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Minister's Message

Submitted by Rev. Kathryn Peate

Change is rarely optional and in any organism that is trying to survive, it is inevitable. The church is an organism, more than an organization, because it reflects the living Christ in the world.

This has been a year of tremendous change for Woodroffe United, involving both property upgrades and improvements, and a shifting in personnel. I am pleased to have been called this summer as your full time minister. I am starting to know some people by sight, a few by name, and have discovered in my short time at the church, that Woodroffe contains many wonderful and joyous individuals. I look forward to working with you, and for you, over the years to come.

After many years of learning from growing churches, I have discovered that it is the spiritual health of a congregation that makes the difference to its future. If the members of the community of faith are spiritually healthy, others will be attracted to and interested in becoming part of that health.

So let me ask you a question: How spiritually healthy are you? In order to be physically healthy, we need to maintain an ongoing program of good eating habits, exercise and sufficient sleep. To become and stay spiritually healthy is an ongoing process as well. It doesn't stop because we've "graduated" from Church School, or because we've "done our time" or simply because we've reached a certain age. Spiritual health needs to be constantly attended to.

I believe strongly that the worship service, which is vital to the community of faith, should be the dessert in our spiritual lives. The meat and potatoes comes from our interactions and exploration of God's Word and will on a daily basis. Beginning this fall, I will be offering the first opportunity to deepen our faith as individuals through a new lunch time group called Brown Bag and Bible. More evening opportunities for those who are not available during the day will be forthcoming as well.

It is my hope that the majority of you will be able to join a growth group to explore how to live the life Jesus calls us to, to make new friends and to hold each other in prayer. I anticipate our journey together with great expectation and joy.

*Blessings,
Kathryn*

Administration and Finance Report *Submitted by Brent Cuthbert, Chair*

This has been another busy summer for the Admin & Finance Committee. Work done in our church has been extensive to say the least. Our members, along with some outside help, have put in several hundred hours to improve the LOOK and the LIGHT of WUC to give what we think is a new warm, cleaner, brighter place of worship and fellowship. Completed projects to date include:

- Painting of the entrance, offices, Narthex and the new boardroom
- Improved lighting in the Narthex, the hallway to the Banquet Room, and Scout Hall
- Air conditioning in the Chapel and upstairs in the Russian Daycare
- New signage in front of the church along with new parking signs
- Sanctuary screen and projection system, and a monitor for the choir (under the direction of Jamie Hockin)
- Carpets have been cleaned in all the offices, along with Chapel and Narthex runners
- Asphalt repairs to the parking lot

Thanks to all the committee members who helped with these projects. Special thanks to Caroline and Eric Williams, and Trish Curtis.

[Editor's note: Apparently a new puppet theatre was also built, for use during Children's Time in the Sunday service.]

Bazaar

Submitted by Bruce (& Marlene), Dave, and Doug

The Woodroffe United Church Bazaar is coming up on October 24th from 9 am to 1 pm. This is a wonderful social time for WUC, with over 200 volunteers and many more shoppers. There is a continuous spirit of sharing, recycling, and reusing. If you are not already a Bazaar regular, please come out the week of October 18th and help out with sorting and displaying used items. Bazaar helpers are needed for baking and selling too! There is a volunteer sheet in the hallway to sign up, or speak to one of the co-conveners. Thank you.

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And God said to John, "Come forth and you shall receive eternal life." But John came fifth and received a toaster.

Submitted by Cathy Seaborn

Church Financial Status as of August 31, 2015

Submitted by Joe Smarkala, Treasurer

This article provides an overview of the current financial situation for Woodroffe United from January 1 to August 31, 2015. A financial chart displaying a summary of the year so far with a comparison to last year for the same period is found at the end of this report. Here are a few comments on the financials.

