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ECUMENICAL & INTERRELIGIOUS

QUADRENNIAL EVENTS

2020-2024

(updated 2020)



Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church



ANNUAL ECUMENICAL/INTERRELIGIOUS EVENTS

- African Methodist Council
- Asian Methodist Council
- Bossey Graduate School
- Christian Unity Days
- CUIC Plenary
- CCT Forum
- District Superintendents' training
- Ecumenical Advocacy Days
- Ecumenical Officers Retreat
- EDEIO/UMEIT network meeting
- ELCA-UMC Commission meeting
- Grants and scholarships
- International Council of Community Churches Assembly
- LTEIR gatherings during COB meetings
- European Methodist Council
- Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference
- Moravian-UMC Commission meeting
- NCC in the USA Governing Board, Committees, etc.
- NWCU/UMEIT: USA
- OCUIR two gatherings
- Pan-Methodist Commission
- Religions for Peace Board meetings
- UMEIT: Global
- UMEIT: Young Adult Network
- USCCB-UMC two sets of dialogues
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- World Communion Sunday
- National Councils and Conferences of Churches globally

ROTATING ECUMENICAL/INTERRELIGIOUS EVENTS

- Conference on World Mission and Evangelism
- Global Christian Forum
- Global Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (WCC)
- Ecumenical Partner Gatherings (EC, ELCA, CC/DoC, PCUSA, ICCC, Moravian Provinces, UCC and all
- Pan-Methodist Conferences
- All Africa Council of Churches
- Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
- Methodist Church in Mexico Conference
- Methodist Church in Puerto Rico Conference
- Parliament of the World's Religions
- World Council of Churches Assembly
- World Methodist Council
- Asian Council of Churches
- Conference of European Churches

QUADRENNIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Bishops' training
- Budget planning
- General Conference legislation
- General Conference Ecumenical Day planning
- Training for COB ecumenical representatives
- Visioning for the quadrennium

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMEAfrican Methodist Episcopal Church • AMEZ African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church • CC(DoC)Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) • CCTChristian Churches Together in the USA • COBCouncil of Bishops, The United Methodist Church • CUICChurches Uniting in Christ • CWME.....Conference on World Mission and Evangelism • EC-UMCEpiscopal – United Methodist Dialogue • EDEIO.....Episcopal Diocese Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers • ELCA.....Evangelical Lutheran Church in America • F&OFaith and Order • GCFGlobal Christian Forum • GETIGlobal Ecumenical Theological Institute • ICCC.....The International Council of Community Churches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARCHAMethodistas Asociados Representando la Causa de los Hispano-Americanos • MCGB.....Methodist Church of Great Britain • NCCCNational Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA • NWCUNational Workshop on Christian Unity • PCUSAPresbyterian Church (USA) • RCRoman Catholic • UAMEUnion American Methodist Episcopal Church • UMEIT.....United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training • UMCThe United Methodist Church • USCCB-UMUnited States Conference of Catholic Bishops – United Methodist Dialogue • WCCWorld Council of Churches • WMCWorld Methodist Council |
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2020

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The UMC General Conference</i> • <i>The AME General Conference</i> • <i>The AMEZ General Conference</i> • <i>The PCUSA General Assembly</i> • <i>A new UMEIT: Ecumenical/Interreligious Plunge begins.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>COB Representatives Training around October</i> • <i>CUIC Annual Plenary</i> • <i>CCT Annual Forum</i> • <i>NCCC in the USA Christian Unity Gathering</i> • <i>WCC Central Committee</i> |
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JANUARY

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| 14-15 | COB Executive Committee Meeting | Tampa, Florida |
| 15-16 | CCT Steering Committee Meeting | Indianapolis |
| 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Worldwide |

FEBRUARY

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| 10-13 | EDEIO/UMEIT Meeting | Florida |
| 17-20 | Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference | Crystal City, VA |

