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A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

"AVRAM WENT"

One of the things that is becoming abundantly clear in our series called *"Jews and Christians: Living in the Common Era"* was Avram's (Abraham's) decision to leave everything behind and head towards the Promised Land. He had nothing to go on — no scriptures, no traditions, no mentors. He had nothing to gain; his life was wrapped up in what he had in Ur of the Chaldees. He only had that mysterious voice.

Avram's willingness to go changed the world. But, as Soren Kierkegaard points out, doing the will of God is not as simple as it looks. First, he says, *you cannot hope for a reward*. When you do this, you're really willing two things: God's will *and* the reward. Second, *God's will and your will cannot be one if you're motivated by fear of punishment*. When you do this, you're really willing two things: God's will *and* no punishment.

Third, *God's will and your will cannot be one if you want victory*. When you do this, you're really willing two things: God's will *and* your victory. And finally, *God's will and your will cannot be one unless you are ready to do anything or to suffer anything for its sake*. There is no opting out. There is total commitment or there is nothing.

As Anthony de Mello relates, it's like the man who traveled far and wide, on sea and on land, to verify for himself a holy man's extraordinary fame. *"What miracles has your Master worked?"* he asked one of the holy man's disciples.

"Well, there are miracles and there are miracles," replied the disciple. *"In your land it is regarded as a miracle if God does someone's will. In our country, it is regarded as a miracle if someone does the will of God."*

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The Search for the Diocese of Nevada's New Bishop

Nominees for our next Bishop were announced by Standing Committee on July 18th. Their pictures & biographies are available on the Diocesan website: (www.nvdiocese.org). Select "WHAT'S NEW."

At the same time, Standing Committee opened the Petition Process through August 1 so that any additional persons can be nominated. The Petition Process is offered in lieu of "nominations from the floor," in order to provide enough time for thorough background checks on all candidates.

The Petition Process is also described on the Diocesan website.

We encourage all parishioners to consider each of the candidates, consult the candidates' parish websites which are listed with their biographies, and discuss opinions with the clergy and with St. Patrick's delegates: Marty Gollery, Suzanne Gollery and Sharry Gollery who will be voting on October 12th at the Diocesan Convention.

Nominees will be traveling through the Diocese in a "Walkabout" to see many of the parishes, to meet people, and to answer questions the week of September 16th. A detailed itinerary will be announced soon. For your quick reference, the five nominees the Search Committee submitted are listed below:

- ?? The Rev. Dr. Susan Burns, Rector of Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, Maryland
- ?? The Rev. Dr. Cathy L. Deats, Rector of St. James Church, Hackettstown, New Jersey
- ?? The Very Rev. Dan Thomas Edwards, Rector of St. Francis Church, Macon, Georgia
- ?? The Rev. Dr. Charles Eric Funston, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Medina, Ohio
- The Rev. Albert John Keeney, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, New York

PRE-PLAN FOR PEACE OF MIND!

Is there something you have been planning to do, but just haven't gotten around to it? *PRE-PLAN FOR PEACE OF MIND!* Yes, planning your final resting place. May I suggest our beautiful Columbarium?

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If you have never visited our Columbarium, stop by and see what a beautiful, peaceful place it is and then talk with your family. Don't put it off any longer. Call me for information and appointment:

Nancy Joslin, Columbarium Director
775-831-2716



Northwest Mission District Churches Converge at Galilee

The May 12 Northwest Mission District meeting was held at St. John's in the Wilderness. Seven congregations were represented: St. John's (Glenbrook), St. Patrick's (Incline Village), St. Paul's (Sparks), St. Peter's (Carson City), St. Stephen's and Trinity (Reno), and the new south Reno congregation, St. Catherine of Sienna.

The Galilee Camp and Conference Center report focused on the upcoming summer program, the hiring of an Executive Director, the completion of Frensdorff House, and a recent bequest. The Diocesan Council reported on their strategic plan, which will include accountability and performance measures. There was also a discussion of the upcoming convention in Las Vegas on October 12-14.