- You can see that our revenues are slightly down from last year. I'd attribute this to lower congregational numbers this year; 166 members have contributed so far this year compared to 181 members last year.
- You can see that our expenses this year are about \$28,000 lower than last year mainly due to savings in ministerial salaries.
- So our operational deficit for the year is \$2,833 versus \$22,559 last year at this time. A deficit situation is normal for Woodroffe at the end of the summer period. With an increase in attendance in the fall and winter months, with our Bazaar in October, and with Christmas season givings, we should have a financial surplus by the end of the year.
- You can see we've had building related expenses again this year. Over \$24,000 has been spent on improvements in the Sanctuary sound system and a new projection system, on Narthex painting and lighting improvements, on new air conditioning in the Chapel and upper classroom areas, on a new Woodroffe sign in front of the church which should be completed this month, and on improved lighting in the Banquet and Scout Halls. We're anticipating some repayment from the Russian Daycare for the air conditioning systems later this year.

So our financial situation has improved substantially over last year at this time. In August 2014, our Available Funds Reserve was at a disturbingly low level of \$26,810. By year end 2014 it had grown to \$76,475. As of the end of August this year, it stands at \$62,392. Your Treasurer estimates that by year end 2015, our Reserve should be close to \$100,000 based on a successful Bazaar, *and on an expected bequest of \$20,000.*

Thank you for your continued financial and volunteer support for the church.

Financial Update - End of August

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| - Congregation Givings | \$114,297 | \$118,722 |
| - Use of Building | \$69,953 | \$73,438 |
| - Fundraising | \$8,276 | \$9,388 |
| - Other | \$5,698 | \$5,240 |
| Total Revenue | \$198,224 | \$206,788 |
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| Expenses | | |
| - Personnel Costs | \$133,048 | \$165,216 |
| - Other Costs | \$68,119 | \$64,131 |
| Total Expense | \$201,167 | \$229,347 |
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| Deficit for year | -\$2,833 | -\$22,559 |
| | | |
| Building Renewal Costs | \$24,668 | \$34,002 |
| Building Renewal Givings | \$5,233 | \$22,107 |
| | | |
| Available Funds Reserve | \$62,392 | \$26,810 |
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| Mission & Service Givings | \$21,426 | \$24,497 |
| Local Outreach Givings | \$18,658 | \$21,923 |

Christian Education Update

Submitted by CE Committee (Ray Cuthbert, Chair)

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and had time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends! As the summer draws to a close, and children are back to school, the work of the Christian Education (CE) Committee starts anew. As always at this time of year, the CE Committee put its energies towards planning for the start of another Church School year.

Church School registration was held on September 13th, but it's never too late to register, so if you missed it, you can always register your child at one of the classes which are held just after the *Learning with Children* part of the service. Our curriculum this year will once again be *The Whole People of God* and the theme for our first Unit is *Come Join the Circle*. A circle is a symbol for God and for God's unending love. If you are interested in becoming a teacher or helper in the Church School and/or Nursery/crib room, please contact Cathy Seaborn at cathyseaborn@outlook.com or (613) 692-5449.

Keep your eyes open for announcements concerning the Church School

Open House in October. You can meet children and teachers from the school and get an idea of what goes on in the school.



This fall, one area we would like to focus on is creating a Youth Group. If you are interested in being part of the group or leading it, we would love to hear from you.



One event to mark in your calendar is the ever popular *Babies and Friends Luncheon* that will be held on November 29th. It is a nice chance for families with very young children to meet, do a craft or two, and enjoy a light lunch.

Also, be sure to read the article in the *Uniter* from the 96th Ottawa Scout Group – the group runs a great program and Woodroffe United Church has been the sponsor of the 96th since 1963.

96th Ottawa Scouts

Submitted by Scouter Candice "Blue"

Hello Everyone!

The Scouts had a great summer doing a bunch of different day camps, but the highlight was our 4-day canoe trip on the Rideau Canal! We put in at Upper Brewer Locks and camped there on Thursday night. Thursday morning we were off to Jones Falls (an 18 km canoe). Luckily when we arrived there the Lockmaster was able to let us travel up the locks to our

camping area. This was quite an experience for most of the scouts and their faces told us everything. It was so great to see the wonder and awe in their faces, especially when we started talking about how the stones all got there (by hand, or rope and pulley) and that the stone came from other places. We camped at Jones Falls then travelled to Chaffey's Locks for our next campsite. There we got to go for ice cream at the Opinicon Lodge, another historic building, and to see the Lockmaster's Museum. In the morning we were off to Newboro Locks to pull out. It was a great trip and everyone did a wonderful job of keeping everyone else motivated!