MARCH

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| 13-15 | Pan-Methodist Commission | TBA |
| 18-24 | WCC Central Committee | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 23-27 | National Workshop on Christian Unity and UMEIT: USA | Houston, Texas |
| TBA | Moravian-UMC Commission | TBA |

APRIL

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| 12 | Easter (Western) | Worldwide |
| 24-27 | Ecumenical Advocacy Days | Washington, DC |
| 27-28 | National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA Governing Board meeting | Washington, DC |
| TBD | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, IL |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

MAY

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| 1-5 | Meetings prior to General Conference (including COB meeting) | Minneapolis, Minnesota |
| 5-15 | General Conference 2020 | Minneapolis, Minnesota |
| 16 | COB Meeting | Minneapolis, Minnesota |

JUNE

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| 11-16 | Reform Church of America General Synod | Orange City, Iowa |
| 12-13 | CUIC Coordinating Committee meeting | Charlotte, NC |
| 20-27 | PCUSA General Assembly | Baltimore, Maryland |
| 23 | Ntnl. Cncl. of Churches of Christ (USA) Remembrance of the start of the Korean War | TBA |
| 25-30+ | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | Telford, England |
| 29-30+ | CME Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference | Greensboro, NC |
| TBA | Possible EC-UMC Dialogue meeting | TBA |

JULY

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| +1-2 | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | Telford, England |
| +1-3 | CME Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference | Greensboro, NC |
| 8-15 | AME Church General Conference | Orlando, Florida |

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| 22-23 | COB Executive Committee Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| 22-28 | AMEZ Church General Conference | Atlanta, Georgia |
| 20-31+ | UMEIT: Plunge | Switzerland and France |

AUGUST

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| +1-4 | UMEIT: Plunge | Switzerland and France |
| 10-11 | CCT Steering Committee | TBA |
| 19-22 | World Methodist Council Steering Committee | Sweden |
| 24-26 | Ecumenical Officers' Retreat | Long Island, New York |
| 31+ | CME 150 th Anniversary Celebration | Dallas, Texas |

SEPTEMBER

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| +1-4 | CME 150 th Anniversary Celebration | Dallas, Texas |
| 1 | New Ecumenical Officer and Administrative Secretary begin their ministries | Washington, DC |
| 2-3 | MEOR Forum | Rome, Italy |
| TBA | Bossey starts | Bossey, Switzerland |
| TBA | COB Orientation of Newly Elected Bishops | TBA |
| TBA | COB Quadrennial Representatives Training | TBA |
| TBA | Moravian-UMC Commission meeting | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA-UMC Commission meeting | TBA |
| TBA | UMEIT: Puerto Rico | Puerto Rico |
| 30+ | MCGB-UMC Concordat Group meeting | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |

OCTOBER

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| +1-2 | MCGB-UMC Concordat Group meeting | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 4 | World Communion Sunday | Worldwide |
| 6-9 | CCT Annual Convocation | TBA |
| 11-14 | National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA Christian Unity Days | TBA |

NOVEMBER

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| 1-6 | COB meeting | St. Simons, Georgia |
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| TBD | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |

DECEMBER

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| TBA | USCCB-UMC Dialogue | TBA |
| TBA | Heads of Communion Retreat | TBA |
| TBA | Conference of National Black Churches | TBA |

2021

- *The World Council of Churches Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany.*
- *The World Methodist Council Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden.*
- *The Pan-Methodist Bishops' Consultation.*
- *The Episcopal General Convention (and vote on full communion).*
- *CUIC Plenary.*
- *The CC(DoC) General Assembly.*
- *The Methodist Church in the Caribbean & the Americas Connexional Council.*
- *The Nazarene Church Gathering.*
- *German Ecumenical Kirchentag*

JANUARY

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| TBA | Cabinet Consultation | TBA |
| 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Worldwide |
| 19-20 | COB Ex. Com. | Dallas, Texas |

