was another category which puzzled me: Moral Theology. Every seminary required classes in it. What the heck was moral theology?

I still don't think I can give you a concise answer but it is wrapped up in and around Christian ethics and decision-making. How exactly DO we live the life to which we have been called as Christian disciples? Jesus gave us two great commandments: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. That took to completion the promises and prophecies of scripture since Genesis: the beginning of Christian moral theology and ethics.

It seems to me that what is lacking in our civic, political, and even ecclesiastical discussions, debates, and disagreements of late (okay, throughout the course of human history...) is a recognition of our ethical and theological mandate to love God and our neighbor. No matter what your faith system is across religious "boundaries," all religions or spiritual disciplines teach us to love God/creator and our neighbor. In the heat of debates on health care or human sexuality, caring for one another seems to get buried by caring for self and fear of change or fear of the other or fear of the government.

As Episcopalians, Christians, humans, and citizens of the United States as well as the City of God, we have an obligation to look at issues such as accessibility to health care or adequate food and shelter as theological issues. At their core, they are issues of ethics and moral theology. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, gave sight to the blind. It may mean sacrifice on our parts to be able to extend those basic human rights to everyone. It may mean that we don't get everything we want in health care reform so that everyone may receive access. Applying the principles of moral theology and Christian ethics with equity and justice for all must be an essential component in our discussions. The kingdom of God is without barrier; it's our responsibility to keep that in focus. Turn your eyes to Jesus - the answers are there.

Gail+

P.S. If you want your eyes to cross, here is information on the Christian Ethics and Moral Theology category from the General Ordination Exam website:

The sources of Christian ethics and moral theology, including the Holy Scriptures, Christian tradition and experience. Major ethical theories and major figures in the field. The nature, locus and justification for "the good" including the relation between God, Christ and the good. The nature of moral agency, including the understanding of such issues as freedom, responsibility, obligation, virtue, conscience and character. Moral judgment, including the knowledge of the relation between religious belief and moral judgment. The place of spirituality in Anglican teaching about the moral life. Major moral issues facing Christians, past and present, and how Anglican moral theologians have resolved or might resolve them.

A major action by the new Planned Giving Board is the establishment of the St. Andrew's Legacy So-

From the Planned Giving Board

ciety. The purpose of the Legacy Society is to encourage and recognize members who provide for St. Andrew's in their wills or estate plans.

Under the terms of our Legacy Society's Charter, there are two types of members. Those who have provided for St. Andrew's during the period from July 1, 2008 through July 1, 2010 will be Founding Members. Those who provide for our church after that date will be Sustaining Members. Members will be asked to state whether or not they wish to be recognized publicly or whether they desire to remain anonymous.

A "Tree of Life" plaque, prepared at the end of the Founding Member enrollment period will recognize those Founding Members who consent to be identified. Each year, the names of new consenting Sustaining Members will be added to the plaque.

The Planned Giving Board shall conduct a continuous program to encourage membership in the St. Andrew's Legacy Society. At least annually, the Planned Giving Board will sponsor a special event to honor members of the Legacy Society.

In addition to the functions of the Legacy Society, the Planned Giving Board will manage gifts to the parish. This will involve reviewing gifts to determine whether or not they are to be held as part of our Endowment Fund and whether they are restricted or unrestricted. The Board will provide for the proper investment and management of such gifts. The Board, subject to the Vestry, will have overall responsibility in this area. Planned Giving Resolutions and Policies, which have been approved by the Vestry, will be made available to the congregation. These resolutions and policies will provide for orderly and consistent administration of such gifts to the Church.

Ralph Angulo
Chair, Planned Giving Board

The Ministry of the Verger

Historically, there is a position in the Anglican Church referred to as the Verger.

This person's responsibilities can be as varied as the churches in which they serve. In the medieval times the verger was a necessary aide to the ministers in procession simply for safety reasons. Often times the clergy had to process through towns and villages on streets that were crowded with people, livestock and animals. For this reason, the verger carried a verge or mace to help clear the way.

While it is no longer necessary for the way to be made clear for the procession, vergers still play an important role in the Church of England and the Episcopal Church. In essence, a Verger is a lay minister who assists the rector in worship, in either a purely ceremonial fashion or in additional administrative responsibilities.

The rector's vision of the worship service will determine the involvement of the verger. Most of the work is done prior to the service, such as coordinating the lay ministers and others involved in Sunday morning worship or a special service, like Christmas Eve or the Easter Vigil.