For the start of the year, our second and third years scouts are off to camp at Brotherhood Camp, which is a joint US/Canada scouting camp where the scouts get to do some amazing activities and the leaders get to meet new friends and everyone does badge trading! We then have another camp planned for October for all the scouts and we'll be back at the bazaar with our wonderful, scrumptious hotdogs!

School Supplies Campaign

Submitted by Bob Walkington

Thanks to the congregation for making our annual school supplies campaign a tremendous success. We were able to donate to the Pathways To Education programme: 47 scientific calculators, 3 backpacks, and 3 full carloads of school supplies.

The Pathways staff told us that they were able to completely outfit the grade nines with the school supplies that we had donated. They were delighted with the last carload because now they can provide supplies to their grades 10 to 12 as well. The congregation's generosity is amazing!

Nancy Metcalfe managed the campaign. She determined what was needed, bought the calculators, collected the school supplies, and delivered everything to the Pathways office.

Thanks Nancy!

Speaking for the Resurrected Pulpit

Submitted by George Neville

For about two years now you have been accustomed to having worship services at Woodroffe United Church conducted from a large, aged, wooden pulpit located towards the left side of the sanctuary. You probably know that this hand-crafted, pine pulpit was brought into service here by Rev. Jan Lougheed a few months before her retirement from Woodroffe U.C. after 17 years of service. Indeed, she picked it up in her van and brought it to Woodroffe herself – so very characteristic of her as a self-starter!

What of the origin of that pulpit? This particular pulpit was part of the original furnishings of the former Wesleyan Methodist Church of Old Ottawa East (ca. 1908), making it over 100 years old. When that church was demolished as the new Wesleyan church was completed (ca. 1953), the pulpit sat in the basement of the new building at the NW corner of Graham Ave. and Main St. It was used there whenever there were speakers or stage productions. The former Wesleyan Methodist Church was located in the parking lot just west of the present Wesley building. Wesley U.C. celebrated its 100th Anniversary in December of 2008. It became part of the United Church of Canada in 1925, but it never changed its name on its Deed of Property following church union. The change to Wesley U.C. was necessitated by its act of amalgamation with Emmanuel U.C., which took place on Palm Sunday in 2013. The Wesley U.C. building has now been taken over by the Chinese Bible Church.

Prior to the amalgamation of the Wesley U.C. congregation with the Emmanuel U.C. congregation, the writer made a complete inventory of all physical assets of the Wesley U.C., including particulars of that pulpit that no doubt were transmitted to incumbent Jan at the time by her husband, Rev. Peter Loughheed, minister of Emmanuel U.C.

Woodroffe's Pastoral Care Team *Submitted by John Patton, Coordinator*

The following passage from the Book of Micah (6:8) neatly summarizes what God expects of us as faithful followers.

...what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Jesus echoed this when he boiled the Law down to: love God and your neighbour. Sounds simple doesn't it? And yet, we often struggle with it—especially the part about loving our neighbour. What does it mean to “love kindness?” Who is our “neighbour?”

I like to think that it means, at least in part, to care for and about others, to want the best for them and to reach out to them when they are hurting. In both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, the image of the “good shepherd” is often used to express this. It is from that “pastoral” image that we get the term “pastoral care.” Often, the term is capitalized—Pastoral Care—and thus acquires a formal connotation that implies special calling or training. And, indeed, some kinds of pastoral care do benefit from professional training—but by no means all.

At Woodroffe, pastoral care occurs on a daily basis and in a variety of ways. At one end of the continuum is what happens every Sunday (though not only then) when members of the congregation reach out to each other in caring and supportive ways, be it a cheerful “good

morning” as we arrive, a quiet chat in the pew before or after the service, or a friendly hello when we encounter someone in the mall. The weekly bulletin reminds us of this when it notes that “we are all called to ministry.” At the other end, is the care provided, usually by the Ministers, to those in crises or situations of more acute need—typically surrounding a death or serious illness. In between are those circumstances which call for an ongoing commitment—long or short-term—by a member of the congregation to take on responsibility for caring for another. One example is members who are largely confined to their homes and are unable to attend church regularly. Regular home visiting or calling, a biweekly newsletter, special attention at Christmas and Easter, ensure that these members remain connected to their church family. The letter and card-writers and shortbread deliverers are providing pastoral care—though they may be surprised to hear that. In other cases, from time to time, members find themselves in a particularly difficult situation that may call for someone with special skills or training to assist or augment the support provided by the Ministers. This is where the Pastoral Care Team comes in.

