

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)**

**“A Future With Hope”**



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.**

**VISION**

**A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God's love throughout the world.**

**BELIEFS**

**We believe all are created in the image of God. We believe God loves everyone and through Christ saves-revives-renews the world. We believe God through the Holy Spirit changes lives. We believe the church is the body of Christ with a mission. We believe the Bible is the word of God. We believe that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God. We believe discipleship is a continuing journey.**

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

October 13, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

†GATHERING HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father (141 UMH)*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Scarbrough

Leader: You are a God who is able to make all things right and justice.

**People: This, we believe.**

Leader: You are a God who loves us from cradle to grave and beyond.

**People: This, we believe.**

Leader: You are a God who is calling us to be agents of change in this world.

**People: This, we believe.**

Leader: You are a God who will be with us as we advocate for the most vulnerable.

**People: This, we believe.**

Leader: You call us to pray with our hands, our mouths, and our feet.

**People: This, we believe.**

Leader: You are calling us to create a just world for all of your children.

**People: This, we believe.**

Leader: You have given us all that we need to fight for a better, safer tomorrow for children, and families of all races, religions, and socio-economic status.

**People: This, we believe.**

**All: Let us worship God who creates, cares, and loves. Let us worship on this Children's Sabbath Day.**

MORNING PRAYER

Vanessa Williford

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me... W. Bradbury*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Cassidy Carpenter

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11

Mark 10:17-31

Gloria McFadden

Patrice Blackman

SERMONIC SELECTION

*Ev'ry Time I Feel de Spirit....arr. H. T. Burleigh*  
Amarantha Flachs Hernandez (soprano)

SERMON

**"A Future With Hope"**

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

Senior Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Somebody Prayed for Me (505 AAHH)*

A BLESSING FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Asbury Prayer Ministry

INVITATION TO GIVE

Ruth Scarbrough

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*You Are My All in All...D. Jernigan/arr. Gerou & Labenske  
Cameron Carrington & Everett Williams, Jr. (piano duet)*

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†SENDING HYMN

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (277 UMH)*

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

POSTLUDE

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us...W. Bradbury*

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

*Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.*

*Music: Asbury Ensemble*

*Liturgists: Patrice Blackman, Gloria McFadden, Ruth Scarbrough, Vanessa Williford*

*Trustee On Duty: Ronald Anderson*

### **A BLESSING FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Leader: Lord, today we thank you for children, all the children of the world, the big ones, the little ones, the friendly ones, and the surly ones.

**People: Lord, we will gather the children and love them.**

Leader: Lord, we pray especially for children who are hungry, thirsty, unwanted, unloved, abused, or abandoned. We praise you for foster and adoptive families, for grandparents and cousins and uncles and aunts and churches that open their hearts and doors. We pray for children who have no one to take care of them and for the ones outside our sanctuary doors who are riding their bikes or playing on Sunday mornings because we have never invited them in. Lord, forgive us and prick our consciousness so we see and hear them more clearly.

**People: Lord, we will gather the children and love them.**

Leader: Lord, we pray for peace, and we ask that you give us the will to study war no more. We pray that every child will be anxiously anticipated and warmly welcomed as you intended. When we hear the laughter of happy children, we know you are pleased.

**People: Lord, we will gather the children and love them.**

**ALL: We praise you for \_\_\_\_\_ (name aloud any child that you know, including those of your own generation). Today we will all be great through serving the children.**

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Cynthia A. Bond Hopson, Ph.D., is Assistant General Secretary of the Black College Fund and Ethnic Concerns for the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and author of *Bad Hair Days, Rainy Days and Mondays*. This litany is from the *Africana Worship Book for Year B*. It is used with permission of Discipleship Resources.

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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Thursday, October 17, 2024

### Sunday, October 13, 2024

- 8:00 am—DC BID Community Outreach, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Room 208
- 9:00 am—Adult Sunday School, Library
- 10:00 am — Worship Service (in-person and online via Livestream, [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955, Passcode: 123456
- 4:00 pm—Bishop Easterling's Celebration, Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146

### Monday, October 14, 2024

#### Building Opened—Columbus Day

#### 3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

- 7:00 pm—Contagious Faith with Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-9205-2138, Passcode: 906025

### Tuesday, October 15, 2024

- 9:00 am—Faithful & Inclusive with Rev. James Shopshire, PhD, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 850-2943-2696, Passcode: 919397
- 11:00 am—Office Weekly Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 7:00 pm—Faithful & Inclusive with Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 850-2943-2696, Passcode: 919397

### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

- 8:00 am—Contagious Faith with Carol Travis, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-9205-2138, Passcode: 906025
- 12:00 pm—Wednesday Prayer Line, Dial-In: 717-908-1986, Passcode 933092#
- 6:00 pm—Contagious Faith with Min. Christian Watkins, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-9205-2138, Passcode: 906025
- 7:00 pm—Finance Committee Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 879 4074 8235 , Passcode: 543758
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- 7:00 pm—Annual Church Conference, Zoom Meeting ID: 812-149-3632, Passcode: none required

### Friday, October 18, 2024

### Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 11:00 am—Toiletries/Undergarment Set-Up, Fellowship Hall, OSH
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## From The Senior Pastor's Desk

### October 2024

**Word for the Month:** WITNESS

**Scripture of the Month:** Book of James

**Thought for the Month:** Change your church culture. Create an outwardly focused environment where hospitality and invitation happen Sunday and every day of the week. This book offers five steps to help congregations go public with their faith—from service projects to sharing the faith with persons who want to know more about Christ and the church. This book offers tactics to increase individual and church competency with relational evangelism with friends, neighbors, and even strangers. Learn how to start up a conversation, follow up with contacts, and navigate unfamiliar settings. Learn what works and what doesn't.

We may think that just because we invite someone on our church property, they'll come back. Often we don't reach out to help people cross the faith line, because we're uncomfortable with "evangelism" or just plain scared. Gain the confidence to share the good news boldly. After all, we know the name of the One who loves us all and who holds all power over heaven and earth.

**Emphasis for the Month:** EVANGELISM

**Pastor's Book of the Month:** *Get Their Name: Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships* by Bob Farr, Doug Anderson, and Kay Kotan.



Asbury United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.



**Monday thru Thursday** 8:00 am — 3:00 pm

**Friday** 8:00 am — 1:00 pm (**Office Closed**)

## Parking Instructions

### Monday—Friday

Asburyans and guests, on church business, should park in the parking garage and bring the printed parking ticket with them to be validated in the church office. Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). Drivers will scan the front of the ticket (invoice) and then scan the back (the payment). Push the call button if you have any issues and the LAZ Garage Staff will assist you.

### Saturday & Sunday

Parking is available on Saturday and Sunday until 4 pm (unless otherwise noted). Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). The church provides parking passes (half sheet paper passes) to use as you exit the garage. **You must give the parking attendant your printed ticket and the parking pass.**



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# ONLINE

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STREAMING HD**

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Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

**You Tube**

[www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel](http://www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel)

**f LIVE**

[www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/](http://www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/)

**zoom**

Dial-In: (301) 715-8592  
Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955#  
Password: 123456#



## WAYS TO GIVE

you can conveniently give this week  
in the following ways:



**IN PERSON**

use an envelope  
or write a check



**ONLINE**

visit our website  
[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
Click GIVE button



**TEXT**

text "GIVE"  
to (202)952-9309



**MAIL**

send check to  
Asbury UMC  
926 11th St NW  
Washington, DC 20001





## Adult Sunday School

Adult Members and Friends! Are you looking for a new avenue of spiritual enrichment, refocus or additional clarity? Come, join us at Asbury for Sunday School. We have just begun our 2024 Fall series and discussions have been enlightening and uplifting. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church library.

For more information, contact Patrice Blackman, [patriceghb@gmail.com](mailto:patriceghb@gmail.com) or 301-922-9020.

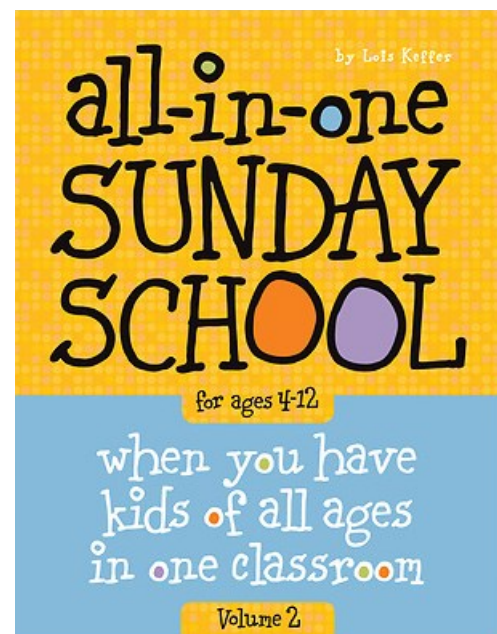
## All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



# Celebration Service

## Sunday, October 13, 2024



### **WE COME WITH JOY...**

*Members from throughout the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area will gather on Sunday, October 13, for a celebration service to welcome Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling back to the Area and celebrate her historic assignment as our episcopal leader for the next quadrennium.*