The verger is often a member of the parish that has a keen interest in liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, local church history, pastoral concerns and community resources, canons of the Episcopal Church, and the planning and execution of special service. In order to assist one in learning about these things, a national organization—Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church—has developed a training course. I recently approached the Vestry about pursuing this course of study and they readily agreed. I am looking forward to developing this ministry at St. Andrew's in the years to come, and in so doing; I hope to come to a deeper understanding and love of Christ and His body of believers in my home church.

Valerie Tutton

Prayer for Expressing Gratitude

“Gracious God, in the busy-ness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop to thank you for all that is good in my life. My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of living, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels. I thank you, too, for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair, or difficult. When my heart feels stretched and empty, and pools of tears form in my weary eyes, still I rejoice that you are as near to me as my next breath and that in the midst of turbulence, I am growing and learning. In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love. Amen.”
found at explorefaith.org

Voice of the day

President Kennedy, who said that “no religious body should seek to impose its will,” also urged religious leaders to state their views and give their commitment when the public debate involved ethical issues. In drawing the line between imposed will and essential witness, we keep church and state separate, and at the same time we recognize that the City of God should speak to the civic duties of men and women.

Senator Ted Kennedy 3 October 1983,
Liberty Baptist College (Liberty University),
Lynchburg, VA.

Verse of the Day

Many seek the favor of a ruler, but it is from the Lord that one gets justice.

Proverbs 29:26

Patient Trust by

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something

unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability- and that it may take a very long time

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually-let them grow let them shape themselves, without undue hast.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow
Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.



ATTENDANCE

| | 8:00 am | 10:00 |
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| June 21 | 16 | 41 |
| June 28 | 16 | 61 |
| July 5 | 18 | 54 |
| July 12 | 11 | 61 |
| July 19 | 24 | 67 |
| July 26 | 12 | 72 |
| August 2 | 23 | 98 |
| August 9 | 17 | 64 |

September in Christian Ed.

Monday Discussion Schedule

St. Francis of Assisi will be the person we discuss at our Monday meetings in September. These will be led by Pat Milliren. We continue to gather at 6:30 for coffee and conversation, 7 for discussion and about 8:15 for Compline. Carol Holst will be teaching us a new evening worship service from Holden Village.

Everyone is invited to join us in the church library.

September 7: Labor Day Holiday, no meeting

September 14, 21, 28: St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday Eucharist

Join us in worship each Wednesday at 11AM. Gail+ is the celebrant for this service which includes a homily to acquaint us with the life and legacy of the martyrs, saints, and faithful Christians commemorated in the Episcopal Church Calendar of Saints. If you have an interest in knowing more about the lives of saints or in providing information about one of the saints listed, please join us in this worship service.

September 2: Paul Jones, 1941

September 9: Constance, Nun, and her Companions, 1878

September 16: Holy Cross Day

September 23: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 30: Saint Michael and All Angels; followed by brown bag lunch and movie "Babette's Feast" screening for those helping with the stewardship feast and those unable to attend the October 14th feast.

Adult Forum Schedule

The adult forum meets Sunday 9-10 AM in the Church library for coffee, fellowship, and study. We hope you will join us then.

September 6: Gospel Review

September 13, 20, 27: TBA

Big changes are happening in children's education! On September 13th Sunday School will move to 9:00 am. On that day the children will begin using the "Godly Play" curriculum.

There will be three classes:

1. The nursery (birth through preschool) will be available from 9:00 am through the 10:00 am worship service. It will be led by Angela Reynolds.
2. The younger children's class will cover kindergarten through second grade. Valerie Tutton and Deborah Heaton will work with these children.
3. The older children's class will be for children in 3rd-6th grade. Betty Marshall and Deborah Morgan-Ellis will lead this class. Gail+ will be a storyteller in the children's classes once a month. These two classes will meet from 9:00-9:45 am, so the children can attend the worship service with their families.

We are still looking for people interested in working with children and for materials. If you would like to help with time or materials, please let Deborah Heaton know. 928.0257



Greening St. Andrew's

EarthCare folks have been taking some time off from meetings this summer but have been busy working on related projects. The resolution supporting the Genesis Covenant passed at our General Convention, although the one creating a Creation Season for our whole church did not, this time around, maybe next time. Now you can look online at the diocese's website for the initial entry for Guidelines for Churches from the Bishop's Committee for the Environment, this particular section dealing with Kitchens and Food. Closer to home we are nearing completion of our application to Earth Ministry to be named a Greening Congregation. For the next several months we will include a piece of the application in "The Call" so everyone can see what we have written (and get caught up on the amazing things we are doing at St. Andrew's to care for God's good earth!) Here is the piece summarizing our work on *Worship*:

2. Worship

Regular worship services:

The Worship Committee has chosen on a trial basis (spring 2009) to use a bulletin for Sunday services smaller than some would like in order to save the environmental and financial costs of the larger bulletins.

