

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON  
OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES**



Newsletter

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**July 13, 2019**

**Feast Day Celebration of  
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,  
Patroness of the Environment**



**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

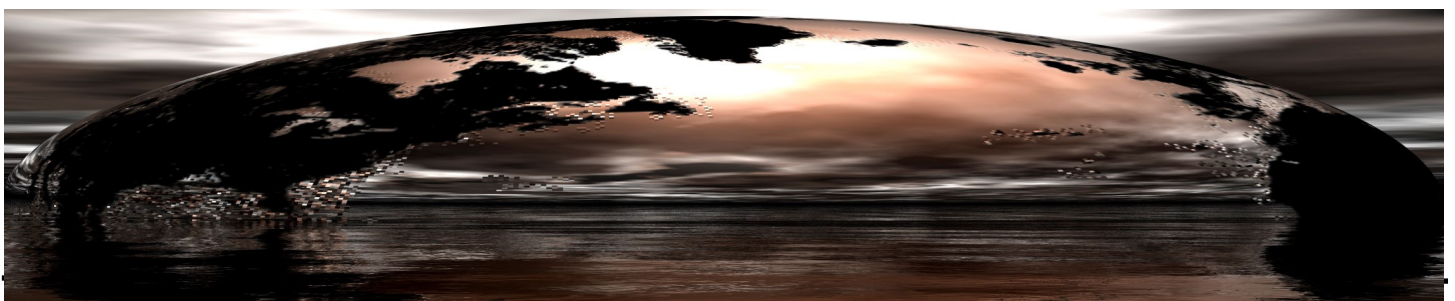
**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church - Lower Church**

**3710 Augusta Road**

**Greenville, SC 29605**

All are invited to us as we celebrate the feast day of our Patroness of the Environment, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. The life of St. Kateri encourages us to care for our common home. In honor of her feast day, our program will focus on prayer and discussion on the challenges we face in caring for God's creation. Deacon Dexter Gourdin and Sister Roberta Fulton, SSMN, will lead our prayer service followed by lunch and an afternoon program. Music will be performed by Cathy Nelson and the Keepers of the Word Drum Team. Our afternoon speaker, Sr. Roberta Fulton will present and lead a discussion on the *Encyclical Letter, Laudato Si' of the Holy Father, Francis, on Care for our Common Home*. A photographic collection, "Caring for God's Creation" by Melanie "Creeping Fox" Riddle will be on display. Attendees will have the opportunity to take home exhibit pieces donated by the artist. You must be present to win. Storyteller Victoria "Yellow Rose" Norris will entertain with a story honoring the occasion. Father Dwight Longenecker will receive a special recognition for his contribution to the legacy of our celebrated Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

There is no charge for the event, however you must RSVP no later than July 3, 2019. Registration link : <https://kateritekakwithafeastday2019.eventbrite.com>



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*Growing with the Saints*  
Incorporated

**PLANT THE SEEDS... WATCH US GROW!!!**

**CATHOLIC KIDZ CAMP**

**TOTALLY CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**CHOOSE A PROGRAM BELOW**

**IMPRIMATUR!**

<https://www.growingwiththesaints.com/>

**Archbishop Lyke Conference**  
*Meeting the Liturgical Needs of the Black Catholic Community*



**SAVE THE DATE July 2-6, 2019**  
**ARCHBISHOP JAMES PATTERSON LYKE CONFERENCE**  
**RIVERS MUSIC INSTITUTE**  
**"EVERY KNEE SHALL BEND: Reconciliation Black and Catholic"**

Meeting the Liturgical Needs of the Black Catholic Community

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  
National Harbor, MD  
On the Potomac River across from Washington, DC.

Provides a culturally rich atmosphere encompassing music, art, ritual, along with other activities and experiences that will inspire and enable participants to enrich worship services in their own parishes.

Teaches, trains, and forms liturgical ministers.

Develops and inspires our youth spiritually and culturally to recognize and share their giftedness and to share their time and talents in fostering Christian values.

FOR MORE INFO:  
[lykeconference.com](http://lykeconference.com)

**Youth Track**

**Musicians**  
**Altar Servers**  
**Ministers of the Word**  
**Priests**  
**Deacons and their Wives**  
**Choirs**  
**Seminarians**  
**Instrumental Track**  
**Sacristans**  
**Wedding Coordinators**  
**Dance**  
**Ministers of Hospitality**

For more information: <http://www.lykeconference.com>



## College Scholarship Funds

Thanks to a very generous benefactor, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions has established sizable scholarship endowment funds at four universities around the country to help Native American students pursue an education.