Woodroffe’s team is currently composed of the Ministers and ten lay members, all of whom have completed a ten-week (25 hour) training program to develop their listening skills and their ability to respond pastorally and confidentially when a need arises. These skills are maintained and enhanced through continuing education programs provided by the Pastoral Care Training Program and community agencies. The team meets monthly from September to June for mutual support, sharing and learning and, each fall, covenants with the congregation to care for one another.

Current team members are Judy Chaplin, Wes Dearham, Lynn Hampton, Mary-Lynne Harvey, Deb Lester, Margaret MacLeod, Jeanette Montgomery, John Patton, Cathy Seaborn and Dave Watson.

If you have or are aware of a pastoral care need or would like more information about the work of the Pastoral Care Team, please contact Rev. Kathryn Peate, John Patton (613-729-4139) or any member of the team. All such communication is kept strictly confidential.

Coming to a Bulletin Cover Nationwide in 2016

Four of the bulletin covers in the 2016 series have been submitted by members of Woodroffe United and two of those actually feature a photo of our church. Laura Hodson submitted a beautiful winter night time exterior shot of the illuminated stained glass windows with icicles hanging from the roof, and another one of the cross, organ pipes, and nativity scene at the front of the sanctuary for Advent. Peter Morrison submitted a multi-tiered waterfall taken near Percé, Québec, as well as a shot of the Ottawa tulips near Dows Lake for spring. While it is up to each local congregation to decide when it is most

appropriate to use each bulletin cover, the national church does suggest dates based on the seasons and the lectionary. Laura's exterior shot of the church is featured on January 17th's bulletin, and the Advent one is scheduled for December 4th, 2016. Peter's waterfall one is slated for January 10th (Baptism of Jesus Sunday), and the tulip one for May 15th (Pentecost). We look forward to seeing the creative work of our members on display for the national church to see. [Editor's note: proceeds from the sale of the weekly bulletin covers go to support the work of Mission & Service.]

My Mexican Experience

Submitted by Madelyne Borys

Last February, Lexie Stewart and I went to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico with my mom, Shelley. We met up with my grandparents and great aunt at the hotel. We had a blast! We stayed at an amazing hotel. We swam and swam all day long. The sun was out every day! We went boogie boarding in the ocean, participated in a super fun aqua fitness class, went on a bike tour and ended up at a dolphin centre, drank the most delicious drinks at the swim-up bar, saw the most creative shows at night, toured a small town up in the mountains, and got to release baby sea turtles into the ocean. But our holiday wasn't only about fun and games. We (Lexie, me, Mom, and Grandpa) visited an orphanage where we donated soccer uniforms and balls which my Mom had collected for many months.

We took a cab to Banderas Bay, Nayarit where the orphanage was. It looked like a prison on the outside but on the inside there were bright colours and smiles. We took in our three bags of uniforms and balls and took pictures with some of the workers. After that we went on a tour of the orphanage. The orphanage was very clean and was very welcoming, although we didn't see any toys or other personal things. We were amazed to see how small the bedrooms were – eight kids to a room so the beds were very close together.

We saw the kids coming back to the orphanage from school. They were treated so well! When the kids came home, they got hugs and kisses from the workers. They had smiles that went from one side of their cheeks to the other. They didn't know we were coming so they couldn't have put on fake smiles for us. When we got back to the cab we were so happy and pleased that the kids had a happy life. It was like daycare but you never went home. When I was younger I went to a home-based daycare and the owner was the nicest lady on the planet. She feels like an aunt to me! And that's the kind of feeling I had at the orphanage, although the sad thing was they didn't have any family to go home to at the end of the day. At that moment I realized how lucky I am to have so many belongings and such a big family. Our trip gave me an opportunity to see life in Mexico outside our nice resort as well as a chance to help do a little bit of good in sharing the wealth we have here in Ottawa.