FEBRUARY

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| TBA | EDEIO/UMEIT Meeting | Del Rey, Florida |
| 25-26 | CCT Steering Committee Meeting | TBA |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |
| TBA | Possible EC-UMC Dialogue Meeting | TBA |

MARCH

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| 12-14 | Pan-Methodist Commission Meeting | TBA |
| 14-16 | Pan-Methodist Bishops' Consultation | TBA |

APRIL

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| TBA | NWCU/UMEIT: USA | TBA |
| 25-30 | COB Meeting | Baltimore, Maryland |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

MAY

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| 6-8 | NCCC in the USA Governing Board and Ecumenical Advocacy Days | Washington, DC |
| 12-16 | Ecumenical Kirchentag | Frankfurt, Germany |
| 24-31 | Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas denominational gathering | TBA |
| TBA | Moravian-UMC Commission Meeting | TBA |

JUNE

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| 22-26 | Nazarene denomination-wide gathering | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 34-30+ | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | Birmingham, England |

JULY

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| +1 | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | Birmingham, England |
| 20-21 | COB Ex. Com. | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | Episcopal Church General Convention | Baltimore, Maryland |
| 31+ | CC(DoC) General Assembly | Louisville, Kentucky |

AUGUST

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| +1-4 | CC(DoC) General Assembly | Louisville, Kentucky |
| 10-15 | World Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women | Gothenburg, Sweden |
| 17-18 | WM - Council Meeting (outgoing) | Gothenburg, Sweden |
| 18-23 | WM - Conference | Gothenburg, Sweden |
| 23-24 | WM - Council Meeting (incoming) | Gothenburg, Sweden |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |

SEPTEMBER

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| 8-16 | World Council of Churches Assembly | Karlsruhe, Germany |
| TBA | Bossey starts | Geneva, Switzerland |
| TBA | North American Academy of Ecumenists | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA-UMC Commission Meeting | TBA |

OCTOBER

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| 04-08 | CCT - Annual Convocation | TBA |
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NOVEMBER

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| 07-10 | COB Meeting | Lake Junaluska, NC |
| 10-12 | COB Learning Retreat for Residential Bishops | Lake Junaluska, NC |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |

DECEMBER

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| TBA | Heads of Communion Retreat | TBA |
| TBA | National Conference of Black Churches | TBA |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

2022

- *The PCUSA General Assembly in 2022*
- *ELCA Churchwide Assembly*
- *CME General Conference*
- *UAME General Conference*
- *UMEIT: Plunge*
- *The Moravian Church (Northern and Southern Provinces) Synods*

JANUARY

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| 18-19 | COB - Ex. Com. | Dallas, Texas |
| 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Worldwide |

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| TBA | EDEIO/UMEIT meeting | Del Rey, Florida |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |
| TBA | Possible EC-UM Commission Meeting | TBA |

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| TBA | Pan-Methodist Commission meeting | TBA |
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| TBA | NWCU/UMEIT: USA | TBA |
| 24-29 | COB Meeting | Harare, Zimbabwe |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

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| TBA | National Council of Churches in the USA Governing Board | Washington, DC |
| TBA | Ecumenical Advocacy Days | Washington, DC |
| TBA | Moravian-UM Commission | TBA |

JUNE

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| 23-27 | Moravian Church (Northern Province) Synod | Bethlehem, Pennsylvania |
| 25-30 | PCUSA General Assembly | Columbus, Ohio |
| 25-30+ | CME 40 th General Conference | Cincinnati, Ohio |

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| +1-2 | CME 40 th General Conference | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| TBA | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | England |
| 17-31 | UMEIT: Plunge | Switzerland and France |
| 19-20 | COB- Ex. Com. 19-20 | Chicago, Illinois |

AUGUST

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| 8-13 | ELCA Churchwide Assembly | TBA |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |
| TBA | Possible EC-UM Commission Meeting | TBA |