Special worship services:

During 2009 we have planned two major seasons with a creation emphasis. The first was the time between Easter and Pentecost (including Earth Day). The second will be the time from St. Francis Day (Oct. 4) and the beginning of Advent (as was considered by our National Convention in July). During our spring season we recognized Earth Day with a special Wednesday Morning Prayer service planned by two parishioners (program to be attached). Sermons for Sundays involved earth care as was appropriate with the lectionary; music was specially selected. Two Sundays we had bulletin inserts from Episcopal Life Weekly. Rogation Day we offered a special celebration during the Eucharist, capped off by our children, leading us in headbands designed as parts of plants, to our new worm bin for its blessing and then to a wheelbarrow of soil for its blessing before distribution to parishioners for our gardens. Wednesday Eucharist during this time period was taken from the New Zealand Prayer Book. Monday night Compline services following Adult Education also used selections focusing on Creation. Our Stewardship Committee was also active in planning and developing the Worship plans as outlined here for the spring. The Worship and Stewardship committees will work together this fall to plan the fall Creation Season so that it compliments the Stewardship campaign.

We are presently in discussion in the Worship Committee about how we want to structure the fall Creation Season liturgically.

At our Annual Summer Picnic at a member's Tree Farm we offered an outdoor Eucharist for the first time in June 2009. Our cathedral was a small grove of cedar trees. It was very well received.

Less formal times of worship:

Our Rogation Sunday celebration included a brunch with entertainment provided: a slide show put together by our Choir Director to celebrate the beauty of the Olympic Peninsula to the universe.

We are planning a public Blessing of Animals for the afternoon of October 4 at a city park.

Other ideas:

Our Choir Director has found a number of websites with liturgical resources that we will consider in our Worship Committee during the coming months.

Our priest asked if the Worship Committee wants to plan for St. Andrew's to participate in 350.org actions/events being planned for late October 2009. At present we are planning to add to the prayers being developed for the Creation Season on that particular Sunday.

If you want to attend a meeting, the interdenominational/interfaith North Olympic Creation Care Alliance will be meeting in Sequim at St. Luke's on September 1 at 1pm. All are most welcome! (We sometimes travel by bus but will drive if more folks go.) And the interdenominational Port Angeles Earth Care group will be begin meeting again during the second half of September on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. Please consider attending! (Call Pat Milliren about either.)

To the People of God in the Diocese of Olympia,

By now you have heard that there is an expectation of a reemergence of the Swine Flu in the next weeks and months. College campuses are already seeing cases. Washington State University has five cases currently. It is difficult to know how to prepare for this, but there are certainly some good guidelines emerging to help us. The first is the CDC link which I have found helpful to discuss the many aspects of this epidemic. Here is the link, CDC Swine flu link

Many of the guidelines are common sense, wash your hands often, if you feel sick stay home. Churches might consider making hand sanitizer widely available. The link above can spell out for you the most often seen symptoms. For us as a liturgical, gathering community, we may well be faced with some difficult decisions. I would relay to you what Bishop Hampton has already sent to the Diocese of Oregon. I do not think I could say it much better than him so let me simply quote here.

" Over the years I've become aware of the developing practice of communicants dipping their own hosts in the chalice in the belief that this reduces exposure to infection. The information I have read from medical authorities both in The Anglican Church of Canada and The Church of England strongly questions that assumption. In truth, they suggest, the more hands dipping into the chalice, the greater the possibility of infection as the hands are among the greatest carriers of "germs". One might also question the Exchange of The Peace on similar grounds but I hesitate to sound an alarm at this stage, recalling how quickly many congregations moved to using two chalices when HIV/AIDS virus appeared on our radar screens in the early 1980s, only to discover that AIDS was normally transmitted in other ways. For now, may I suggest that you encourage folks to follow the wisdom of the governmental authorities on prevention of the spread of this flu and to abandon the practice of individual dipping in the chalice by communicants."

