



Summer 2019

The Tapestry

NTNL Synodical Women's Organization

Presidents Report

Have you ever had one of those experiences where someone you may not routinely have contact with kind of just disappears and it takes you a while to realize “Hey, I haven’t seen so and so for quite a while; I wonder what has happened to them?” Unfortunately, I have had this happen to me in the past and it seems like when I do finally see the “missing person” I inevitably find out that they or a family member have been sick or that they have been experiencing personal or family problems. When I find this out I feel really guilty and I could absolutely kick myself for not following up sooner.



On this note, I am sure that a lot of you have been wondering why the NTNL Women’s web site (<https://ntnllutheranwomen.com>) and the Tapestry newsletter suddenly disappeared. Well, to make a long story short it is due to the unexpected resignation of the people who were handling these duties. Currently, none of the Board Members has the knowledge or expertise act as a Web Master or Editor for the Tapestry.

To make things even worse, we temporarily lost ownership of our web site domain name and had to go through a waiting period before we could get it back. We have now gotten our web site domain name back but our web site has to be completely rebuilt from scratch. Right now, our Secretary, Leslie Jenkins, has been working with her daughter, Sarah (our former Social Media Coordinator), on rebuilding the web site. Check out the site at ntnllutheranwomen.com. It is a work in progress, but at least now if any of you need to contact the Board you have a way to get in touch with us.

I want to extend a HUGE Thank You to Leslie and Sarah for the work they have done getting us back up and running in the Virtual World. However, we still need more help. If you or if you know someone who would like to spread their wings the Board is looking for 1-2 women who are willing to be our Web Master and/or Tapestry Editor. If anyone is interested, please use the newly available contact button on our web page and let us know.

Now, let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Pam Nye and I am a member of Shepherd King Lutheran Church in Lubbock. I have been active in the Women of the ELCA since the late 90’s and was elected as the President of your NTNL Synodical Women’s Organization Board in October 2018. Some of you may know me and some of you may not. Whatever the situation I look forward to getting to know and working with each and every one of you over the next two years. Currently I am still getting my feet wet and am learning what it takes to be President of this great organization. Therefore, I am asking for your prayers (as I will be praying for all of you as well) as we all work together to make the NTNL Synodical Women’s Organization one of the premier Synodical Women’s organizations in the United States.

God’s blessings on each and every one of you!!!

Pam Nye

Upcoming Events

July 28	Summer Bible Study – St. John, Coryell City
August 17	Annual Women's/Girl's Retreat – Our Redeemer Lutheran, Grand Prairie
August 14	Retreat Registration deadline
August 15	Submission deadline for the Fall Tapestry
September 14	Retreat Registration deadline
October 11-13	Synodical Womens Organization Retreat, Camp Butman, Merkel, TX

2019 Spring Gatherings

HOT Conference W–ELCA Spring Gathering

HOT Conference held their Spring Gathering Saturday, April 6th at St. Paul Lutheran in Crawford. There was great attendance with about 70 ladies! Wonderful speaker from Houston! SWO President Pam Nye came to this gathering, which was so nice of her!

Eastern

The eastern cluster of the Eastern Conference gathered at Four Mile near Mabank, TX Saturday, June 8th. The women were greeted by the ladies of Four Mile and welcomed with coffee, pastries and fruit. While everyone visited and caught up with friends, their parish nurse offered health checks. The guest speaker, Sarah Stubbs Gohlke, led them in a study of Bold Women: Then and Now. After a delicious lunch, Sherry Galloway, the conference coordinator, led the business meeting. Pam Nye, our Board President for the Synodical Women's Organization, spoke as well. She shared a lot of information about the organization on the synodical and churchwide levels. After a tour of the rest of the buildings, everyone got on the road home, ready to share the good news back home.

NT-NL SWO Business

Minutes
NT-NL SWO Board Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00 – 2:45
Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie, TX

In attendance - Pam Nye, Glenda Phillips, Leslie Jenkins, Parma Kersten, Sandra Gass, Susan Tjosvold, Linda Heyde

Ann Hanley was absent due to a schedule conflict and Helen Beaujour was absent due to a family emergency.