Further information is available from the admissions offices of each school; please mention the scholarship funds established by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

The Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.)  
(800) 673-2772

Xavier University of New Orleans  
(877) XAVIER-U

Heritage University (Topennish, Washington)  
(509) 865-8508

Wyoming Catholic College (Lander, Wyoming)  
(877) 332-2930

## 2019 Annual Tekakwitha Conference

July 17-21, 2019  
Sharonville, Ohio  
Sharonville Convention  
11355 Chester Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45246

For more information on the Conference go to:

<https://tekconf.org/conferences>



12 Ways to Enrich Kids' Appreciation of Asian-Pacific American Culture:

<https://www2.ed.gov/free/features/asian-pacific-heritage.html>



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The National Black Catholic Congress, Inc.

The Daniel Rudd Fund

**The 2019 Daniel Rudd Fund Grant Cycle  
will open on July 1, 2019 at 8:00 AM EDT**

The closing date is September 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM EDT



## The Daniel Rudd Fund (DRF)

Established by the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) in 2013 as a result of donations to the Congress to promote the ministry of Black Catholics, the Fund financially supports organizations that promote the NBCC Pastoral Plan and leadership among African American Catholics. The goal is to assist new and existing organizations that need financial help to further promote the Gospel in their parishes, schools and communities.

In its initial year, 2014, the Fund granted \$95,000 to 12 organizations throughout the nation; the following year (2015) resulted in 27 awarded grants equaling \$95,000. During the 2016 Grant Cycle, 40 grants were awarded totalling \$62,500.

The grant process is conducted entirely on-line. You must be able to provide information about your organization: founding date, the committee chairs or officers; history; mission; and information about the program for which you are applying for funding, such as scope and budget. Only applications submitted through the online grant system prior to this date and time will be considered for funding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION/APPLICATION VISIT: <https://www.nbcccongress.org/daniel-rudd-fund.html>

## 16th National Black Catholic Men's Conference



**October 10-13, 2019  
Los Angeles, CA**

**REGISTER AT:**  
[www.bowmanfrancismistry.com](http://www.bowmanfrancismistry.com)  
Adults: \$150.00  
College Students \$75.00  
Youth Ages 10-17 \$65.00  
  
Mail Registration Payment to:  
Bowman Francis Ministry Project  
Rev. Chester P. Smith, SVD  
8681 Jaffa Court East Drive  
Apt 31  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260-5327

**HOTEL**  
Los Angeles Airport Marriott  
5855 West Century Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
  
Reservations: at 1-800-228-0290 or 310-641-5700  
(ask for National Black Catholic Men's Conference Rate)  
Room Rate: \$129.00 (Single & Double)  
Plus Taxes

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## FAQs

### May married men be ordained deacons?

Yes. The Second Vatican Council decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to "mature married men," later clarified to mean men over the age of 35. It is the expectation that while a married man may be ordained, if his wife should die, may not marry again without special permission. A single man must be committed to celibacy subsequent to ordination.

### Does my wife need to accompany me to class, workshops, etc?

A man entering into this program must have the full support of his spouse each step of the way.

Wives are required to attend all the classes during the 9-month discernment program. During the formation process, wives are encouraged to attend the classes at any time, but need to attend at least four classes each year.

If space permits, we invite wives to also pursue a Master's degree along with their husbands. Wives who choose to take classes for a degree will be responsible for paying full tuition, with a 10% diocesan discount.

### Is there tuition?

The tuition for each man in formation is paid in three parts:

- 1/3 is paid by the diocese
- 1/3 by the parish
- 1/3 by the man in formation

For current tuition rates, visit [www.charlestondiocese.org/diaconate](http://www.charlestondiocese.org/diaconate).

If an individual is unable to meet the financial requirements, he may speak with the Director to determine what accommodations can be made.

### Is a deacon ordained for the parish or the diocese?

Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. However, this assignment may be changed at the request of the deacon or the initiative of the bishop.



## THINK YOU MAY HAVE A CALLING?

Applications are open January through June, every other year. The diocese will sponsor information sessions to help you learn more about the diaconate and discern further.

Talk to your pastor or visit our website at [www.charlestondiocese.org/diaconate](http://www.charlestondiocese.org/diaconate) to learn more and see if the permanent diaconate is right for you.