I would add that the CDC has shown the same. If you insist on intinction, it is traditionally done by presenting it to the chalice bearer, to be intincted by him or her. Two further things to consider. The alcohol content in the wine, along with proper purificator use, (which means really using it,) greatly reduces the chances of spread through drinking from the common cup. Second, we believe that receiving the bread and/or wine is full communion. In other words, bread without wine, is considered full communion, and vice versa. There's historical precedence for receiving "in one kind only", i.e. the bread, which dates from the 3rd century. In the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ are present in each of the consecrated species, and the fullness of communion can be experienced in receiving in "one kind only". Throughout history, the sick have been habitually communicated with one element. For many who have the disease of alcoholism, communion in "one kind only" is the norm. One should not feel diminished by this.

In addition, I have asked several people to attend some specific trainings that have been offered in the area. In the next few weeks we hope to call together a diocesan wide working group to help guide us even further.

And finally, keep this all in your prayers. We will be vigilant and in touch.

Blessings,
The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

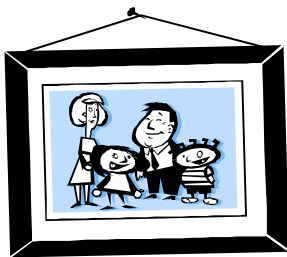


Stations of the Cross

We have received commitments for six of the fourteen Stations of the Cross in the effort to create a permanent "exhibit" at St. Andrew's. The mediums are varied; even the knitters have committed to a Station! Gail+ and Von have information on the Stations and which are waiting to be claimed by you. Looking at the space in the sanctuary, it looks as though 14x17 is a good size; large enough to be seen and appreciated, but not overwhelming the space so that all 14 can find their homes. Creations which are smaller can be matted/mounted to provide some uniformity and continuity visually. All those details can be worked out. It's autumn now; Lent is going to be here before we know it! Are you one of the eight remaining?

Episcopal 101 coming to you!

Gail+ will offer a Foundations "class" this fall on Thursday evenings for all comers – new and old. Beginning Thursday, September 10 at 6:30, we'll gather in the Parish Hall or the library to learn about the Episcopal Church and its Anglican roots, Holy Scripture, salvation, Rites of Initiation into the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist, what the church teaches in its catechism, and spiritual life. It will last 1½ - 2 hours and probably go for 6 Thursdays; we'll play that by ear. This can serve as preparation for adult confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Rickel visits on February 28, 2010. There may be other opportunities before his visit, but there is this one for certain. Please let Gail+ or Von know of your interest and contact Gail+ if you have any questions. Even the long time Episcopalians may learn a thing or two while enjoying fellowship with other journeyers along the way. If you're new to the Episcopal Church or an inquirer, this one's for you!



It's Picture Time!

It's been about ten years since the last St. Andrew's/St. Swithin's Photo Directory, and since there are lots of new faces, the vestry has scheduled dates with Olan Mills Studio for our next pictorial directory. It will help us connect names with faces, be a great outreach tool and capture our current congregational history. Knowing how fun it is to look back on previous ones, we need to make the

next one!

Please participate! All that is asked is that you make an appointment to have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments after church and other events or you can call Von in the office to schedule your time.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are:

- Friday, October 9, 3:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you are able to take an evening appointment on Friday, please do so and make the daytime slots available for those who need them.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and portrait viewing (ain't digital grand?)
- The program is available at NO cost to the church.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time but there is no obligation to buy.
- If you wish to purchase extras (Christmas is coming!), the portraits come with a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

Remember, there is no cost or obligation, we just want you in it! It won't be complete without you. Pets are welcome. Call the office to make an appointment or to get more information.

More Bulletin Bloopers

Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help!

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

General Convention Didn't Do It But We Are!!!



There were a number of resolutions at General Convention to establish what would be called a "Creation Cycle" in the season after Pentecost, specifically from St. Francis Day on October 4 through the end of the season at Advent 1. This year it would be October 4 – November 22. Things being as they are at conventions sometimes, not everything is acted upon for a variety of reasons, time being the main one, and the Creation Cycle didn't officially come into being.

However, folks at St. Andrew's and the worship committee have been planning the "cycle" for some months already and we'll be kicking it off on October 4. Bishop Rickel is excited about our ideas and we may be a forerunner and model in the Diocese. We will celebrate the glory of creation in liturgy, prayer, and song. The children will be involved in music and processions. Our focus will be on our Christian ethical and moral responsibility to care for all which has been so generously given by God and the stewardship of all our resources, from foxes to finances, and thankfulness for all gifts.