Un Cric

Give it to the state – he says.
To fear, fear what? No knowledge lost.
And I resonate.
The avarice ate, but lost – his touch,
And now I walk, I walk in trust.
Come to me, O knowledge
I hear your cry.
His memory knows.

Submitted by Greg Lightfoot

Un cric of mark
A push of force
A child, a child?
My memory knows.
And now I walk, I walk in trust.
Come to me, O knowledge
A choired hush.

Will You Make Squares?

Author Unknown ~~ From the Northland Diocese of Moosonee

It's six o'clock, my home's a mess,
And dinner's running late,
The baby's lost her soother,
My son just lost his date.
The phone is ringing, I hear thunder
Coming down the stairs
"It's for you Mom, it's Mrs. Jones,
She says, 'Will you bring squares?'"

The Bishop came last Sunday,
An Episcopal event,
Finest linen, finest china,
(And we didn't make a cent!)
The Pastor put on his good suit,
Patricia put on airs,
Sue and I washed dishes,
And, oh yes, we brought the squares.

I love our Spiritual Retreat,
It fills me with such peace,
To be at one with God and world,
At last I've found my place.
I'd love to linger here a while,
Perhaps to say some prayers,
But I'm in charge of making tea,
And setting out the squares.

Submitted by Willie Curd

My kitchen's filled with luscious scents,
Hubby watches as I bake,
He sees me chop the fruit and nuts,
He sees me ice the cake.
"Now tell me dear," he coyly asks,
"Who are these goodies for?"
"For God and Canada," I say
And whisk them out the door.

I admit I've been discouraged,
And I've asked myself, "Who cares?"
But I found out, I went JUST ONCE,
Without my precious squares.

When I've organized my last bazaar,
And raffled my last prize,
I'll not be sad to see it end,
I'll welcome my demise.
For through it all I've loved a lot
And laughed until it hurts,
And in the end I'm very sure
I'll get my just desserts.

But should my Master summon me,
And catch me unawares,
Consider this – Now, at my wake
Who'll make the ruddy squares?

Praying for Our First Responders

Submitted by Lenora Hansen

Living in a Hi-Rise close to a main road, and on the side of the building facing that way, I often hear the sirens of Police, Fire, and Paramedics as they pass through a nearby traffic light. When I do, I stop to breathe a quick prayer:

Lord watch over our First Responders.

Sometimes I add another line or two and my prayer becomes:

Lord watch over our First Responders
Keep them safe along their way.
Be with those who need them.

Out in traffic, of course, the first priority is to get safely out of the way as the sirens approach. But whether at home or in traffic, whether you choose to use some of my words or prefer some of your own, won't you too say a prayer for our First Responders as you hear them hurrying to their next emergency?

WUC Prayer Box

Sometimes life can “get us down.” Our job, bills, health, a death in the family, etc., it all adds up, and sometimes can be overwhelming. In complete confidence, the WUC Prayer Group invites and encourages you to share your concerns and heartaches, so that our Group can pray on your behalf. Drop us a note in our Prayer Box – paper for your request can be found beside the box. The locked WUC Prayer Box sits on the table in the Narthex, to the left of the door to the stairs to the Banquet Hall. Please let us add our prayers to yours.

Passages

Submitted by Don Mutch

There were nine deaths of Woodroffe members since the last issue of the *Uniter*:

Donald Bruce – March 19th
George Smart – May 17th
Margaret McDonald – May 31st
Harold (Hal) Gillis – June 10th
MaryAnne Nicholson – June 15th
Roy Spence – June 16th
Joan McCoshen – July 1st
Henry Mains – August 3rd
Olive (Tex) Campbell – August 4th

There were two new members since the last *Uniter*:

Jacque Levere (by adult baptism and confirmation)

Royden Long (by transfer)