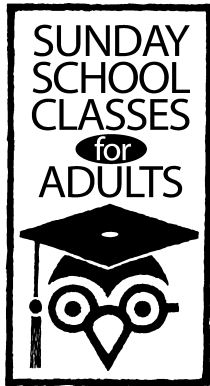
The Standing Committee reminded everyone that our own Jim Kelly, President of the Standing Committee, is acting in place of the bishop until a new bishop is elected. The Standing Committee will make all appointments usually made by the bishop. Anyone interested should contact the Standing Committee. Also, the selection of 2009 General Convention delegates was discussed.

Jim Beebe related the progress made by the Commission on Ministry, including the formalization of a discernment and call protocol. A grant for facilitating the core curriculum throughout the Diocese of Nevada has been submitted to the Lilly Foundation.

A report was given on the Stewardship and Evangelism Conference, which placed focus on being a welcoming church, particularly to newcomers. Elizabeth Tattersall, a priest at St. John's, was our representative.

The next Northwest Mission District meeting will be at St. Peter's on Saturday, August 25. Topics will include: the bishop search, October's convention, the diocesan budget and a Steering Committee to plan and facilitate Mission District meetings.

Dave Mussatti



Christian Theology in Everyday Language

Summer 2007 Adult Education

It has been said that until you can explain a theological concept in everyday language, you don't really grasp it. This daunting task will be our goal during the adult educational forums this summer. We'll include *"the problem of evil"* (the foundational dilemma for the world's religions), the nature of Christ, the Trinity, what Jesus meant by *"the Kingdom of God,"* and concepts such as *"salvation," "faith, hope and love,"* and *"holiness."* Here's the plan:

- August 5:** *"Invisible things"*
- August 12:** *"Are you saved, brother?"*
- August 19:** *"Paths of ultimate liberation"*
- August 26:** *"Some strange, new theologies"*
- September 2:** *"Karl Barth says..."*
- September 9:** *"Process theology? Say again?"*
- September 16:** *"Faith, hope and love, these three"*
- September 23:** *"Angels?"*
- September 30:** *"Are you 'holy'?"*

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Incline Chamber Music Society
(A Parasol Community Collaborator)

2007 Concert Schedule



- August 5—Stern & Nagano (Violin—Piano)
- August 12—Zeigler & Riley (Cello—Piano)

Sundays—3:00p.m., Free Admission

948 Incline Way, at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Non-Profits
(775) 831-2298

Toccat

The Orchestra and Community Choral Artists of the Tahoe Area
Toccat Chamber Singers James Rawie, Artistic Director and Conductor

ST. MATTHEW PASSION J.S.Bach (Part II) in English • K. DeBoer, Evangelist • D.Brock, continuo
O. Anderson, M.Arrigotti, J. Strotz, soprano • K.Rea, tenor • S. Duke, baritone •
Aug. 25 Saturday 7:30pm St. Patrick's Church Incline Village
Art songs of Mozart, Brahms, Debussy and Ives. Donna Axton, piano TBA, flute



St. Patrick's Three New Goals: 2007-2012



St. Patrick's Church has always been a God-centered congregation. But, seizing upon the initiative of the Vestry, we will be G.O.D. centered as well. These three goals are concrete and measurable and all of our resources will be directed towards succeeding in these areas:

- ?? ***Growth:*** In the next five years St. Patrick's will be committed to growing, spiritually, numerically and in leadership development. Spiritual growth will be measured by the number and quality of spiritual formation groups, classes and seminars for adults, youth and children. Numerical growth will be measured by the increase in attendance at all three weekend services. Leadership development will be measured by the number of parishioners who seek, find and carry out their especial vocations in the next five years.