After gathering and fellowship with refreshments, Pam started the meeting 10:18. Sandra said a prayer in lieu of a devotion by Helen. We read the mission statement and purpose together.

Sharing Time

Glenda's church, Our Savior – Norse, will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on June 9th.

Pam attended the Spring Gathering for the Heart of Texas conference. She enjoyed it, but had a question about a possible conference constitution. The board clarified that units and the synod organizations must have constitutions, but conferences do not.

Minutes _____ Leslie Jenkins

The minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting. Linda moved, Parma seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Financial Report _____ Glenda Phillips

The 2/1/19-5/18/19 financial report was presented. The audit still needs to be performed. Glenda still does not have full access to the bank accounts, and needs to have the accounts reconciled before an audit can be completed.

Signature card for the bank accounts were signed and will be sent in to finalize the transfer from Diane Fehler and Sarah Gohlke to Glenda Phillips and Pam Nye. Sandra Gass is also on the account.

Checks have arrived and will be deposited.

Expense reimbursement forms were distributed.

Sandra moved, Leslie seconded to refer to audit committee. Motion passed.

New Business

Conference of Presidents Report

Pam attended the meeting in Chicago.

The financial situation is the primary point of discussion. The only reason W-ELCA exists is because the ELCA constitution said it would be formed and self-sustaining.

At its formation, ELCA had 5million members, 11,000 congregations and 99% had active W-ELCA units.

Currently, ELCA has 3.5 million members, 9200 congregations and 50% have active W-ELCA units.

In 1997, CWO received over \$1 million in regular offerings. 2018 brought in \$450,000

Thankofferings are down as well. Thankofferings go to the general fund unless it is designated by the giver for specific mission or ministry.

Exploratory committee is working on solutions on how to do as much or more with less than half the funds. The executive board is encouraging synods and units to help more.

CWO recommends Tools For You a Power Point presentation on the website. It gives tips to get more women involved, not just young women.

The limit of the use of acronyms is being encouraged. They can be off-putting if someone doesn't know what they stand for.

Bilingual Hispanic observer at Board meetings

How do we reach out to women in the Latinx conference? Pastor Irma and Pastor Julio may be resources for translators and finding women to connect W-ELCA SWO with an already active women's ministry within the Latinx conference.

For our organization to go bilingual, we need to:

1. Have a non-voting observer/consultant at board meetings.
2. Translate the newsletter.
3. Have Spanish translation on the website
4. Have English and Spanish email lists.

Pam will reach out and start the process. Leslie will post on Facebook that we are looking for bilingual assistance.

Old Business

Convention/Retreat rotation schedule

We discussed three plans put together by Leslie and Pam. Sandra moved to adopt Plan 2, Susan seconded. Motion passed. The schedule will be distributed promptly.

2020 NTNL SWO Convention

Per the new rotation schedule, Metroplex West will host the convention on Oct 9-10. Sandra will contact them to begin planning.

2019 Retreat

A theme has been decided. Glenda will email us the information.

The primary speaker will be Rev. Deb Loudin-McCann.

Registration fee - \$140 will include room, food, supplies. We still need a designated registrar.

Registration forms need to be finished immediately. An emergency contact needs to be included. Registration deadline is September 14.

Scholarship Amount/ Deadline – Parma moved, Sandra seconded that 10-\$75 scholarships will be offered. The motion passed. The scholarship deadline is August 14.

Personal invitations to women pastors and women employees of the synod office – Pam will write personal invitations to these women.

Leslie will contact the Synod office and get this event on the calendar and will post a Save the Date on social media and to board to forward to conference coordinators.

Tapestry Editor/Social Media Coordinator/Historian

We are still waiting for the job description from Sarah Jenkins so we can fill these positions.

The Tapestry will be published shortly as soon as conference stories are received. It needs to include a board contact list and upcoming events, as well.

Conference Coordinators Handbook

Pam received a copy of the SW Texas Synod's handbook.

Further discussion was tabled. Board members need to read through documents and send any ideas and suggestions to Helen, Ann, and Pam.