Memorial Service for Primrose Bredl

Primrose's family will be coming in from Canada for a memorial service for their aunt on Monday, September 14, 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's. Primrose was active in the church for many years and was a resident of Golden Years Personal Care Home in the recent years. Please join us in the celebration of her life and her eternal rest in the arms of the Lord.

We extend our condolences to Sally Winternitz and her family for the loss of her mother, Betty.

Make it a point to check out our web site at <http://www.standrewpa.org> for event announcements. A new feature is that Gail's+ sermons can now be read online.

PRAYER FROM "FINDING HOPE IN HARD TIMES," A free brochure available from the Planned Giving Office

*Lord God, we live in disturbing days:
Across the world, prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse,
Jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat.
Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer:
Be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,
And a light in the darkness;
Help us receive your gift of peace,
And fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin.

Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'



Gail+ at Vacation Bible School



Laura Callender's last Sunday



**The Stockert family and Gail+
at the Newcomer's party**



**Gary Heaton, Jacqui Lindquist and
Jean Turnbaugh at Newcomer's.**



**Sunday, October 4, 2:00 p.m.
At Port Angeles Gateway**

**All are welcome;
animal friends large and
small.**

**Presented by
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church**

Lay Minister Schedule for September 2009

| Date | Time | Lay Ministers | Ushers | Greeters | Crestwood |
|--------------|---------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| September 6 | 8 a.m. | Lector: Pat Milliren LEM: Mary Lee Long | Ed Berrington | | |
| | 10 a.m. | Lector: Keith Duppenthaler LEM: D. Morgan-Ellis, M. Schander | Keith Duppenthaler Doug Wood | Margaret Crawford Elizabeth Kelly | Deb Hansen |
| September 13 | 8 a.m. | Lector: Dona Scarcia LEM: Tom Markley | Adrienne Monroe | | |
| | 10 a.m. | Lector: Susanne McCoy LEM: Deb Hansen, David McCoy | Doug Wood Doug Wheatley | Larry and Nancy Fox | Ann Wood |
| September 20 | 8 a.m. | Lector: Mary Lee Long LEM: Dona Scarcia | Dona Scarcia | | |
| | 10 a.m. | Lector: Michaela Rogers LEM: Ann Wood, Pat Milliren | Peggy and Jerry Newlin | Carl and Connie Wulfman | Pat Milliren |
| September 27 | 8 a.m. | Lector: Dona Scarcia LEM: Mary Lee Long | Adrienne Monroe | | |
| | 10 a.m. | Lector: Jeanne Rolley LEM: David McCoy, Deb Hansen | Rich and Sally Ruud | Jeanne Rolley Doris Mae Smelling | Dona Scarcia |

8 a.m.- Lector reads both lessons and psalm; LEM reads prayers;

10 a.m. Lector reads 1st lesson and psalm; 1st LEM reads 2nd lesson; 2nd LEM reads prayers

If you are unable to serve, please call a replacement.

September 2009

Every Sunday
 8/10 am Holy Eucharist
 9 am Adult Forum
 9 am Sunday school
 2 pm Crestwood

Every Monday
 6:45 pm Adult Discussion
 8:15 Compline

Every Wednesday
 10:15 am
 St. Andrew's Place
 11 am Holy Eucharist

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 3 pm Vestry 7 pm Mutual Ministry Review | 2 7:30am Men's B'fast 5-8 Safeguarding God's Children | 3 Men's B'fast | 4 | 5 |
| 6 14 Pentecost No Sunday School | 7 Labor Day 12 pm Knitting Min. | 8 | 9 | 10 6:30 Episcopal 101 7 pm Bridge | 11 | 12 |
| 13 15 Pentecost | 14 11 am Fellowship 1 pm Outreach 2 pm PrimroseBredl Memorial | 15 7 pm An Evening in the Olympics P.A.H.S. | 16 7:30am Men's B'fast | 17 11:30 am St. Agnes 6:30 Episcopal 101' | 18 | 19 |
| 20 16 Pentecost Photo sign-ups for new directory | 21 12 pm Knitting Min. | 22 | 23 | 24 1-2 pm Four Easy Ways to Get Better Balance B. Pascal Balance Workshop 6:30 Episcopal 101 | 25 | 26 Pre Convention Mtg. Bremerton 6 pm St. Andrew's Place Oktoberfest |
| 27 17 Pentecost Photo sign-ups for new directory | 28 St. Michael and All Angels | 29 | 30 12:30 pm Preview Babette's Feast | | | |

