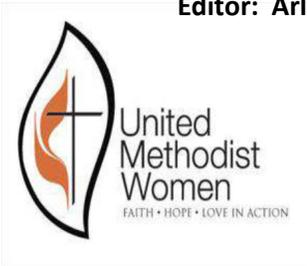


Jubilate

Fall 2017

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THE PURPOSE -
United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through

Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

From your president...Right here in the North Central District

Last spring units were invited to share successful fundraising activities. A partial list of those activities and the local unit to contact for more information is below. Units have shown very creative ways to earn money for missions.

- Annual Bazaar with lunch choices, bakery, candy, crafts, knitted and sewn items, Christmas décor and RADA cutlery are accompanied by a silent auction on the first Saturday of November in Port Edwards.
- Serving snacks for a free will offering in the fellowship hour following church works for Rockland
- A sale of 8 homemade pies on the first Sunday of the month at \$7 each works for Mauston.
- Selling Christmas wreaths and swags made from Frazier fir is a sure winner for Merrillan.
- From May to October Coloma UMW has a rummage sale every Saturday morning.
- A fall Apple Fest in Hixton serves a roast pork dinner with apple desserts and a bake sale of apple delicacies. A free will offering works here.
- The local unit at the UM Church of the Pines in Minocqua has sometimes raised money for special purposes by “piggy-backing” a bake sale at our annual summer fundraiser, the Pine Country Fair.

We normally sell pies, breads, jellies, etc. but if we want to support a special cause, we have a cookie and bar sale.

- Christmas Cookie Walks work well at Wausau First and Black River Falls.
- A No Bake Bake sale for all women of the church works in Black River Falls. They all save calories and spend what the baking or buying would have cost them.

In addition to paying a pledge to missions and responding to needs at Neighborhood House, ➡ Red-

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In addition to paying a pledge to missions and responding to needs at Neighborhood House, Redbird Mission or Harbor House, local units often support mission projects in their own communities. Last spring units were invited to share their successes and some reported on local mission efforts. These are some of the projects of North Central District units.

Black River Falls UMW has made donations to the local food pantries, to the women’s shelter, to Project Christmas which provides food and presents to needy families in the county. Visiting at the nursing homes has also been a project some years.

Coloma UMW gives to the food pantry. They help pack clothes for the Orphan Grain Train. Clothing goes to Mexico, Russia and western Native American groups.

Hixton UMW serves a meal to senior citizens on the third Monday of each month. Numbers participating have increased this year, the second year of the project. Members and guests play cards after lunch. Sometimes the senior citizens bring food to share too.

Mauston UMW sends a gift of food to the pantry each month. They make blankets and goody bags for children in the hospital or shelter. They give a program at the local nursing home and participate in a local charity, Tender Loving Care, which their pastor began for church members in need.

Merrillan UMW extends their Christmas wreath fundraiser to decorate their church with wreaths and swags for the Christmas season.

Minocqua Church of the Pines UMW donates some bake sale products to special causes. One year they were

able to give a special donation to help cover medical expenses for a little boy in their church day care who had brain cancer. Another year the bake sale profits went to Relay for Life.

Norwalk UMW packs bag lunches for children and distributes them in the city park during the summer months.

Port Edwards UMW has a celebratory Gift Giving Meeting in November. Besides the normal UMW routes for monies, they provide two scholarships for MidState Technical College, give to the Opportunity Development Center, Random Acts of Kindness, The Family Center, Helping Hands Gospel Mission and scholarships for Mission u.

Rockland UMW (a small group of 6 women which their president compares to Mighty Mouse) adopts a family at Christmas through the local schools, contributes to the community’s ecumenical vacation Bible school, makes donations to Children’s Vision, an orphanage in Bogotá, Columbia that is being run by a former Bangor, WI woman, and donates to Samaritan’s Purse.

Do you have a fundraiser or mission project to publicize? Send details to:

- Carol Anderson
N3697 Nichols Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-2456
cmaeander@yahoo.com

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Notes from the Secretary.....

Local Unit secretaries are a vital part of the communications for the North Central District. Without your willingness to collect information and send it to me, I would not be able to do my job. You are also essential as the link between your local unit and the District and Conference leadership teams. Once again, your assistance is needed. Both the District and Conference depend on you to collect and provide information about your local officers: jobs, names, their addresses, phone numbers, and email address. Without your assistance, communication could not happen. Thank you in advance for all your help in this important task.