The next meeting will be a ZOOM teleconference on September 10:00 – 12:00.

The devotion will be provided by Helen Beaujour.

Tapestry Subscription

The Tapestry newsletter is distributed via email and online. If you are interested in receiving the bi-monthly newsletter by email, you can subscribe online at ntnlutheranwomen.com or facebook.com/ntnlsw. If you aren't able to access digital copies, visit your church's office to ask for a printed copy that can be found on our website.

NTNL Women of the ELCA 2019 Retreat

October 11-13, 2019

Butman Methodist Camp Merkel, TX.

Theme: “God’s Undivided Neighborhood”

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:36-37 NRSV

We will be collecting items for Blessing Bags to be given to homeless. We would like to collect enough items for 250 Blessing Bags. We are asking each conference to collect and bring 250 of their designated items as an In-Kind Gift. All items will be placed in Gallon Zip Lock Bags to be handed out to those in need. See the list below:

Conference out West: Toothbrush and Toothpaste

Dallas Area Metroplex North: Lotion and Lip Balm

Eastern: Soap and small containers of Wet Wipes

Heart of Texas: Combs and Bottled Water

Hispanic-Latino: Bottled Water and Mints

Metroplex West: Breakfast Bars (No Chocolate that will Melt)

Panhandle: Individual packages of Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers

As a usable craft we will be making Mats for the homeless using plastic bags to make Plarn (Plastic Yarn) which we will learn to crochet into Mats. We are asking each church to collect clean plastic bags and prepare them for use by following the attached directions. It takes approximately 700 bags to make one adult size mat, so get everyone in your church involved in collecting and preparing!

This will be a wonderful time of retreat. A time to

NTNL Retiro de Damas del ELCA 2019

Octubre 11-13, 2019

Campamento Metodista Butman en Merkel, TX.

Tema: “La comunidad unida de Dios”

“Ahora bien, ¿Cuál de los tres te parece que fue el prójimo del hombre atacado por los bandidos? _ pregunto Jesús. El hombre contesto: - El que mostro compasión. Entonces Jesus le dijo: - Así es, ahora ve y haz lo mismo.

Luke 10:36-37 NRSV

Estaremos recolectando artículos para llenar las “Blessing Bags”, las cuales serán donadas a los indigentes. Necesitaríamos recolectar suficientes artículos para llenar **250 bolsas**. Esto es un pedido en cada conferencia para poder recolectar de sus artículos, designados como un In-Kind Gift/ regalos compasivos. Los artículos serán colocados en bolsas Zip lock de 1 galón para donar a los necesitados.

Conferencia del oeste: Pastas y cepillos dentales

Área metropolitana del norte de Dallas: Lociones de piel y ungüentos de labios

Area este: Jabones y pequeños envases de toallitas pre-mojadas

Área del Corazón/centro de Texas: Peines y agua en botellas

Comunidad Latino- hispánica: Agua embotellada y mentas

Zona metropolitana Oeste: Barras nutritivas de desayuno (No de chocolate que se derrita).

Zona del Panhandle de Texas: Paquetes individuales de mantequilla de maní/cacahuates y galletitas con queso.

Como artículo útil, haremos esteras/ mats para los indigentes usando bolsas plásticas. De las bolsas haremos ‘plarn’, (cordón plástico). Este hilo o cordón plástico se usará para hacer los mats en tipo ganchillo. Pedimos a cada iglesia que recolecte bolsas limpias para prepararlas. Se necesitan aproximadamente 700 bolsas para un mat de

fellowship, a time to share, a time to reflect. We will have a Prayer and Reflection Area set up for some quiet time.

If you haven't been to a retreat in a while, NOW is the time! If you routinely come to our Women of the ELCA Retreats, bring someone who hasn't been!

tamaño de adulto.