Woodroffe United Activities – September to December 2015

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| 13SEP | Worship Church School Registration 9:30am Welcome Back Luncheon 11:15am | 18NOV | Brown Bag & Bible Study |
| 20SEP | Worship - Covenanting with Volunteers Covenanting service for Rev. Peate 6:45pm | 22NOV | Worship Stewardship Fair 11am |
| 27SEP | Worship - Creation | 25NOV | Brown Bag & Bible Study |
| 04OCT | New Members Breakfast 8:45am Worship - Receive New Members | 27NOV | Advent Reflections 7-9am |
| 07OCT | Brown Bag & Bible Study | 29NOV | Worship - Advent I Communion Deck the Halls 11am Babies & Friends Lunch |
| 11OCT | Worship - Thanksgiving | 04DEC | Advent Reflections 7-9am |
| 12OCT | Church Office Closed | 05DEC | Shortbread Packaging Christmas Dinner, Concert - Choirs and Strings of St. John |
| 14OCT | Brown Bag & Bible Study | 06DEC | Worship - Advent II Lessons and Carols Kindle a Flame Service and Reception 7pm |
| 18OCT | Worship Bazaar Sorting Sunday | 07DEC | UCW Potluck 6pm Candle Lighting Service 7:15pm |
| 19-23 OCT | Bazaar Preparations | 11DEC | Advent Reflections 7-9am |
| 21OCT | Brown Bag & Bible Study | 13DEC | Worship - Advent III Christmas Pageant |
| 24OCT | Bazaar 9am-1pm | 18DEC | Advent Reflections 7-9am |
| 25OCT | Worship | 20DEC | Worship - Advent IV |
| 28OCT | Brown Bag & Bible Study | 24DEC | Family Christmas Eve Service 7 pm Christmas Eve Service 11pm |
| 01NOV | Worship Seniors Fall Luncheon 11:15am | 25,26 DEC | Church closed |
| 04NOV | Brown Bag & Bible Study | 27DEC | Worship |
| 08NOV | Worship of Remembrance | 28DEC | Church closed |
| 11NOV | Church Office closed | | |
| 15NOV | Worship WUC Café 7pm | | |

Goodbye to Woodroffe United

Submitted by Iain McGilveray

It is a time of change at Woodroffe with a new minister to lead the community and, for me personally, on leaving this congregation. Despite my sadness at moving on and leaving Ottawa for the GTA after 50 years (35 years at WUC), I am glad to hand over the *Uniter* to the new Editor, Peter Morrison and wish him all success. I start by thanking all contributors who responded with many interesting articles, but particularly Jamie Hockin for formatting my crudely gathered text for 8 issues (Advent 2012 – Easter 2015). It was a rewarding experience.

Before moving, I've had to edit my files, including church activities. My first *Uniter* article, on the Biblical Garden was submitted in 1999, when Lloyd Rintoul was editor, but it was

often serving in the choir that kept me sane during my government career and thereafter. I have been a member of a number of choirs throughout these years, but will have the fondest memories of my colleagues from when I began at WUC until in June, when I sang the final *Hallelujah* assisted by Beth and Bruce. I learned much in my time, being now a medium sight reader from abysmal. I had about 6 to 8 tenor companions originally and remember them fondly. Many were the fine concerts produced in those years, notably the late Gloria Blane directed *Godspell* with the choir as the chorus. Katerina recently has directed a smaller choir in very fine Christmas concerts.

I served in the last few years with hard working committees, (Local) Outreach which serves the needy in our community servicing foodbanks weekly and providing support at Christmas and the beginning of the school year. Second is Membership Relations which, among other activities, provide both food and thought, with lunches, dinners and talks at events throughout the year. It is a very busy group!

Moving on, I am now looking to join a congregation in the Mississauga-Etobicoke area and have looked at some with interesting musical activities. As soon as I am settled I will certainly become involved as best I can.

Farewell and thank you to all of our community who have helped me in good and not so good times. The Irish seem to dominate in quoted "Goodbye" blessings and this one is apt for me.

*May you always have work for your hands to do.
May your pockets always hold a coin or two.
May the sun shine bright on your window pane.
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

[Editor's note: Iain, we all wish you the very best in your move to Mississauga, and heartily thank you for **all** your contributions around the church over so many years.]

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