SEPTEMBER

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| TBA | Bossey starts | Geneva, Switzerland |
| TBA | North American Academy of Ecumenists | TBA |

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| TBA | ELCA-UMC Commission Meeting | TBA |
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OCTOBER

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| 3-7 | CCT Annual Forum | TBA |
| TBA | UAME General Conference | TBA |

NOVEMBER

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| 06-09 | COB Meeting | St. Simons, Georgia |
| 09-11 | COB Learning Retreat for Residential | St. Simons, Georgia |
| 9-11 | National Council of Churches in the USA Governing Board and Christian Unity Gathering | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |

DECEMBER

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| TBA | Heads of Communion Retreat | TBA |
| TBA | National Conference of Black Churches | TBA |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

2023

- *The Oxford Institute.*
- *The Pan-Methodist Bishops' Consultation.*
- *CUIC Plenary.*
- *CC(DoC) General Assembly.*
- *The World Methodist Council Assembly*

JANUARY

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| 17-18 | COB Ex. Com. Meeting | Dallas, Texas |
| 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Worldwide |

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| TBA | EDEIO/UMEIT meeting | Del Rey, Florida |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |
| TBA | Possible EC-UMC Commission | TBA |

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| TBA | Pan-Methodist Commission meeting | TBA |
| TBA | Pan-Methodist Bishops' Consultation | TBA |

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| TBA | NWCU/UMEIT: USA | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |
| 30+ | COB Meeting | Denver, Colorado |

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| +1-5 | COB Meeting | Denver, Colorado |
| TBA | Moravian-UM Commission | TBA |

JUNE

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| 18-19 | COB Ex. Com. Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | England |
| TBA | CC(DoC) General Assembly | |

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| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |
| TBA | Possible EC-UMC Commission Meeting | TBA |

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| TBA | Bossey starts | TBA |
| TBA | North American Academy of Ecumenists | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA-UMC Commission | TBA |

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| 02-06 | CCT - Annual Forum | TBA |
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| 5-8 | COB | Lake Junaluska, NC |
| 8-10 | COB Learning Retreat | Lake Junaluska, NC |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | TBA |

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| TBA | Heads of Communion Retreat | TBA |
| TBA | National Conference of Black Churches | TBA |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

2024

**UM General Conference*

**Episcopal Church General Convention*

**COB Representatives Training*

**The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas Connexional Conference*

JANUARY

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| 16-17 | COB - Ex. Com. | Dallas, Texas |
| 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Worldwide |

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| TBA | EDEIO/UMEIT meeting | Del Rey, Florida |
| TBA | UM Faith and Order meeting | TBA |

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| TBA | Pan-Methodist Commission meeting | TBA |
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| TBA | NWCU/UMEIT: USA | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

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| TBA | General Conference | Manila, Philippines |
| TBA | Moravian-UM Commission | TBA |

JUNE

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| TBA | Possible EC-UM Commission | TBA |
| 29-30+ | PCUSA General Assembly | Salt Lake City, Utah |

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| +1-6 | PCUSA General Assembly | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| TBA | Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference | England |
| 16-17 | COB - Ex. Com. | Chicago, Illinois |

AUGUST

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| TBA | UM Faith and Order Meeting | TBA |
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SEPTEMBER

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| TBA | Bossey starts | Geneva, Switzerland |
| TBA | COB - Representatives Training | TBA |
| TBA | North American Academy of Ecumenists | TBA |
| TBA | ELCA-UM Commission Meeting | TBA |

OCTOBER

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| 1-5 | CCT - Annual Forum (or the following week) | TBA |
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NOVEMBER

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| TBA | ELCA Church Council Meeting | Chicago, Illinois |
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DECEMBER

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| TBA | Heads of Communion Retreat | TBA |
| TBA | National Conference on Black Churches | TBA |
| TBA | USCCB-UM Dialogue | TBA |

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