

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

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April 17, 2023

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Prayers that you are well and all around you are healthy!

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will gather for the 128th stated meeting on Saturday, May 6th. This is a Zoom only meeting. Participants will have access to Zoom at 9:15 AM and the meeting will be called to order at 9:30 AM. **Participants must pre-register by Thursday, May 4th to get the Zoom link**. The registration information is on the next page.

For the purpose of this meeting, enrolled participants will be limited to presbytery minister members, Elder Commissioners, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and committee chairs. Persons who wish to observe the meeting (those ineligible to serve as commissioners) may watch the meeting on YouTube or Facebook Live.

Our scripture for worship will be centered on Psalm 23 and led by four generations of the Highsmith Family from Caswell Presbyterian Church in Atkinson (Catherine Highsmith, RE Jane Highsmith, TE Martha Highsmith, Harley Blanton, and Isla Blanton).

<u>The Packet comes in two parts:</u> the agenda packet and the General Assembly Booklet (137 pages), both are online at https://presbycc.org/calendar/packets/ You should not print the GA booklet unless you are prepared to receive 137 pages.

Eastertide Blessings,

Rev. Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Registration Information

Register by Thursday, May 4, 2023

PART 1 - Register

Ruling Elder Commissioners, CREs and Minister Members must REGISTER by Thursday, May 4, to obtain a zoom link for the meeting.

Register for this meeting by clicking here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscOCprzkqGNNFNZE fSfZEs-rYpDcylbu

After registering, your registration will be reviewed then you will receive a confirmation email containing your personalized link and information about joining the meeting. The email will be from DLS67@presbycc.org with the subject line: "Stated Presbytery Meeting (May 6, 2023) LINK & Confirmation".

NOTE: Due to the way that we conduct voting by Zoom poll, if more than one commissioner is at a computer, only one vote in that Zoom poll.

NOTE: If you join by phone only you will not be able to vote by Zoom poll.

NOTE: Persons who are not commissioners to the meeting are invited to watch the meeting in Facebook or on YouTube. The direct links for these livestreams will be found on the Presbytery's website.

PART 2 - OPTIONAL -- Give Notice If you Desire to Speak to an Item

If you wish to speak to one of the proposed amendments from the General Assembly, please let us know in advance of the meeting. Persons completing this form will be called upon first once the floor is opened for debate. Completing this form will enable us to run the meeting more smoothly since there are over 200 people in the Zoom.

Please complete this form at https://forms.gle/uqpQHv2dnwPTiWFL7 before Thursday, May 4.

Note: After the people who have requested to speak are called upon, the floor will be opened for additional persons to speak to the matter.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Proposed Agenda May 6, 2023 Presbytery Meeting

9:15 AM Zoom will be accessible for fellowship

9:30 AM Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Helane Church, Moderator
 Declaration of Quorum 	Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk
 Welcome 	Helane Church, Moderator
 Appoint Standing Committees 	Helane Church, Moderator
(Attendance, Bills and Overtures	, Thanks, and Temporary Clerks)
 Adoption of Agenda 	Tim Havlicek, Chair Cabinet
 Stated Clerk and other Reports 	Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk
9:45 AM Morning Worship	Highsmith Family from Caswell PC, Atkinson
10:15 AM Bills & Overtures Report	Barbara Hager, Committee Member
11:00 AM Attendance, New Business, other rep	orts Helane Church, Moderator
11:10 AM Thanks	Thanks Committee
11:30 AM Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Helane Church, Moderator

Stated Clerks Report May 6, 2023

 $Correspondence-{\tt none}$

Ecumenical Relations – None

Information:

Jan's Retirement

Thank you for all the notes and cards that were received upon the announcement of Jan Krause's retirement. These were shared with her at her retirement luncheon. The Personnel Committee and I are making advances in the hiring process and hope to fill this essential position quickly. Please be patient with us as we search for an Executive Administrative Assistant.

Lombard Mennonite Peace Fellowship (LMPF)

I am pleased to announce that an instructor from the LMPF will be joining us on May 11th to train pastoral voices and congregation leaders about how to address and manage congregational conflict. Elizabethtown PC will be our host for this event. The schedule for this one-day training is below. If you are interested in participating in this training, please contact De Scott in the presbytery office to register. The registration deadline is May 2nd. The Presbytery is paying for the training, participants only need to pay \$30 for the manual and an assessment tool. Space is limited. Please register ASAP.