### CATHOLIC DIOCESE of CHARLESTON

Office of the Diaconate  
901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407  
843-261-0536 • [www.charlestondiocese.org/diaconate](http://www.charlestondiocese.org/diaconate)

## ARE YOU CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

**XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
INSTITUTE FOR BLACK  
CATHOLIC STUDIES**

**2019  
Summer Schedule**

guide students to plan wreath blessings, candle lighting rituals and other services to prepare their congregations to celebrate Christmas and Kwanzaa. **Rawn Harbor, MTS**

**2019 Degree Course Offerings**

**JULY 1 - JULY 19, 2019**

**IBTH 5010 Black Approaches to Theology.** Stresses the nature, methods and sources of Black Theology, the reasons justifying its existence and its relationship to other theologies within the Roman Catholic Tradition. (Required for all new students). (3 units) **Modeste Malu Nyimi, PhD**

**IBTH 5020 History of Black Catholicism.** Explores the role played by Blacks in Catholicism from the beginning of the Church, with special emphasis on the presence and contributions of Blacks to Roman Catholicism in the United States. (3 units) **Cecilia Moore, PhD**

**IBTH 5440 The Spirituals.** Studies a broad range of the black sacred songs known as the "spirituals." Focus is placed on their origins, meanings, and purposes. Emphasis is also given to their importance in the foundation of African American culture and Christianity, and their possible uses in worship and pastoral ministry. (3 units) **Rev. Dwight Webster, PhD**

**IBTH 5030 Black Approaches to Scripture.** Black history, culture, and experience are presented as a locus for responding to the Word of Scripture—Methods and tools of biblical exegesis are introduced, similarities between biblical mentality and Black mentality, and problem texts are also discussed. Core Course. (3 units) **Gilberto Ruiz, PhD**

**IBTH 5425 Slave Narratives.** The course traces the themes of transcendence, self-determination and cultural transmissions outside the ordinary avenues of traditional culture. From classic slave narratives to more recent manifestations of African American imaginative work, there is an unbroken thread of cultural awareness and human dignity that guides the understanding of African American culture and religious sensibilities. (3 units) **Ernest Gibson, PhD**

**IBTH 5997 Integrative Colloquium.** Students learn to enter more deeply into a way of thinking, reflecting, conversing, and writing about questions and issues that emerge from their ministry and ministerial research. They are assisted to meet the goal of preparing successful drafts of (a) the major theological research paper and (b) the practicum proposal. (2 units) **Albertine Walker-Hughes, PhD**

**IBTH 5999 Qualifying Examination.** (0 units) Schedule TBD

**IBTH 6000 Practicum.** (6 units) Schedule TBD

**IBTH 7000 Comprehensive.** (0 units) Schedule TBD

Xavier University of Louisiana  
Institute for Black Catholic Studies  
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(504) 520-7691 | Email: [IBC@xula.edu](mailto:IBC@xula.edu)

**Master of Theology Degree Program**  
Associate Director  
**Kirk P. Gaddy, Ed.D.**

The Master of Theology Program (Th.M.) is the only holistic graduate theology program in pastoral ministry taught from a Black Catholic perspective in the USA. The Th.M. degree offers academic courses that focus on Black approaches, critiques, and contributions to systematic and pastoral theologies, preaching, youth and pastoral ministry, aesthetics, philosophy, education and catechetics. The Th.M. program prepares those students who seek a holistic, interdisciplinary Black Catholic theological program to serve as theologically and competently ordained, religious, or lay ecclesial ministers in the Black community. The Th.M. degree programs also serve as a reservoir for graduate students and ministers who desire to expand, enhance and enrich their general theological studies by exploring the Catholic theological tradition and its particular meaning for social and spiritual experiences of Black people in the U.S. and the broader Pan African world.

**2019 C&E Course Offerings**  
Sis. Dr. Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, DMin

The Continuing Education and Enrichment Programs (C&E) provide ongoing education and formation for laywomen and men as well as pastoral ministers. The areas of study center on the development of the whole person: spiritually, psychologically and emotionally. By offering 1-week courses, the C&E Programs help participants explore new ministry interests; learn new skills; or engage in reflection on life's realities. The C&E Programs offer a unique opportunity for individuals to grow in their understanding of Black Catholicism and its impact, not only on the wider Church, but also on themselves.