- ?? ***Outreach:*** St. Patrick's focus will be on the fulfillment of all eight Millennium Development Goals every year: (1) eradicate extreme poverty and hunger (the kind that kills); (2) achieve universal primary education; (3) promote gender equality and empower women; (4) reduce child mortality; (5) improve maternal health; (6) combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; (7) ensure environmental sustainability; and (8) develop a global partnership for development. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, has made it her pledge to work towards accomplishing these goals during the next nine years and it is in them that St. Patrick's will center our efforts.

- ?? ***Debt:*** As of July 2007, the balance on the mortgage of our parish facilities stands at approximately \$385,000. We will be required to pay off this mortgage in a balloon payment in February 2012, a fact that adds to our sense of urgency. Every year we allot \$45,000 in mortgage payments, monies that are subject to asking by the Diocese of Nevada. Our goal is to pay off our mortgage by December 31, 2008! We plan to have a Capital Campaign in 2008 towards that end. Planning for this major campaign will take place in 2007. When we have paid off our mortgage, we will have \$55,000 every year to make this world a better place.



KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS



Do you love to knit or crochet? Come join the Knitters Guild, which meets every Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m.
in the church library!

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The nimble fingers and creative minds of the members of the Knitters Guild are as busy as ever, making lots of blankets and clothing for families in Incline Village, Kings Beach and Truckee. Four baby layettes, two for boys and two for girls, were delivered recently to the Children's Cabinet Clinic.

They were gratefully received, we are told, by the families to whom they were given.

The guild was asked to make some layette items for a Tahoe Children's Foundation fundraiser, and the members happily complied. Pretty hats, sweaters and booties were made to coordinate with two lovely quilts made by St. Patrick's own Maria Neve. The ensembles were then offered in a Silent Auction. The guild viewed this effort as a "people helping people" one and was pleased to be able to contribute to another group's outreach.

In July, Tahoe Forest Hospice in Truckee was given eleven (!) beautiful lap robes for their hospice and long-term care patients. A dozen chemo caps, made of very soft yarn, were also taken to Tahoe Forest Hospital, where chemotherapy is administered to cancer patients.

The guild welcomes donations of yarn; some St. Patrick's parishioners recently gave the group yarn, and it is already being put to good use!

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site for the group is www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/. Please contact Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 if you would like further information.



St. Patrick's Cultural Arts

St. Patrick's Cultural Arts is ongoing. We are never finished celebrating God's gifts and this is a small way that we can beautify and celebrate. The next celebration is a presentation of Quilts and Gardens and we are reaching out to the community for participation. This reception will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday August 18th and 11:30 on Sunday, August 19th at St. Patrick's (the 3rd weekend of August). We look forward to our walls adorned with quilts, needlework and we ask for any gardeners to express your garden skills with a container or display. Please bring your art to St. Patrick's by Wednesday, August 15th.

We appreciate all the talented photographers from our congregation and from the community. The beautiful exhibits put a smile on my face every time I walk down the hall. A combined effort of our warm congregation made this possible. What a great outreach to welcome guests to our Church.

Caroline Cutler

Calling All Contemplatives!

For those interested in deepening their contemplative, spiritual life, and those looking for ways the Bible speaks to "me": *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") may interest you.

The practice of *Lectio Divina* is an ancient, yet simple, method of Bible reflection intended for spiritual nourishment and spiritual formation. It is a kind of reading in which the mind descends into the heart, and both are drawn into the love and goodness of God. It is a slow, contemplative, attentive reading that allows the scripture to become God's personal communication to me in word and God's presence to me in silence.

If you are interested in becoming a part of a small group to learn and/or to practice *Lectio Divina* together, or simply would like more information, please contact Ginnie Jed [832-4477 or ginnie@ginniejed.com], Jim Beebe, or leave a message at the Church office with your name, phone number and email address. We plan to meet weekly, for about an hour. Meeting day and time to be determined once we've coordinated schedules.....