A typical outli	ne for this workshop would be:		
9:00-10:30	Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict		
	Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict		
10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45-12:00	Self-Assessment Exercise: Understanding and Improving Your Own Style of Response to Conflict		
12:00-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-2:30	Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How to be Effective When People are Angry		
2:30-2:45	Break		
2:45-4:30	Congregational Conflict: Understanding Conflict in Groups and How to Manage It		

COASTAL CAROLINA PRESBYTERY MEETING CENTRAL COMMUNITY REPORT

May 6, 2023

SESSION RECORD REVIEW: another auditing of minutes will be in May, TBA.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP: one high school senior or a student enrolled in college or university from the five counties in the Central Community will receive \$300 to the school of their choice in June. The deadline to submit applications is May 19 by 5:00 P.M.

SUMMER GATHERING: The Steering Team plans to present a Central Community Youth Concert directed by Pam Langston, Music Director at Highland Church. Clarkton Presbyterian Church has agreed to host the Gathering on Saturday, June 3, with registration beginning at 9:30 A.M.

PASTORS SUPPORT GROUP: Bladen/Columbus pastors continue to meet the second Thursday, Cumberland's third Thursday, and Robeson's fourth Thursday. All groups meet at noon.

CENTRAL STEERING TEAM: the next meeting is Tuesday, May 23, in person, at Clarkton Church, 2:00 P.M.

Submit by Clarence G. Page

Central Mission Coordinator

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Pastors Retreat 2023

Registration is now open!

Join us at Trinity Center **August 20-22**, for a time of learning, for receiving spiritual nurture, for fellowship and fun, and maybe take a walk on the beach or go for a swim in the ocean.

The Bible and Film



Dr. Sam Adams will lead participants in exploring the different ways in which Christianity, the Bible, and film can be placed into mutually enriching conversation. How can biblical texts provide new lenses for our viewing of films? In what ways can films enrich our understanding and interpretation of Scripture? Participants will engage a variety of topics and films in the process, including actual depictions of biblical stories, Christ figures in film, monsters, the Bible and American identity in film, religious satire, and themes related to the book of Job.

Dr. Adams is the Professor of OT and Director of Community Engagement at Union Presbyterian Seminary. As an ordained PCUSA minister he has served churches in New Haven, CT; Chicago, IL; and in Richmond, VA. He is the editor of the journal, *Interpretation*. He has published books on wisdom, death and the afterlife, and the socioeconomic world of the Bible. He is active in several community initiatives in Richmond.

Monday evening will feature a *special music program* by the very talented **Karla Casteen and Vera Simpson**. Karla is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, an educator and musician/vocalist, has conducted a variety of music groups, and is Music Director at Wallace PC. Vera has played for the retreat for several years, is a graduate of East Carolina University with a Batchelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy, is a frequently called upon accompanist, and is organist/pianist at Wallace PC. They have both sung at Carnegie Hall and Karla has rung bells on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Trinity Center is a beautiful facility of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina situated on Bogue Banks between the ocean and the sound. It has motel-style rooms with one single and one double bed in each room, heat and AC, and a private bath. There are also adjacent living rooms.

Please see the registration form for more specific information.



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Pastor Retreat



Registration deadline: August 7, 2023

Arrival: 4:00-6:00p.m. on Sunday

Departure: After lunch on Tuesday (vacate room by 10:00am)

<u>Cost:</u> (includes 2 nights, 6 meals, snacks, linens and towels)

\$250.00 Single Occupancy

\$210.00 Double Occupancy (per person)

\$115.00 Commuter

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Payable in full with registration (Form on reverse side.).

<u>Payment:</u> Make checks payable to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and note Pastor Retreat in the memo line. <u>Send check and registration form to Nancy Gladden</u>, PO Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466.

<u>Cancellation Policy:</u> Presbytery policy states: "The deadline for registration and/or lunch cancellations and refund requests is five (5) business days before a Presbytery event. No refunds will be given after this time. Approved refunds will only be given to the individual or church who paid for the registration. To cancel your registration and request a refund, please send your request to the contact person listed on the registration form. This does not guarantee that a refund will be given." (Trinity Center policy will also apply. Contact Nancy Gladden with questions.)