**WEEK 1: JULY 1 - JULY 5, 2019**

**Pastoring in the Black Catholic Community.** This course explores Black identity from historical, pastoral and individual viewpoints as a preparation for more effective ministry in the Black community. **Rev. Manuel Williams, CR, MDiv, THM, Rev. Gerard Morsable, THM, Rev. Kwame Asseniyoh, PhD Cand.**

**Catholic Formation in the Black Community.** This course will examine the roots, culture and learning styles of Black children and provides methodologies for creating a culturally inclusive Catholic school and/or catechetical curriculum. **Kirk Gaddy, EdD**

**Black Identity: Mind, Body and Soul.** Being Black in America has a significant effect on African Americans. This course will explore the facets of identity development while building a strategy for being a psychologically healthy African American. **Brian Turner, PhD**

**Black Millennials, God and Politics.** Millennials have their own way of engaging with peers and the world around them. This course explores how Black Millennials socially identify themselves, manifest their relationship with God and how their politics influence their interaction with the Church. **Heather Malveaux, MPH, MPS**

**My Story, Your Story.** This course demonstrates the effectiveness of story telling in catechesis to address racism in the world and the Church. Stories focused on experience, traditions and culture can help each person find and use his or her voice to connect with others, and participate in building God's kingdom. **Timone Davis, DMin**

**WEEK 2: JULY 8 - JULY 12, 2019**

**The Elders Retreat: Renewed, Revived, Ready.** Elders (age 50+) are invited to a week of prayer, reflection, discussion, recreation, and renewal. Come celebrate the legacy of elders in the Black Catholic community. Let the Spirit revive, renew, and keep you ready to share the wisdom that continues to sustain our community. **Chaplain Thomas Lucas**

**Black Liberation Theology.** What is Black Theology and why did it emerge in the late 1960s? How does BLT differ from other theologies, historical and contemporary? What are the sources and norms for BLT and what is its methodology and spirituality? What is its relevance for today for Black and all Christianity? **Diana Hayes, PhD**

**A Well-Seasoned Faith.** Black Catholic spirituality and culture can be seen in 2nd line culture, Black Masking Indians, funeral processions, music, food and more! We will identify ways these expressions of faith and culture are threatened in the "new" Post Katrina New Orleans, and hear ways people of faith can respond. **Ansel Augustine, DMin**

**African American Spirituality.** This exploration of African American spirituality begins with its origin during slavery through its evolution during the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movements. We will follow the manifestations of the spirituality in music and in the Black Church both Catholic and Protestant alike. **Carey Dabney, PhD Cand.**

**Black Religion and the Arts.** Black experience, theology and movements for liberation find expression through music, movement, spoken and written word as well as visual and performance art forms. In this course we will explore historic and contemporary Black religion through its formal and informal cultural production. **Kim Harris, PhD**

**WEEK 3: JULY 15 - JULY 19, 2019**

**Development of Nonprofit Organizations.** Faith based organizations depend on the philanthropy of supporters. We will explore fundamental principles of philanthropy as well as Christian themes that can inform efforts to support our ministries. We will also examine practical ways to implement these principles and themes. **Manuel Williams, CR, THM**

**Vacation Bible School for Adults.** Bring Your Bible and your favorite Bible Story to rediscover the unending Story of God's love and plan for us. Through prayer, story, song and other activities we will go on vacation to reconnect with the One and The Way who can help us find our way through this broken world. **Theresa Wilson-Favors, MA**

**Christology.** Who do you say that I am? What is the significance of Jesus Christ for African American Christians today? We will learn about the Christ that helped those enslaved to persevere, former slaves to survive, and Black Christians today to thrive by using the resources we control to protect our freedom and stability without excluding or demeaning others. **Diana Hayes, PhD**

**Black Solidarity and Catholic Social Teaching.** "What is my responsibility to others?" This question will guide this class. We will explore Catholic Social Teaching and the example of Black social leaders to discern how to use the resources we control to protect our freedom and stability without excluding or demeaning others. **Carey Dabney, PhD Cand.**

**Intergenerational Catechesis.** Our communal heritage reveals the importance of young and old gathering to hear stories that informed the meaning and direction of their lives. Storytelling in catechesis is a call to "Ubuntu: I Am Because You Are" We will examine ways it can lead us, personally and communally, to ongoing transformation. **Timone Davis, DMin**

**The Season of ADVENT - Cycle A.** The four virtues highlighted during Advent (hope, peace, joy and expectation) have cultural implications and justice imperatives that should not be ignored. They will