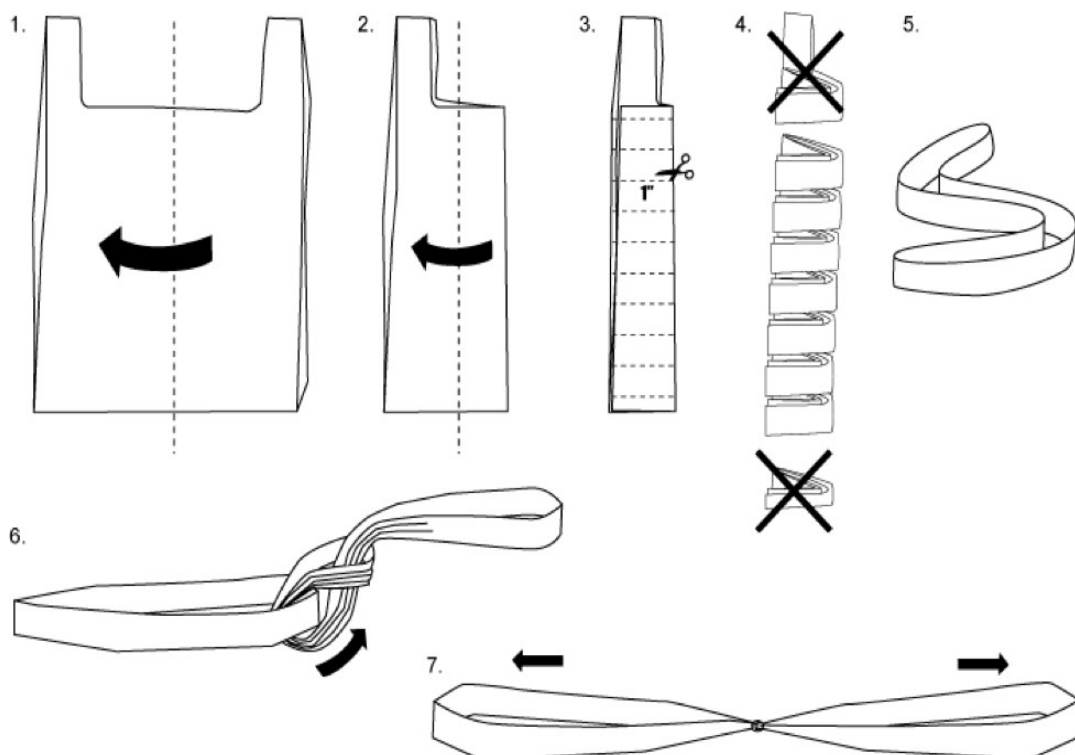
Este retiro será una experiencia maravillosa.

Tendremos momentos de compañerismo, para compartir juntos y tiempo de reflexionar. Tendremos áreas designadas para estos momentos de oración y reflexión.

Si no ha asistido a un retiro últimamente, este es el momento. ¡Si has asistido, invita a alguien que no lo ha hecho!

How to make plarn:

1. Lay bag flat and fold it in half lengthwise.
2. Fold bag in half again.
3. Cut folded bag into loops, discarding handles and bottom. **NOTE: we are cutting each bag into 4 strips to get the appropriate strength for Mats.**
4. Knot loops together to form a single strand.
5. Roll the strand into a ball and crochet or knit as you would with yarn.



NTNL Synodical Women's Organization Retreat
October 11-13, 2019
Butman Methodist Camp
158 County Road 674
Merkel, Texas 79536

Theme: "God's Undivided Neighborhood"

Friday October 11

Registration Opens 3:00 PM
Welcome, Opening Remarks, Bible Study
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00-9:00 PM Fellowship and Nightly Prayer

Saturday October 12

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 -9:45 AM Morning Scripture and Prayer
9:45-10:00 AM Break
10:00-12:00 "God Colors Outside Lines"
12:00 Lunch
1:30-4:30 PM Stories of Diversity and God's Undivided Neighborhood
5:00 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Closing Worship Service

Sunday October 13

7:45 AM Song and Sending Blessing
8:00 AM Breakfast

Cost for Friday-Sunday \$140
Includes Room and Board for Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday morning

Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church/Miles, TX

Please mail completed form and check by September 14 to:

Pastor Diane Eggemeyer
PO Box 265
Miles, TX 76861

Questions? Contact Pastor Leslie Dunlap 325-977-2341
Email gardeningforchrist@yahoo.com

Registration Information

Name _____

Street Address _____

City / ST / ZIP Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Church _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Number _____

Special Dietary Needs / Restrictions? _____

Mobility Issues? _____

Bring Plarn for crafting and In-Kind gifts that you have collected with you to the Retreat.