What to Bring: Bible, journal/notebook, pen, beach towel

<u>Directions to Trinity Center:</u>

- From Hwy. 24 Follow NC 24 East through Swansboro. At the Hwy. 24 and 58 intersection, turn right onto NC 58. Cross the bridge to Emerald Isle. Continue approximately 14 miles. Trinity Center is on the left between mile markers 10 and 9 (just past the blue water tower).
- From Hwy. 70 Follow US 70 East into Morehead City. Follow signs to Atlantic Beach and cross the bridge onto Bogue Banks. Turn right at the traffic light onto Hwy. 58 (West Fort Macon Rd.) Continue approximately 7 miles. Trinity Center is on the right between mile markers 9 and 10.

<u>Questions?</u> Contact Nancy Gladden, East Community Mission Coordinator <u>nancygladden@presbycc.org</u> 910-284-0581

Make a copy of both sides of this form for your records.

The waves, the seagulls, and God's voice await you at Trinity!

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Pastor Retreat

Registration Form Deadline: August 7, 2023

Each person attending must complete a separate registration form. Please print clearly.

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Please indicat	te your lodging choice:
	Single Occupancy \$250
	Double Occupancy \$210
	Commuter \$115
	dietary or mobility needs? (Vegetarian and sugar-free choices are available.)
•	e an emergency contact (someone not on the retreat):
Phone:	Nancy Gladden 910-284-0581 Presbytery office 910-862-8300
	s payable to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Note Pastor Retreat in the memo line.
Rev. N PO Box	ancy Gladden nancygladden@presbycc.org x 717 re, NC 28466
For Presbyter	y use:
Check #	Amt Date rec'd





Discover more at www.MonroeCamp.org or Call 910-276-1654 or email Office@MonroeCamp.org





West Community Announcements

Contact Laura Lupton (LauraLupton@presbycc.org) for the application for these grants for churches in the West:

- Grant for churches for addressing Poverty (but not pass through) For Example: setting up for family promise, funding
 a community assistance fund in the church for individuals/families (Needs of Neighbors Fund) or serving meals for
 the needy in the community.
- Grant For Churches to publicize/promote their ministry. Special event mailers, online advertising, radio ads, improve live streaming tools, etc.

West Community Summer Gathering is Saturday, June 10, at Lillington Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Night at the Woodpeckers Ballgame is set for Friday, Aug 4 (For EVERYONE!)

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (SMA) Presbytery Commissioners' Report Submitted: March 23, 2023

Your Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Synod Commissioners

TE Charles "Chip" Stapleton (2025)

SMA Grants Committee

TE Cassandra "Sandy" Thomas (2024)

SMA Emerging Ideas Committee

<u>Chipstapleton@gmail.com</u> <u>chcothomas@yahoo.com</u>

The SMA Orientation, held virtually on January 30, 2023, welcomed new and returning commissioners and gave overviews of the structure, committees, and mission of the Synod. Your commissioners participated and have been assigned their Synod committees as noted above.

Synod Assembly Meetings

Both PCC synod commissioners participated in the hybrid 251st Synod of Mid-Atlantic Assembly was held March 10-11, 2023, at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA (See attached summary of highlights). One of the Assembly's topics highlighted was Matthew 25 and poverty, included sharing activities within each Presbytery in response to the Matthew 25 Initiative. [Synod Commissioners were asked to report by March 3, 2023, how our churches/presbytery are doing God's reconciling work by engaging in the Matthew 25 Initiative. Please see attached flyer and information below of one of our Presbytery Matthew 25 event that we shared].

The next Synod Assembly meeting is scheduled for September 10-12, 2023.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina engaging the Matthew 25 Initiative

Thank you to the following Matthew 25 churches as identified by the Presbyterian Mission Agency website:

- Bethany (Wilmington or Lumberton),
- Brownson Memorial (Southern Pines),
- First Jacksonville,
- Haymount,
- Southport,
- Trinity (Laurinburg).

We shared with the synod a bi-lingual Matthew 25 event sponsored by Primera Iglesia Presbyteriana de Fayetteville (First [Hispanic] Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville) for youth on April 22, 2023. This event's theme, "When did we see you? Matthew 25:31-46", was the same that was planned for the 2022 Presbyterian Youth Triennium that was cancelled due to Covid. This event was open to everyone, particularly youth, even if the church didn't have an active youth group. Workshop leaders came from Fayetteville Technical Community College, a psychologist, and our own Presbytery Youth Council.

We encourage churches to sign up, and be recognized by the denomination, as Matthew 25 churches using the PMA link: Presbyterian Mission Agency Become a Matthew 25 church | Matthew 25 in the PC(USA): Join the Movement | Presbyterian Mission Agency. We will be actively assisting our churches in learning more about how they are Matthew 25 churches and how to recognized at synod and denominational levels.