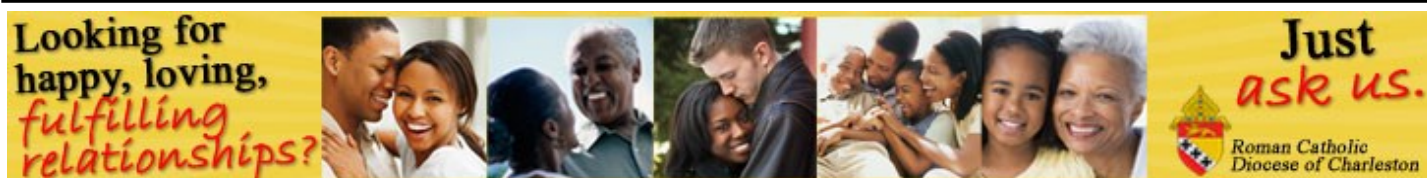


**What We Have Seen and Heard : A Reflection and Dialogue on Peace. A Parish , School, and Community Event.**

This is a gathering in response to the recent racial turmoil in our country that has put a spotlight on the “racial divide” that exists in American. This interactive experience is being facilitated by Kathleen Merritt and the staff with the Office of Ethnic Ministries. The dialogue will focus on a pastoral letter written by Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Ill.—The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015.



If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings in your parish, please contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries and we will bring the program to you. Over 800 Catholics in the Diocese of Charleston has participated. Peace begins with you and me!



Tune in to “A Ministry Moment” every Monday Morning at 7:10 a.m. in the upstate on radio channel 107.3 FM. During the Tom Joyner in the Morning Show. Or follow us on the web at **<http://sccatholic.org/ministry-moment>**.

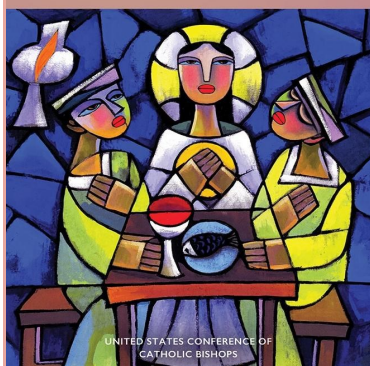


**A Ministry Moment 's Happy Mothers' Day!**  
 Mothers Day is Every Day... Females Give Life!

<https://youtu.be/dgyCzUOOTXI>

**Encountering Christ in Harmony**

A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters



**Encountering Christ in Harmony - A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops during its Plenary Assembly in June 2018, approved as a formal statement,

**[Encountering Christ in Harmony: A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters.](#)**

"The goal of this response is to make Asian and Pacific Island Catholics feel at home, both in the Church and in the United States, while being able to preserve the richness of the spiritual and cultural backgrounds that they bring as contributing member of the Body of Christ. Our hope is that it will be utilized by Catholic dioceses, parishes, and small faith communities in the United States to develop their own plans of action and pastoral outreach to Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States." Order your personal copy today at USCCB's [online store](#), call 1-800-235-8722, or email [css@usccb.org](mailto:css@usccb.org). Remember to use product code number 7-576 when placing your order.



# Photo Gallery



**Installation of Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. May 21, 2019**

Photo courtesy of Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN



**API Marian Pilgrimage 2019:** Asian and Pacific Islander Catholics gathered at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Washington DC to honor Mary, our Mother, on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at (8 photos)

Photo courtesy of APCN Facebook



**Our Lady of La Vang Celebration 2019:**

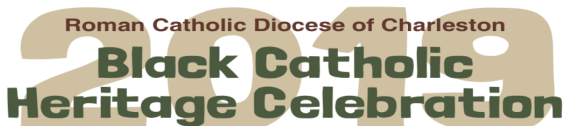
Caption: Vietnamese Catholics in the Diocese of Charleston gathered at Our Lady of La Vang Quasi-Parish in Greer SC to honor Mary, our Mother, on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 (9 photos)  
Photo courtesy of Trung Le & Michael Tran



## “An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston”

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“An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston”. Tune in for Singing, storytelling and a Christmas message from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston. Fr. Jay Scott Newman and Fr. Michael Okere will also join us and share the good news. Our cooking segment, “Sister Act 2 in the Kitchen”, with Sr. Pamela Smith and Sr. Roberta Fulton will provide you with two delicious and easy one pot recipes. Fr. Patrick Tuttle OFM, will share our traditional Christmas Story, “If I Were a Goose”. The St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir will perform a special Christmas song. And Karl Rogozenski, Regional Coordinator for Upstate Catholic Charities, will walk us through a segment of “Catholics in Action”. Our Co-hosts are Lillie Golden and Ted Phaeton.



<https://youtu.be/DaJkJnGCCbl>

Holy Trinity Catholic Church | 2202 Riverbank Drive | Orangeburg, SC 29118  
Friday, February 1, 2019 from 6:30–10 PM  
Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 10 AM–4 PM

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<http://sccatholic.org/ministry-moment>



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<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofCharlestonAsianMinistry>

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