NTNL Retiro Sinódico- organizacional de Damas

11-13 de octubre del 2019

Campamento Metodista Butman

158 County Road 674

Merkel, Texas 79536

Tema: “La comunidad unida de Dios”

Viernes, 11 de octubre

Registro abierto: 3:00 PM

Bienvenida, apertura, estudio bíblico

6:00 PM Cena

7:00-9:00 PM Compañerismo y oración nocturna

Sábado 12 de octubre

8:00 AM Desayuno

9:00 -9:45 AM Escritura y oración matutina

9:45-10:00 AM Descanso

10:00-12:00 “Los colores fuera de las líneas de Dios”

12:00 Almuerzo

1:30-4:30 PM Cuentos de diversidad y la comunidad unida de Dios

5:00 PM Cena

6:30 PM Servicio de devoción y clausura

Domingo, 13 de octubre

7:45 AM Cánticos y envío de bendiciones

8:00 AM Desayuno

Costo de viernes a domingo- \$140

Incluye alojamiento y comidas para el viernes en la noche, sábado y domingo en la mañana

Cheques dirigidos a **Trinity Lutheran Church/Miles, TX**

Forma completa y cheque deben ser enviados no más tarde del **14 de septiembre** a:

Pastor Diane Eggemeyer, PO Box 265, Miles, TX 76861

¿Preguntas? Contactar a Pastor Leslie Dunlap 325-977-2341

Correo: gardeningforchrist@yahoo.com

Información de Registro

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad/ Estado/ código postal: _____

Teléfono: _____ Correo electrónico: _____

Iglesia afiliada _____

Contacto de emergencia: Nombre: _____ Núm. _____

¿Necesidades especiales? ¿Restricción de dieta? _____

¿Problemas de movilidad? _____

Favor de traer al retiro el ‘plarn’ preparado y/o regalos ‘In-kind’ ya elaborados.

NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization

Scholarship Request Form

\$75 per person toward the

Fall Retreat on October 11-13 at
Butman Methodist Camp
Form must be received by
August 14, 2019

If you fill out the electronic form, please complete and save it to your computer, then email it as an attachment or print it and mail it as instructed below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Congregation, and City: _____

Reason for Request: _____

Please send this request to: EMAIL TO: lheyde52@aol.com

MAIL TO: Linda Heyde

Attention: SWO Scholarship

9002 Ridge Point

Waco, Texas 76712

Thank you for your interest in attending the Retreat and may God Bless You!

NTNL- Organización de damas sinódicas

Formulario de solicitud de beca

\$75 por persona para: Retiro otoñal del 11-13 de octubre

Butman Methodist Camp

Esta forma debe recibirse no más tarde del 14 de agosto
del 2019

Si está llenando la solicitud electrónicamente, favor de completarla y guardarla en su computadora. Luego envíela electrónicamente o imprima y envíe por correo a la dirección indicada abajo.

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Teléfono: _____ Correo: _____

Congregación a la cual pertenece, y ciudad: _____

Razón para solicitar beca: _____

Favor de enviar la solicitud a:

Correo electrónico: lheyde52@aol.com

Correo postal: Linda Heyde

Atención: SWO Scholarship\

9002 Ridge Point

Waco, Texas 76712

Gracias por su interés en asistir al retiro y que Dios le bendiga.

Gather Bible Studies

Summer	For Such a Time as This: Lessons from Ester by Kay Ward
Fall	No Hard Feelings? Poetry and emotions in the Old Testament by Anna Madsen
December	Advent/Intergenerational Devotion by visual artist Vonda Drees

LWR Quilt & Kit

Ministry Guide 2018-2019

All presidents of local W-ELCA units should have received an email from your SWO board liaison person with the information that is needed for packing and shipping quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you have not received your LWR instructions, please have your W-ELCA president/contact person ask for the information and order the new guides. You can go to lwr.org or lwr@lwr.org to order these guides, or call 800.597.5972 for help in getting the new guides in your hands so you know about any changes that have been made. Your local president may also contact her SWO board liaison for the information.