Coastal Carolina Presbytery can sign up as a denominational Matthew 25 Mid-Council by encouraging 20% or more of our churches to become Matthew 25 churches. Presbyterian Mission Agency Become a Matthew 25 Presbytery or Synod | Matthew 25 in the PC(USA): Join the Movement | Presbyterian Mission Agency

Faithful Service

A special thank you for faithful commitment to RE Luis E. Nino, who rotated off the SOMA Council and its Grants Committee at the end of 2022.

The following, within our Presbytery, are currently serving on Synod Committees:

- TE Cassandra Thomas, Emerging Ideas, Co-Chair, and Executive Committee
- TE Chip Stapleton, Grants
- QRE Teresa Page, Jubilee
- CRE George Wilson, Nominating
- TE William (Bill) Reinhold, Permanent Judiciary
- TE Jerrod Lowry, EP/Stated Clerk, on Synod Mid-Council

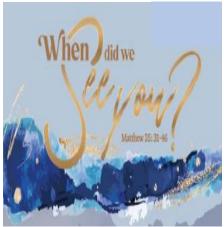
Respectfully submitted,

Chip Stapleton and Cassandra Thomas
PCC Commissioners to the Synod of Mid-Atlantic

Attachment(s):

- 1. April 22, 2023, Matthew 25 Flyer from Primera Iglesia Presbyteriana de Fayetteville
- 2. 251st Synod of Mid-Atlantic Assembly Summary









Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (SOMA) Coastal Carolina Presbytery Commissioners' Matthew 25 Short Story March 10, 2023

TE Charles "Chip" Stapleton

SOMA Grants Committee

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TE Cassandra "Sandy" Thomas

SOMA Emerging Ideas Committee

chcothomas@yahoo.com

A bi-lingual Matthew 25 event sponsored by Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Fayetteville (First [Hispanic] Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville) will be for youth on April 22, 2023. [The event's theme "When did we see you? Matthew 25:31-46" is the COVID-19 cancelled 2022 Presbyterian Youth Triennium theme. Presbytery youth groups were encouraged to carry the theme to their presbyteries and churches to discern ways to see Jesus in meeting the needs of the community.] This event is opened to everyone, particularly youth, even if the church doesn't have an active youth group at this time. Workshop leaders will come from Fayetteville Technical Community College Health Allied programs, a psychologist, and our Presbytery Youth Council. The workshops are meant to be an encouragement for the youth to continue their studies that will help them serve our God, our community, and our nation.

POCs:

Ms. Jerusalen Martinez Zarco. Coastal Carolina Presbytery Youth Ministry Coordinator and Lead for the Presbytery Youth Council. presbyccyouth@gmail.com

Commissioned Ruling Elder Trinidad Martinez. Pastor, Primara Iglesia Presbiteriana de Fayetteville. <u>trinidad@galatiachurch.org</u>

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE Report to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina May 6, 2023

The members of the Coastal Carolina Presbytery Committee on Bills and Overtures met in January with General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Jerrod Lowry to review the Book of Constitutional Amendments, having already studied and worked to understand the 33 proposed amendments, the rationale for each one, and how each one would fit into or affect existing constitutional provisions. The following chart tracks each amendment in the order in which it appears in the constitution, identifies the topic, provides a brief description of the amendment, and indicates the committee's recommended action.

PLEASE NOTE: The proposed amendments were approved by the 222nd PC(USA) General Assembly and referred to the presbyteries for advice and consent. The presbyteries may not amend the proposed language. We may only give our response, either AFFIRMATIVE or NEGATIVE, to each one. Any of the proposed amendments may be lifted from this report for questions, discussion, and debate. The Committee on Bills and Overtures MOVES the recommended actions on the amendments.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee, Charles Elliott, Chair