In this issue of *Jubilate*, you will find the officer information page. Please remove it from the *Jubilate*, complete the information that applies to your unit and mail it by **November 1, 2017**, to me or email this information to me if this is easier for you. Please help me by writing as clearly as possible.

- North Central District Secretary
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715-284-9655

God made a covenant with Israel

Jer. 31:31-34 NIV 31 “The time is coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new Covenant with the House of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant though I was a husband to them (or was their Master). 33 This is the Covenant, I will make with the House of Israel after that time.” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor or a man, his brother saying ‘Know the Lord’, because they will all know me from the least to the greatest” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more.

Isaiah 59:21 God’s Covenant “As for Me, this is My covenant with them, says the Lord. My Spirit Who is on you and My Words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever.”

Thank You, Lord for making this covenant with us.

God also intended this Covenant for us. Heb. 20-21 NRSV

“Now may the God of peace Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, The Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the Eternal Covenant 21 make you complete in everything good so that you may do His will, working among us that which is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory forever and ever.”

We studied about God’s Covenants in Mission u. We are His people – the Jewish nation and the Gentiles brought together with the blood of Christ Jesus. In perilous times, we need our Savior more than ever.

- Betty Foemmel
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
601 S. Cedar Ave., #216
Marshfield, WI 54449-4273
Phone 715-389-2879 / no e-mail

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Make plans to attend the North Central District UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat!

On May 5, 2018, we will meet in the lovely Pine Lake Camp near Westfield and share a thoughtful, reflective time together. Cost is \$20 and includes noon meal and snacks. Watch for more details and registration information in the next Jubilate. - Margaret Getzin (margaretg202@gmail.com / 715-842-9254)

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR 2018 CALENDAR NOW -

North Central District Calendar



Team meetings:

January 27 at Marshfield Zion UMC (Snow date is February 3)

May 5 at Pine Lake following the Retreat

July 14 at Wausau First UMC

Spiritual Growth Retreat: May 5 at Pine Lake Camp

Annual Gathering: September 15 at Wausau First UMC

Wisconsin Conference Calendar

Mission Action Day: April 7

Mission u 4-day School: July 23-26 at Mead Hotel, Wisconsin Rapids

Mission u Overview Day: July 27 at Mead Hotel, Wisconsin Rapids

Assembly

May 18-20: at Columbus, Ohio

Program Resources.....

The summer is passing by quickly and the time is coming to report your reading activity for the year. We have five areas of focus for the reading plans. They are Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. The criteria for each of the four plans, was published in the Spring "Jubilate."

in September.

At the Fall Gathering, I hope to have the new program books and prayer calendar and other resources as available. These resources help us prepare to continue putting our FAITH, HOPE and LOVE into action.

- Mary Ann Dykes
Secretary of Program Resources
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715-842-5356
madykes@frontier.com

Please record your information on the enclosed reading form (page 11) and return it to me by **TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017**. The certificates of completion will be available at the Fall Gathering

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From your Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.....

Very Important--

There is still time to implement activities that will qualify your unit as a MISSION TODAY UNIT. Look back at the winter *Jubilate*. The criteria was outlined and should give you ideas about things to do this fall. Make a concerted effort to incorporate something from the Mission u studies. A lot of time and money is devoted to this project. We don't want to overlook the educational potential of these resources. The study materials are so "useable" even if you did not attend Mission u.

REMEMBER—Each unit should complete a Mission Today Unit report by December 1 and forward it to me. The form was also included in the winter *Jubilate*.

Legacy Fund--

This is a forward-thinking endowment fund. It will provide resources to sustain and expand our mission. We have 150+ years of mission history and we want that to continue. But we also see membership declines, tendencies to reduce pledges and difficulty generating initiative for fund raising. At the same time women, children and youth in developing countries continue to need and to benefit from the efforts of United Methodist Women. The Legacy Fund is a way of building a strong foundation for our mission work. The Legacy Fund is also a way of honoring special people in our lives. As individuals we can give a gift in memory or in honor of someone. As units we can designate a special offering—for example a coffee hour collection. As a part of our future programming, let's give regular attention to the Legacy Fund.