EFM Summer

Summertime is a time to relax, enjoy friends and family who visit our beautiful Lake Tahoe, and have a chance to look ahead and plan our fall, winter and spring activities. For those of us who are Education For Ministry (EFM) mentors and co-mentors it is an opportunity to attend our mandated 18 hours of mentor training, which must be done every 12-18 months to remain a qualified EFM mentor. This is important for all mentors as a way to keep abreast of new materials included in the curriculum, meet with other mentors to learn what their seminar groups are doing and to hone our skills in group dynamics and areas of Christian formation. Jim Kelly and I, like other mentors, look forward to this collegial time to enrich our spiritual journey and be more effective leaders to our seminar group.

And speaking of the St. Patrick's EFM group, we will be starting up our second year of study in mid-September hopefully with some new members added to the group of seven students who completed their seminar time in late May. We still have room for two or three students to begin the Old Testament study (first year), so please contact Connie Skidmore (831-6289) if interested in learning how you can join the group. As stated by Pam Ertel, recent EFM graduate and member of St. Peter's in Carson City, in the DESERT SPIRIT, "*The actual EFM texts and lessons were thought-provoking amazing discussions grew out of them once we gathered together again. The worship component of our times together ...broadened my understanding and connecting with God. All in all, I'd say if you want to experience something life-changing and faith-building, consider EFM.*" For those of us who are graduates of the program we couldn't have said it better!

Connie Skidmore

Anybody have a good name for our new outdoor chapel??

St. Pat's has an indoor Chapel, officially known as "*The Chapel.*" But now we have an outdoor Chapel, too. Here's the chance of a lifetime: ***Name That Chapel!*** (So far we have "*Chapel Under the Pines.*")

Send your ideas to:

www.office@tahoepiscopal.org



WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S NEWS

On Monday, July 16, 12 women of the church, Dave Mussatti, and Millie Clarke, of the Village Presbyterian Church, gathered at Burnt Cedar Beach for a delightful, pot-luck picnic luncheon. The food was delicious, as always, and the shaded picnic area was a perfect spot from which to view stunning Lake Tahoe. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to visit with each other!

Millie is the Lake Tahoe Chapter Leader of Sisters in Service, an organization that supports women and children, worldwide, who are in need. She addressed the group and explained that violence in the Sudan has killed more than 200,000 people and driven more than 2 million people from their homes to live in displaced-persons camps. Volunteers from the Presbyterian Church and St. Patrick's will hold a Community Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, in St. Patrick's Parish Hall to raise funds to help the children and families in Sudan. Information about Sisters in Service and the effort to help the people in Sudan will be available.

Another fundraiser, a Walk to the Water at Lake Tahoe, will be held on Saturday, September 15, and those monies raised will also go to provide education and food to displaced children in Sudan. For only \$120.00 a year, per child, education for the child and food for his family can be provided; \$60.00 will fund a survival kit for a family in Sudan.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY awaits a woman of St. Patrick's! I will be stepping down, at the end of this year, as a co-leader with Connie Skidmore of the Women of St. Patrick's. Please call Connie at 831-6289 and let her know you would be willing to help her with the leadership of the group so that it remains a viable, contributing part of our church. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request!

The next gathering of the Women of St. Patrick's will be on Friday, October 5, at the home of Judy and Don Morrison. Men and women are invited to join together for an Oktoberfest party; watch for more information soon!

Peggy Harrison





Junior Warren's Report

There are a lot of thank-you notes to be passed out around the congregation. As the guy who worries about maintenance and improvements around the church, I would like to acknowledge the following contributions:

Our New Outdoor Chapel	Eric Strotz (log pews) Gus Strotz (Eric's helper) Will Strotz (Eric's helper) Jack Strotz (Eric's supervisor) Chuck Meyer (log pews) Bob Skidmore/Gary Thomsen (log pews & cross installation) Jim Beebe (log pews) Mindy Young (top soil) Steve Cruz Construction (mulch) Dave Marriner's crew (movement of alter rock)
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Our parking lot resurfacing	Bob Skidmore (single-handedly!!!!)
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When you see these folks, please add your "thank you". They put in a lot of their time and talent. If you would like to be involved in the next maintenance project around the church, please let me know – Gary Thomsen
Gary@TahoeThomsens.com or 775-831-8968