NUMBER	Book of Order REFERENCE	TOPIC AND DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	PROPOSED ACTION
		FOUNDATIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN POLITY2	
22-A	F-1.0302c	THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH: Expands the	YES
		inclusive language with reference to gender identity and ability.	
22-B	F-1.0404	OPENNESS: Expands the inclusive language with	YES
		reference to gender identity and ability.	
		FORM OF GOVERNMENT17	
22-C	G-1.0501	MEETINGS: Establishes Robert's Rules of Order as the	YES
		default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings unless other parliamentary provisions have	
		been established. Also authorizes electronic	
		congregational meetings.	
22-D	G-1.0503	BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL	YES
		MEETINGS: Would add receiving a disciplinary	
		decision against a church member (as opposed to a	
		minister) to the list of business appropriate for a	
22-E	G-2.0503	congregational meeting. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP: Would remove the	YES
22-15	G-2.0303	term "honorably" before "retired" as the category for	1123
		retired ministers.	
22-F	G-2.0505a (1)	TRANSFER OF MINISTERS FROM OTHER	YES
		DENOMINATIONS: Adds the requirement that a	
		presbytery is required to consult with the other	
		denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without	
		otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational	
		requirements.	

22-G	G-2.0603	<u>PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:</u> Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament.	YES
22-Н	G-2.0605	OVERSIGHT: Adds a requirement for sessions to "report to the presbytery any matters of sexual misconduct" by their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates.	YES
22-I	G-2.0804	TERMS OF CALL: Would add the requirement of a minimum of 12 weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors. (NOTE: PCC already requires 8 weeks.)	YES
22-J	G-2.1001	FUNCTIONS: Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time.	YES
22-K	G-2.1002	TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING: Adds the requirement of boundary training for elders seeking to become Commissioned Pastors.	YES
22-L	G-2.1103	CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: Adds the requirement of boundary training for persons seeking to become Christian Educators.	YES
22-M	G-3.0104	OFFICERS: Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings.	YES
22-N	G-3.0105	MEETINGS: Adds a provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically.	YES
22-O	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION: Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse, to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils.	YES
22-P	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION: Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list.	YES
22-Q	G-3.0303c	RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS: Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call.	NO
22-R	G-3.0401	COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in elected offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation.	YES
22-S	G-4.0301	TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY: Expands and clarifies "confidentiality" requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors.	NO
22-T	W-3.0205	CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship.	YES

22-U	W-3.0409	THEOLOGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Adds "when	YES
		appropriate" to the recommended act of providing an	
		invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to	
		the Lord's Table and are unbaptized.	
22-V	W-3.0414	COMMUNION: Removes the current requirement that	YES
		a minister of the Word and sacrament lead the prayer of	
		thanksgiving that concludes the Lord's Supper liturgy.	
22-W	W-4.0403	ORDER OF WORSHIP: Adds a sentence about "signs	YES
		and symbols of blessing" to the section on services of	
		ordination and installation.	
22-X	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP: Adds a sentence on the	YES
		importance of household worship in faith formation in	
		the Reformed tradition.	
22-Y	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP: Adds a new paragraph on	YES
		the importance of mealtime prayers to the existing	
		section on household worship.	
22-Z	W-5.0201	THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE	YES
	W 5.0201	COMMUNITY OF FAITH: Adds "discipleship" to a list	125
		of the Church's ministries that are connected to its	
		worship, and adds references to statements in the	
		Foundations of Presbyterian Polity.	
22-AA	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE: Adds "particular specialized	YES
22 1111	W 5.0201	pastoral care" rather than adding to an existing list of	1 LO
		such specialties.	
22-BB	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE: Adds clarifying language in a	YES
22 00	W 5.0204	section on "services of wholeness" to express more	1 LS
		clearly a Reformed understanding of those services.	
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		RULES OF DISCIPLINE5	
22-CC	D-3.0106	WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS: Allows disciplinary	YES
		process to continue after an accused has renounced	
		jurisdiction.	
22-DD	D-10.0302	IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED: Grammatical	YES
		change to an existing provision of the Rules of	
		Discipline.	
22-EE	D-10.0303	PETITIONS FOR REVIEW: Amends the current Rules	YES
		of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if	
		no charges will be filed (instead of notifying only the	
		person(s) making the accusation.	
22-FF		AMENDING THE USE OF THE TERM "THE	YES
		ACCUSED" IN THE CURRENT RULES OF	
		DISCIPLINE: Changes "the accused" to "the person	
		accused" wherever it occurs in the current Rules of	
		Discipline.	
22-GG		REPLACES CURRENT "RULES OF DISCIPLINE"	YES
		WITH A NEW "CHURCH DISCIPLINE" SECTION:	
		Proposes a total revision of the Rules of Discipline to	
		make the disciplinary process clearer and more	
		accessible, to incorporate authoritative interpretations,	
		and to honor social, ethical, and legal standards.	
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