Assembly--

The Assembly of United Methodist Women will occur May 18-20, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio. I will be putting a travel package together for those who plan to attend. We will travel by motor coach from Central Wisconsin, leaving Thursday, May 17. We will be involved in some sightseeing and will have an overnight along the way. We will arrive in Columbus on Friday. Assembly events will begin on Friday and continue until Sunday noon. We will leave Columbus shortly after noon on Sunday. There will be another overnight, and we will get back home on Monday. Columbus is a 10+ hour bus ride and "breaking up the ride" is safer and more comfortable. I have ideas about things we can do going and coming. Having our own bus means we have the flexibility of where we stay and the ability to choose less costly housing. We do not need to stay within blocks of the Convention Center. There will be more information about this at Annual Gathering.

If you want to reach me, my contact info is sgisselman@aol.com or text to 715-573-1214 or call either 715-845-6775 or 715-848-1021.

- Sharon Gisselman

With some units starting to meet again after the summer months, this is just a reminder to please invite your District Officer, who is your “Sister”, to your meeting or special event.

2017 Sister Units:

- Carol Anderson - Mauston, Norwalk, Trempealeau
- Brenda Arndt - Antigo, Port Edwards
- Joan Burk-Miller - Mattoon, Minocqua, Wautoma
- Carol Hornby - Alma Center, Hixton, Tomah
- Arlene Trull - Rockland, WI Rapids
- Mary Ann Dykes - Almond, Rhinelander, Wild Rose
- Sharon Gisselman - Mosinee, Plainfield, Tomahawk
- Amy Guillaume - Black River Falls, Merrill-Wildwood
- Luane Meyer - Cataract, Merrilan, Sparta, Trout Run
- Betty Foemmel - Spencer
- Shirley Carpenter - South Burr Oak
- Ruby Dow - Amherst, New Lisbon
- Judy Gitchel - Coloma, Wausau First, Wausau Wesley
- Ruthann Christensen - Berlin, Markesan, Mercer



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Log in and be counted!

Every UMW member should be counted in the upcoming membership census.

The 2018 Membership Census will be available on line during January and February of 2018. Each local unit needs to follow the connection on the WI Conference UMW website to complete the short census survey. You will need to enter your home church,

your district (North Central), your president’s name and contact information, your number of active members and the number of members lost in 2017.

If you are unable to access the site, you could ask your church secretary for help or call either Carol Anderson (715-284-2456) or Amy Guillaume (715-432-0579).

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- Added from your president...

As the North Central District leadership team prepares for our Annual Gathering, I sincerely hope that at the local level you are preparing to attend and participate in this event at Black River Falls United Methodist Church. Our district leadership team depends on your support and input to plan for activities in 2018.

You are needed to approve our proposed budget and to elect new officers, necessary business items. BUT more importantly, you are needed to participate in worship and communion, to greet old friends and to make new friends from our district units, to

remind yourself that your local is part of a strong network of women. You will have an opportunity to hear from Laura Pfeffer, Wisconsin Conference UMW President, on water as a precious resource.

Our leadership team has been very concerned about the support of Wisconsin missions: Northcott Neighborhood House, Harbor House Crisis Center and United Methodist Children’s Services. We will take a special collection for these mission sites.

Finally, your local contribution (above and beyond your pledge to mission) to help us reach our district pledge is still welcome. Let’s make our goal in 2017.

Step up to Leadership!

My sisters in the work of United Methodist Women, It is the time of year when we start to think about who will be members of the District Team so that we may fulfill our purpose to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Yes, I know I just typed the purpose of the United Methodist Women; but it is with the hope that when you read it, you will feel that to live this pledge, you want to be involved in United Methodist Women.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following for election on the District Team:

Vice President - Angela Gouker

Nominations Committee - Judy Scaff

and these persons for another two (2) years:

Treasurer - Joan Burk-Miller

Mission Coord. Ed/Interpretation - Sharon Gisselman

Mission Coord. Spiritual Growth - Betty Foemmel

Spring Retreat Coord. - Margaret Getzin

Communication Coord. - Arlene Trull

Sec'y Program Resources for 1 yr. - Mary Ann Dykes

Also on the District Team but not needing election:

President - Carol Anderson

Secretary - Carol Hornby

Mission Coord. Membership Nurture/Outreach - Amy Guillaume

Mission Coord. Social Action - Luane Meyer

Historian - Judy Gitchel

Nominations Committee - Nancy Bugni, Ruthann Christensen

The Nominating Committee thanks all who are willing to serve and have said "yes" when asked.