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>VENUE:</b>
OCT. 13	4 P.M.	SEVERNA PARK UMC
		731 BENFIELD ROAD
		SEVERNA PARK, MD

**SAVE THE DATE**



### **2024 Annual Church Conference**

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 812 149 3632**

**Passcode:** none required

**Dial-In:** (301) 715-8592

(on Zoom)



October 20, 2024



*Join Us!*

# Laity Sunday



GUEST SPEAKER  
Brent Leggs

October 20th  
10:00 AM



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**UPDATED**

## Book Signing with Adelle Banks

**BOOK LAUNCH** SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

# BECOMING A FUTURE-READY CHURCH

Panel Discussion and Book Signing



Join religion journalist Adelle Banks and panelists for a discussion on innovation and inspiration as she introduces *Becoming a Future-Ready Church*, her collaboration with missiologist and futurist Daniel Yang and church researcher Warren Bird. The book expertly navigates the way through eight fundamental shifts needed for your church to flourish in the future.

By analyzing several converging trends—including increased skepticism toward institutions, rising mental health challenges, and the digitization of our daily lives—*Becoming a Future-Ready Church* will help you ask better questions about the issues facing the church.

### PANELISTS

**Adelle Banks**

Co-Author and Religion Journalist

**Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills**

Senior Pastor

**Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr**

Professor and Church Leadership Expert

**Susan Etherton**

Arlington Presbyterian Church Elder

With contributions from co-author Daniel Yang

### DETAILS



Sunday, October 20, 2024  
1:00 p.m.



Panel with signing to follow



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926 11th Street, NW (11th & K Streets)  
Washington, DC 20001



## October - Pastor Appreciation Month

The entire month of October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. We will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday on **October 27, 2024**. Our pastors are a source of strength, guidance, and support. They inspire and teach us, comfort and encourage us, and share joys. They go above and beyond to care for our needs. Asbury's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will host a Pastor Appreciation Reception (cake and punch) following worship service on October 27. Everyone is invited. Asburyans are encouraged to find ways to show appreciation to our pastors for their love, care, and concern for us.

***Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.***

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (New Living Translation)

*All Saint's Sunday*



NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

# Contagious Faith

## A Virtual Church-Wide Study



In **Contagious Faith**, author Mark Mittelberg prepares you to share God's love with others in a way that's authentic, comfortable, and impactful.

The **Contagious Faith Small Group Study** contains 6 video lessons that introduce you to the five Contagious Faith Styles--Friendship-Building, Selfless-Serving, Story-Sharing, Reason-Giving, and Truth-Telling—that will enable you to share your faith in Jesus with people around you.

### Sessions include:

1. Discovering Your Contagious Faith Style
2. Initiating Relationships and Serving Others
3. Telling Your Faith Story in a Natural Way
4. Offering Reasons for Your Faith
5. Sharing the Truth of the Gospel
6. Partnering with Others to Impact Lives

### Join a Study/Discussion Group

**Dates: October 2 – November 16**

<b>Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills</b>	<i>Mondays, 7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>Carol Travis</b>	<i>Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.</i>
<b>Min. Christian Watkins</b>	<i>Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89692052138?pwd=pUMYEDOVLT6A8WqxFWEF8Q9oSsDnd0.1>

**Dial-In:** (301) 715-8592

**Meeting ID:** 896 9205 2138

**Passcode:** 906025

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If you are interested in participating, the **Contagious Faith Study Guide** is available on [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com).



# Faithful & Inclusive

## A Virtual Study



General Conference decisions related to ministry by, with, and for LGBTQ persons naturally leads church leaders to seek clarity and discernment on next steps in ministry. Asbury will begin a period of congregational discernment using the bible study ***Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible Sexuality and the United Methodist Church*** by Rev. Rob Fuquay. ***Faithful and Inclusive*** allows you to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church.

### Sessions include:

1. Introduction to the Study/ How United Methodists Interpret Scripture
2. Old Testament Passages
3. The Influence of Culture on How We Read the Bible
4. New Testament Passages
5. The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say?
6. Where do we go from here?

### Join Us!

**Dates: October 1 – November 12**

**Rev. James Shopshire, PhD**

*Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.*

**Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills**

*Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.*

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85029432696?pwd=9VmZL9lrzR5CPYAdnAsHebr0YiCY4.1>

**Dial-In:** (301) 715-8592

**Meeting ID:** 850 2943 2696

**Passcode:** 919397

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If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office.