Scholarships

NT-NL SWO Continuing Education Scholarship

Looking to further your education? The NT-NL SWO can help you reach that goal!

Our Synodical Women's Organization will be offering \$500 scholarships to women in our organization who want to further their education and need some financial assistance. Applicant must be a participant in a W-ELCA unit and a voting member of the ELCA. Course of study may have a ministry job component, or it may be for continuing education in job training, or updating vocational training. Deadlines for application is November 15 and May 15.

Contact Lori Beers beerslt@windstream.net or Ann Hanley ahanley444@aol.com for copies of the scholarship application, or if you have questions. The application can also be downloaded from our website <http://www.ntnlutheranwomen.com>.

W-ELCA Church-wide Scholarships

Educational Scholarships may also be secured from the Women of the ELCA office. There are scholarships in two categories: Scholarships for 1) Lutheran laywomen and 2) Ordained ministry.

Scholarships for 1) Lutheran laywomen include: a. Administrative leadership, b. ELCA college and seminary leadership, c. Women of color leaders, d. ELCA service abroad, and e. Christian service. These scholarships for Lutheran laywomen provide assistance to Lutheran women studying for a career other than ordained ministry.

Scholarship for 2) Ordained ministry provides assistance to Lutheran women during their final year at an ELCA seminary. Candidates must be preparing for ordained ministry in the ELCA and must have been endorsed by their synodical candidacy committee.

December 15 – Women of the ELCA begins accepting completed applications.

February 15 – All applications must be submitted on or before this date.

Go to <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/scholarships> for more info and to download applications.

Our Mission & Purpose

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,

We commit ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness in the
church, the society, and the world.

CONVENTION/RETREAT ROTATION SCHEDULE

At its regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 18, 2019 the NTNL Synodical Women's Organization Board approved the Convention/Retreat Rotation Schedule you see on the right. This schedule rotates the duties of planning our biennial conventions and retreats between all of the conferences in the NTNL and lets each conference know when and what event they are responsible for well in advance of the event. With this advance knowledge each Conference can, hopefully, start planning at least two years in advance of the event and end short notifications and rushed planning. Please be sure and take a look at this chart to see when and what upcoming event your Conference is responsible for. If you have any questions please contact your Board Conference Liaison.

Approved by the NTNL SWO Board May 18, 2019

YEAR AND EVENT	CONFERENCE
2019 Retreat	Conference Out West
2020 Convention	Metroplex West
2021 Retreat	Panhandle
2022 Convention	Eastern
2023 Retreat	Heart of Texas
2024 Convention	Conference Out West
2025 Retreat	Dallas Metroplex North
2026 Convention	Panhandle
2027 Retreat	Metroplex West
2028 Convention	Heart of Texas
2029 Retreat	Eastern
2030 Convention	Dallas Metroplex North

NT-NL SWO Board Member Conference Liaisons

At the SWO board meeting in November, these board members became liaisons for each of the six geographical conferences. Feel free to contact your liaison for info about the activities being done in your conference and in the SWO. If you know of women, or a church, who is not getting copies of the Tapestry, our newsletter, please let your liaison know.

Eastern Mission Conference

Helen Beaujour, hlbeaujour@msn.com / Leslie Jenkins, lgjenkins@yahoo.com

Heart of Texas Conference

Linda Heyde, Lheyde52@aol.com

Metroplex North Conference

Susan Tjosvold, tjosvolds@verizon.net / Ann Hanley, ahanley444@aol.com

Panhandle Conference

Pam Nye, nye8tyme@yahoo.com

Metroplex West Conference

Sandra Gass, gass@aol.com / Parma Kersten, parmakersten@yahoo.com

Western Texas Conference

Glenda Phillips, glenda946@hotmail.com

Hispanic/Latino Conference

Helen Beaujour, hlbeaujour@msn.com / Leslie Jenkins, lgjenkins@yahoo.com

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