- Ruthann Christensen

W12707 Cty Rd G; Leopold, WI 54948

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Getting Involved in UMW Social Action Projects - - - -

**The social action goals for 2017-2018 include: Addressing maternal and child health through participation in projects that support international and local issues. Continuing to address the causes of immigration justice and climate justice are continuing to be supported by the WI UMW organization.

**Maternal and child health: health care for women and children has been at the heart of UMW since UMW was founded in 1869. In 1869, Dr. Clara Swain was sent to Bareilly, India, to provide quality medical care. About 100 U.S. and international programs have received grants through United Methodist Women giving, to provide financial support for health care for women and children and also to provide scholarships to students for medicine, public health, nursing, and other trainings in the area of health care. Resource idea: the flyer, [12 Simple Ways for Your Congregation to Help Women and Children in Your Church and Community](#), along with other activity ideas can be found by going to: <http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/maternal-health-stories>. The ideas suggested on this flyer also encourage the development or expansion of partnerships within your community. Is there a family resource center, health care clinic, day care center, parenting support program, food pantry, interfaith volunteer program, just to mention a few potential partners that you could team up with? Just imagine the impact your efforts could have for women and children in your community.

**Immigration and Racial Justice: The increase in incarceration is based on the increase in numbers of individuals on parole, probation, awaiting a day in court, immigration, poor and of color and women with marginal support in the justice system, non-violent drug offenses, and mental health issues. Locally, churches can and are providing safe and sacred space where former incarcerated can gather to share experiences and how to impact a decrease in incarceration. Those in the faith community can provide writing and visiting of the incarcerated and those families affected on the "outside."

**<http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts> will give you a variety of stories that will put faces to the issues that UMW is supporting and taking action on. Thank you for your work on social issues affecting families and individuals in your communities and around the world.

- Luane Meyer - 703 Pierce St.; Black River Falls, WI 54615
brf.brewcrew@gmail.com 715-284-9839

News from your North Central District Treasurer.....

Last September at our District Annual Meeting, a vote was taken to reduce our District Pledge to Mission for the Conference from \$57,000 to \$50,000. To help meet that goal, a special offering was introduced in April called "Fill the Gap." To date, we have received \$965 both from units and individuals for that endeavor. Monies of any given amount are added to your unit's 2017 Pledge to Mission. "Fill the Gap" does not replace your Pledge.

I am pleased to report that as of July 22nd our Pledge to Mission is at 51.5%. Through June 30th it was up 12% for the same period last year. We also have 15 units out of 35 who have achieved 5-Star status. That means they have submitted monies for Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (SMR), Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering.

For me to get my money sent in on time to the Conference Treasurer, I will need your unit money no later than December 11th. Any monies received after that date will be recorded in January, 2018.

Our Mission u study on "Living As a Covenant Community" talked about the difference between Promise, Contract and Covenant. I want to address what 'Pledge' means according to The American Heritage Dictionary: "A formal promise to do something, as the performance of an obligation or duty..."

Below you'll find a Unit Pledge to Mission for 2018. **PLEASE MAKE A COPY and bring it to the District Meeting in September - OR - if you are unable to attend, please mail the completed form to: North Central District Treasurer, Joan Burk-Miller, 606 E Cassidy Drive, Wausau 54401.**

Local Unit Pledge Form

North Central District - 2018

Local Unit/Local Church _____

President: _____ Address _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Treasurer: _____ Address _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

We pledge \$ _____ to UMW missions through North Central District for 2018.

We pledge \$ _____ to Mission u.

(Signature of President or Treasurer)

North Central District UMW Annual Gathering

Black River Falls United Methodist Church

(100 North 4th Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615 - Phone (715) 284-4114)

Saturday, September 16th

at 9:30 am for registration with a 10:00 am start time

Registration fee is \$12 **before September 8th** or \$15 at the door. Please make checks payable to the North Central District UMW. Mail form to Brenda Arndt at 522 Julie Lane; Mosinee Wisconsin 54455. (Please note any special needs for diet concerns.) Please send separate forms for each individual.