Asbury Youth Ministry Invites All Youth in Grades 6-12 to

## **IGNITE**

An annual Youth Spiritual Conference

March 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Ocean City, Maryland

IGNITE will build on the former ROCK and Youth Rally experiences. It is a holistic, transformative, year-round experience for young people that includes fellowship, worship, learning, and service components. In addition, young adults will be lending their service and mentorship through the IGNITE Squad.

For More Information about Ignite and to see the full schedule of events visit:

<https://igniteforyouth.com/>

The Asbury Youth Ministry will cover the costs of room, board, and event registration for all youth (ages 11 and up) who are interested in attending.

To Join the Asbury Youth Ministry Group Registration please RSVP to

Sarita Singh  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
Youth Ministry Coordinator  
[saritamsingh13@gmail.com](mailto:saritamsingh13@gmail.com)



# THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

## Financial Update: 2024 Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Grace and Peace Faithful Asburyans,

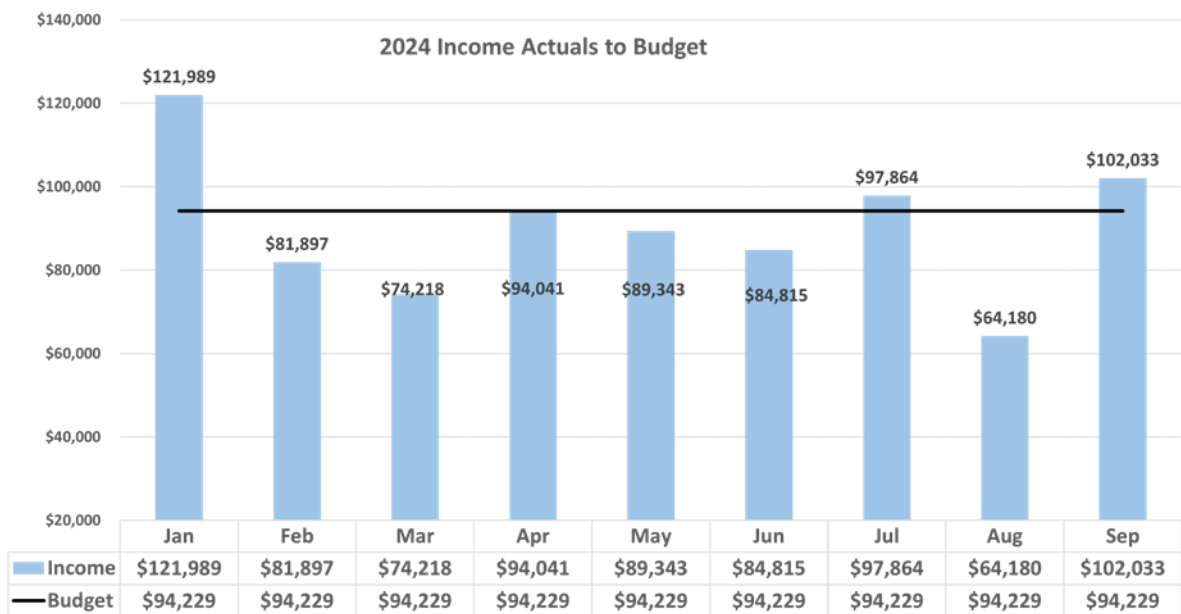
Thank you for your past and ongoing stewardship! During the State of the Church meeting in June, Asbury’s financial team shared that the 2024 monthly budget giving target is \$94,229 (see the solid line in the graph below). Your gifts support Asbury’s operations and the impactful ministries that serve our community. Through September, we have met this target only 3 months this year (not counting the generous gift from the Vivian Campbell estate in February). Now, more than ever, we need to increase our contributions to get back on track. We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your gifts so we can reach our monthly financial goal and end 2024 in a healthy financial position.

*Robert J. Corbitt*

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.  
Finance Committee Chair

*Darryl Wyles*

Darryl Wyles  
Stewardship Chair





“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

### THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
PSALM 23:1-6

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
MATTHEW 11:28-30

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
PSALM 34:8-18

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
PROVERBS 3:1-6

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
PSALM 145:1-16

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
1 PETER 4:7-11

### GETTING AROUND

- ◆ There is an elevator in the Education Building that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms.
- ◆ Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th Street entrance. Pick up a parking pass from the 11th Street reception desk.
- ◆ Restrooms are on the lower level on either side of the narthex and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

## Asbury United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor

Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Rev. Irene Pierce, Bereavement Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Valentine Davies & Monica McEaddy, Lay Leaders

Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

Visit [asburymcdc.org](http://asburymcdc.org) for information about our ministries. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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