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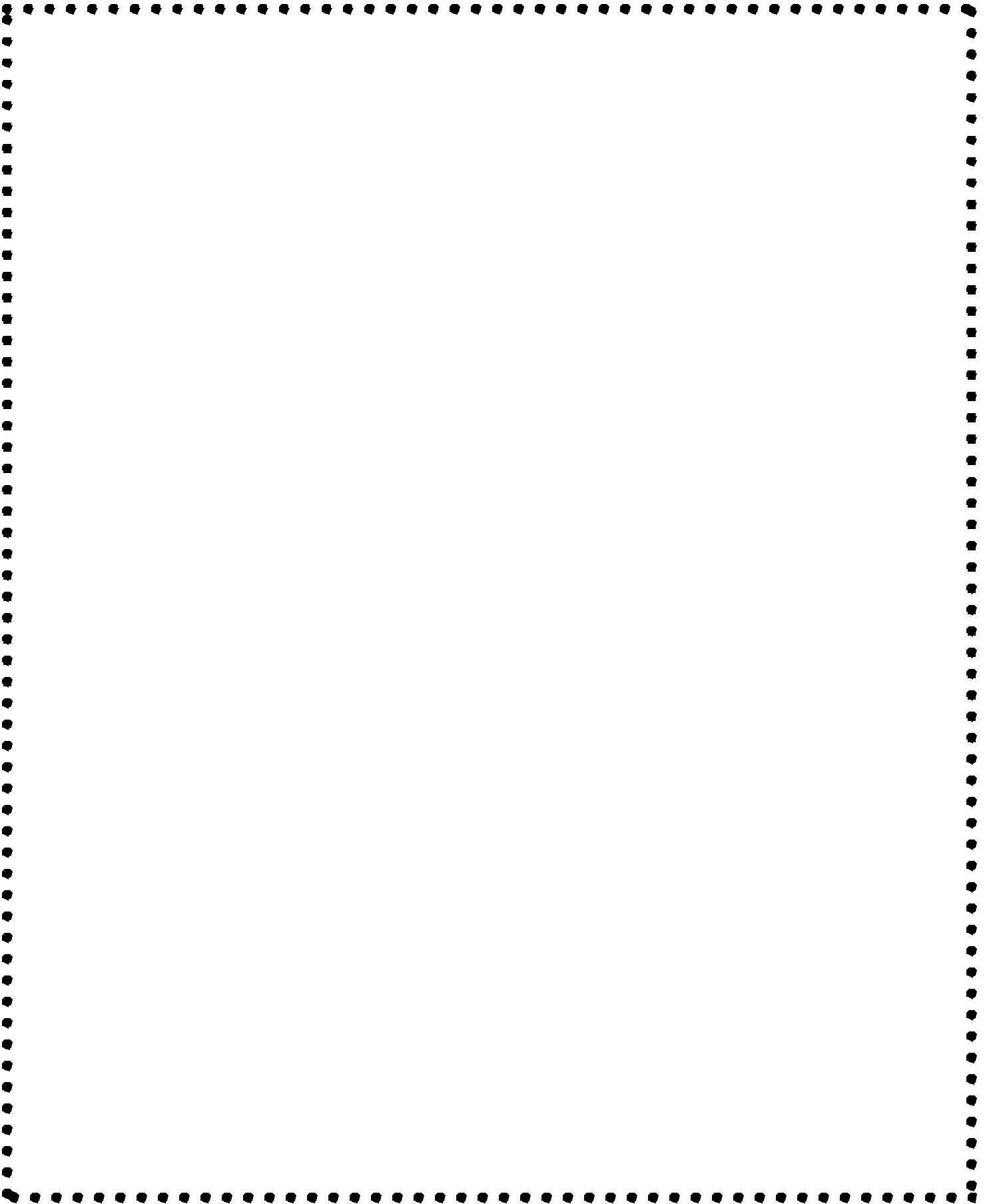
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