This year's theme is climate justice / clean water with guest speaker Laura Pfeffer.

We will be collecting monetary donations for Harbor House Crisis Center, United Methodist Children's Services and Northcott Neighborhood House.

Name Local UMW Unit

Address

Childcare/ages

Dietary concerns?

Emergency Contact / relationship / phone number

Do you have any UMW sisters who have passed this year for recognition in our memorial service? PLEASE CALL (715-310-0156) or SEND THIS INFORMATION, EVEN IF NO ONE IS ATTENDING FROM YOUR UNIT!

Name(s) (Please Print)

Hotel Information:

Days Inn 715-284-4333 (1.4 mi. from church); Best Western Arrowhead 715-284-9471 (2 mi. from church)

Directions to Black River Falls United Methodist Church:

The church is on the corner of 4th Street and Harrison St. If you travel on Hwy. 54, just follow it through town to the top of the hill by the Catholic Church. Take a right on 5th St. and then a right on Harrison. The parking lot will be on your left.

If you come on Hwy. 27, proceed to the stoplight at the bottom of the hill. Turn right on Main St. (Hwy. 54) and follow Hwy. 54 through town to the top of the hill by the Catholic Church. Take a right on 5th St. and then a right on Harrison. The parking lot will be on your left.

See you very soon... Travel safe everyone!

- Brenda Arndt, District Vice President
522 Julie Lane, Mosinee WI 54455
brendaarndt3@gmail.com (715-310-0156)

United Methodist Women Unit Officers for 2018

Secretaries,

Please complete this information and send to Carol Hornby, 411 Van Buren St., Black River Falls, WI 54615 by **November 1**. Thanks!

Please Print.

Church Name _____ (include name of town)

Unit President _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

Email address _____

Unit Vice-President _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Unit Treasurer _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Unit Secretary _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Secy. of Program Resources _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Mission Coordinators:

Membership, Nurture, Outreach _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Ed.-Interpretation _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Ed. Interpretation _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Social Action _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Spiritual Growth _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Communications Coor. _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Chr. / Comm. Nominations _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Comm. Nominations _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Comm. Nominations _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ WI Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Thank you for your help.

Carol Hornby
North Central District Secretary
411 Van Buren St.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
chornby@centurytel.net
715-284-9655

READING PROGRAM Report Form

(Please make a copy for yourself & mail a copy before August 29th to:

Mary Ann Dykes, Secretary of Program Resources
2402 Mount View Blvd; Wausau, WI 54403)

I have completed the requirements for Plan _____ of the Reading Program for 2017. The books I've read are listed below. (Please print)

Name _____ Unit _____

Address: _____

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Education for Mission:

Leadership Development:

Nurturing for Community:

Social Action:

Spiritual Growth:

Additional books I have read to complete PLAN _____ of the Reading Program are:

_____ I have also read **response** and **New World Outlook** regularly.

READING PROGRAM PLANS:

PLAN I

5 books each year.
1 from each category.
Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN II

10 books each year.
2 from each category.
Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

PLAN III

15 books each year.
2 books from each category.
PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

PLAN IV

20 books each year.
2 books from each category.
PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering Fri. Oct. 20- Sat. Oct. 21

Theme for this year's annual gathering is: "A Call to Community" at First United Methodist, Waukesha, 121 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha, WI. There will be a pre-conference tour of Northcott Neighborhood House from 2-4 pm on Friday, Oct. 20. On Friday evening an update on Northcott Neighborhood House will be presented for those not attending the District Officer training.

Saturday morning Barbara Dick will give the keynote address on "Living as a Covenant Community." In the afternoon, a panel from the Milwaukee Women's Muslim Community will discuss with us their beliefs, what it is like being Muslim women, and how we can be in community with one another.

Helen de Leon Camarce, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and currently serving as treasurer of the agency's Cambodia and Southeast Asia Missions, will be attending the Annual Gathering.

Rooms are reserved at Baymont Inn and Suites in Waukesha under Wisconsin United Methodist Women until Sept. 20.

The registration form is in Catch the Vision and at www.wisconsinumw.org. Individuals attending the Limitless gathering will need to fill out the Limitless form. Donations will be collected for Harbor House Crisis Shelters. Items needed will be provided in your confirmation letter.

- Ruby Dow
WI Conference VP

Bulk Mail

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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED