



# Parish Guide

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## Come and See! Epiphany's Exciting New Renovation Plan

The Vestry has unanimously approved in principle a plan for the renovation of the Church and Parish House. All are encouraged to come learn more about the planned improvements.

### Sunday, May 6

#### 11 a.m. liturgy

A renovation theme will run through the service with appropriate hymns, a faith story, sermon, and the offering of the plans along with the money and the elements.

#### 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Plan Presentation in the Parish Hall  
A light lunch will be served

#### *Presentation by*

Renovation Ministry Team  
Rogers Krajnak Architects, Inc.  
The James Company (fundraising consultant)

### Sunday, May 20

A second presentation will be given at 12:30 p.m. in the Willard Room by the Renovation Ministry Team for those not able to attend on May 6.

**Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the June *Parish Guide* Newsletter is Wednesday, May 16**

## May is Seniors Month at Epiphany Interviews with two of our senior members, Yuetmei Chin and Jane Kean

*Recently Hope Childs spent time with Yuetmei Chin (who prefers to be called "Chin"). They met on an April weekday in her bright apartment at Wah Luck House on 6th Street, NW.*

Chin came to the United States from Malaysia in the 1960s, following a daughter who had come earlier to get a better education. Eventually all her children have come to the States. She has lived at the Wah Luck House for 25 years and came to Epiphany because she has always liked to go to church in her neighborhood.

To young people Chin says that education is the most important thing. As a young woman she studied at a Church of England missionary school and was in nursing for many years. When her husband died leaving her with 5 children, she continued working for several doctors and as well as contributing her time at a welfare clinic. In those years, when it was too far to walk to work, she went in a bull cart and her children went to St. Mary's school in Kuala Lumpur.

Over the years Chin has helped many of the residents at Wah Luck House in many ways. As we were talking, a neighbor came to the door asking for help with a translation. She encourages others to go to the Wednesday afternoon service offered by the Chinese Church. When others tell her she "looks strong" she tells them "to depend on God, to listen to God, study the Bible, and God will help you." When they express concern that they must be baptized to attend, she tells them baptism is a "choice", but to come and listen.

Chin says "I have stayed strong as I do not worry. As God takes care of us, I must take care of myself." She exercises, drinks lots of water, and eats well. She reads the newspaper every day and listens to music.

In addition to her five children, Chin now has 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren who live in San Francisco, New York, and the Washington area. Giving her family support and educational opportunities has always been important to Chin, and in return she has great hope and optimism about their futures.

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# Parishioner News

## We welcome these persons into the life of our parish:

*“All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”*

Anne Ramsey

## We pray for these persons who have died:

*“Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants”*

Leslie Smith Jr., died April 2, 2007

Alice White, sister of Gloria Minor, died April 17, 2007

## We remember these persons in our prayers

For the members and family members of Epiphany who serve in troubled areas of the world, especially Robert Curris, Keith Scoon, and Floyd Tappin;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Phil Converse, Theresa Davies, Marcia Doerr, Floyd Godfrey, Bertha Harrison, Cornell Jackson, William Person, Pat Pickering, Norwyn Rowe, Dee Shafer, Sara Ellen Swatt, and Jerry White;

For Aaron, Jim Argodale, Beverly Bachemin, Franklin Backus, Adam Beattie, Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Oswald Bowen, Wanda Brewer, Helen Burg, Naomi Canty, James Capen, Judith Claytor, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Mary Eager, Ken Ferber, Andrew Ferrill, Alan Greene, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Elizabeth Henderson, Mike Henderson, Ed Henderson, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Jacqueline Jenson, Larry Kerns, Rick Knettel, Joy Kraus, George Kurtz, Marilyn LeSeur, David Lyman, Annie Maly, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, MeShaun, Adilia Moran, Denise Mosier, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Juanita Simpson, Walter Stumpf, Magdolna Szuprics, Crystal Taylor, Kate Thaxton, Ofelia Vitek, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Bobby Wilkerson, Regina Williams, Emma Wojcuilewicz, Tina Wu, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, Beth, and Brianna.

## We celebrate these May Birthdays

Meghan Mason, May 1; Leslie Thornton, May 2; Tijuana Fridy and Courtney Tardd -Wright, May 4; Barbara Wells, May 5; Molly Harrell, May 7; Brad Carpenter, Theresa Davies, D’Oniece Dillard, and Jane Kean, May 8; Yuetmei Chin and Priscilla Rowe, May 9; Carole Bledsoe, May 11; David Brathwaite, May 15; Maria Hunter, Gillian Shinkman, and Duncan Stevens, May 16; Evelyn Morris, Barbara Syphus, and Theo Wylie, May 17; Willa Downes, Eric Jenson, and Philip Taylor, May 18; Tom Riisager and Chris Shinkman, May 19; Bob Weinbeck and Olivia Gray, May 20; Michael Milligan, May 21; Billie Abraham, May 22; Ellen Hinkle, May 25; Charles Burg and Dorothy Sisk, May 28; and Grace Matuszeski, May 29.

*The monthly “Parishioner News” acknowledges the transitions in life, accomplishments of our members, and the times of celebration. Please tell us of your news by phoning the parish office or emailing us at [info@epiphanydc.org](mailto:info@epiphanydc.org).*

## Leadership Development for Epiphany’s Ministry Teams

*“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” (Acts 1:8)*

**T**he Day of Pentecost was the significant event of Christianity when believers were empowered with God’s gift of the Holy Spirit, and the Church was born. How do Epiphany’s leaders recognize and discern this gift of the Holy Spirit? How is that power shaping our decisions for ministry today?

**Wednesday, May 30** will be an evening devoted to leadership development at Epiphany. We will look at the meaning of discernment and how it is an essential component of our communal life of faith.

All ministry team members and leaders are invited to this event on Wednesday, May 30.

6:30 - 7:00pm We will gather for a supper of soup, bread, cheese, and fruit

7:00 – 9:00pm We will share ministry team activities and celebrate our work together  
We will learn what discernment means for communal decision-making and listening for the Holy Spirit to guide our work together.

## New Life at Welcome Table Eucharist

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

I recall clearly from my interviews for the position of parish musician here at Epiphany that there was a desire to encourage participation of Welcome Table guests in the music at each Sunday's 8 AM Eucharist. My predecessor, Eric Plutz, and Bob Wallin, an Epiphany parishioner, had led the hymn-singing at that service together for many years, playing organ and piano together, but there seemed to be a dearth of enthusiasm among the worshipers. Would a choir bring new life to Welcome Table worship?



Last December, after several requests from parishioners and a couple of planning meetings, we floated a trial balloon, inviting worshipers at Welcome Table Eucharist, many of whom wait in the church before the service begins, to come forward and rehearse the day's hymns and songs. At first, three or four joined in each week, including vestry member Carolyn Bledsoe, whose enthusiasm and persistence was instrumental in getting us started.

We began by meeting for twenty to twenty-five minutes before the service; soon, some participants expressed a desire for more time to learn music for the weeks ahead. We have since added a second meeting after Welcome Table Breakfast, during which time we reflect on the morning's activities, choose and rehearse music for the upcoming Sundays, and share prayer and fellowship. Our numbers have increased to eight or more singers each week, composed of a stable core group of both parishioners and Welcome Table guests, and supplemented by others who may be moved to join in when we invite all those present to rehearse with us at 7:30 AM. We now have a name: The Welcome Table Choir.

Many wonderful things are resulting from this new ministry, and I want to share some of the highlights, especially for those who are not regular Welcome Table worshipers. First, the congregation is singing more, and a livelier spirit enlivens the liturgy, as the Welcome Table Choir provides an important bridge between the liturgical leaders and the congregation. Members of the Choir have found a way to share their musical gifts and liturgical ideas, becoming leaders themselves. Carolyn Bledsoe, who has been singing weekly since the Choir was formed, has taken the lead in steering this ministry. She brings strong, yet caring, leadership to this group with their great enthusiasm and diverse tastes and experiences. She has successfully pushed us to expand the repertoire of the Welcome Table congregation, introducing several new hymns and songs from the diverse Black Church tradition. Because of my own numerous commitments on Sunday mornings, I am not able to be present for the full length of all the Choir's meetings and rehearsals. Carolyn's

leadership is allowing the group to grow more vigorously than it would otherwise. Bob Wallin, who has, for years, played the piano for the Welcome Table Eucharist has said repeatedly how gratifying it is to be part of this growth. Bob is a dedicated volunteer, and a talented musician, but his upbringing was culturally very different from that of most of the worshipers at eight o'clock (White Texas Baptists seem to have a different musical style from most African-American Christians!). Carolyn and other members of the Choir have been coaching Bob in Black-Church musical style, and he's getting soul! He has said repeatedly how much he is enjoying working with the Welcome Table Choir, and how rewarding it is to be part of the enthusiasm and musical growth of all involved. Clearly, he is sharing in that growth, and enlivening our worship.

Since this is a new program, and one with not many precedents, we are all excited about the start we have made, and are looking forward to many more discoveries in the months ahead. The greatest challenge I think that we face now is taking the music-making to another level, i.e., refining our rehearsing and performing so that we are more of a cohesive ensemble. We need to learn to deal with the tight schedule on Sunday mornings and the somewhat fluid nature of the choir's membership, but I am encouraged by the dedication and enthusiasm of all the participants.

I invite you to worship with us at 8 AM some Sunday, if that's not your usual time, to observe the new life in our Welcome Table music. You are also invited to sing with us, and to share any other musical talents you may have. Please share your ideas with me at any time.

## 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ringing Out the Good News

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

When I drive to church on Sunday mornings, I usually park in the garage next door and take the elevator up to the ground level. The minute the elevator door opens, I am rewarded with hearing the bells from Epiphany's tower playing before the service. Perhaps you too have had a similar experience as you come out of Metro Center or walk within a few blocks of 1317 G Street. When new parishioners are asked how they "found" Epiphany, a frequent answer is "I heard the bells." What is the story of these wonderful bells and how did they come to find themselves in the tower of the Church of the Epiphany?

The original tower of Epiphany Church, built in 1857, contained a single bell. During the Civil War, it was removed and melted down for its metal. Our tower remained "bell-less" until 1922 when the original tower was replaced with the one we have today. The new tower was built as a memorial to seventh rector Randolph Harrison McKim, who served here for 32 years.

*Susan Walker spoke over the phone to Jane Kean about her life and her involvement in Epiphany's ministry with the homeless.*

**Jane, what kinds of activities are you involved with today?**

I spend a lot of time on my computer — keeping in touch with my far-flung family members and working on genealogy. Then there are the packets of toiletries that I prepare for the Welcome Table, a project that I took over from Pat Pickering.

My daughter Anne (Schmidt) picks up the soaps, shampoos, lotions etc. that are donated and collected in the office at Epiphany. She brings them to my house where I sort them and put them in little plastic bags, which takes quite a bit of time. Sometimes I put my guests to work to help me get it done. It's a good way to visit with someone while doing a routine assembly.

When we have enough bags and we are sure that there will be one for each guest at the Welcome Table, Anne takes them back to the church and distributes them. We hope that everyone who stays in a hotel or motel will collect toiletries and encourage their colleagues to do so too. In addition to the toiletries for Epiphany, I bag those collected by the Federal Bureau of Prisons — they go to the Downtown Cluster of Congregations for use by their social workers as they start to form a relationship with the homeless. They use the toiletries as they talk to some of the homeless when they are trying to help someone to break the ice by offering toiletries.

**I know that you spend time in New England in the summer. Do you do other traveling?**

I went to Florida this winter to visit my son and his wife, but I don't do much traveling now. I'm turning 93, and I just don't enjoy it as much as I used to.

I am planning to fly up to Vermont this summer. My grandson, A.J., will drive my car to Vermont for me. You have to have a car to get around up there since we are 3 miles up the mountain on a dirt road. At various times during the summer, I expect that I will be visited there by my children, grandchildren and great grand children, as well as a couple of long-time friends.

**Where are you from, Jane?**

I was born at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. But, my roots are here —my father was in the Army and every other post was Washington. I attended John Eaton Elementary School (on 34th Street NW), the old Force School (it was on Massachusetts Avenue where Johns Hopkins School of Advance International

Studies is now) and graduated from Western High School (now Duke Ellington). As I grew up, we lived

in a number of different places but always attended an Episcopal church and went to Sunday schools, so no matter where we were living, it was always the same service, the same prayer book and the same hymnal, so we always felt "at home" no matter where we were.

**Do you have a daily faith practice?**

Faith is a part of my daily life in a number of ways. If I'm driving and something happens that might have led to an accident, I instinctively thank the Lord that it didn't happen. The same is true around here in the house. I'm not so steady on my feet any more, and if I start to trip and catch myself, I thank the Lord that I did not fall. In addition, every night since I was a child, I have said my prayers. My prayers are very personal and primarily consist of remembering by name, family members and those suffering in any way. In the morning, I remember my brother (who was an Episcopal clergyman) coming down the stairs and looking outside and saying, "*This is the day Lord hath made and I will rejoice and be glad in it.*" Now when I wake up, I thank the Lord that I am awake for another day.

**What would you like to say to the Epiphany community that comes from your experience over the years?**

Well, I have great praise for the community work being done — the boards that members serve on and the work of the church itself, such as the Welcome Table and Street Church, and how they are trying to make a difference in the downtown area. Right now I generally stay close to my home — I come to church when Anne is able to drive me — and during the week I go out very little — only to the grocery store. I stay in my neighborhood. I feel I live a very simple life, centered in this house. But, by doing the toiletries, I get the feeling that I'm doing something for someone in need. I was brought up to know that you don't live for yourself alone — you contribute to the lives of others. And so, I'm able to do that through the toiletries. It's even been copied — a friend took the idea back to Cincinnati.

**Thank you for sharing your memories and your thoughts, Jane. And, thank you for your ongoing ministry of creating the toiletry packages for the Welcome Table guests and others in downtown Washington. Your efforts have had far reaching and unexpected benefits to so many.**

*This article highlights the work of an outreach organization supported by The Church of the Epiphany. ESM Cares is a part of Episcopal Senior Ministries, whose work with seniors we celebrate this month.. Epiphany members Larry Ellis and Anne Schmidt are members of the ESM board of directors.*

## **An ESM Cares Case Study**

*An increasing number of caregivers are seniors themselves. They may be taking care of their spouse, kids, grandkids and their parents while balancing work and volunteer commitments. They are often also experiencing their own healthcare concerns. It is a difficult time of trying to look after their personal healthcare needs as well as those of their parents. Care managers can provide the support these caregivers need to balance all of their roles.*

Mrs. S. is over 90 years old and lives by herself in a Washington, DC apartment. She has 4 children, only one of whom, a daughter, lives in the Washington area. The daughter, Mrs. J., is 60 years old and a grandmother. She is married and works fulltime.

For some time, the daughter, Mrs. J., has needed to undergo surgery which will necessitate several weeks of recovery time at home. Mrs. J. schedules her surgery for the middle of January. Just as she is getting ready to enter the hospital, her mother suffers a heart attack. Mrs. J. has always served as health care advocate for her mother. She knows her mother will be overwhelmed and scared in the hospital and needs someone by her side. Mrs. J. considers postponing her surgery but knows that would jeopardize her own health. Knowing that she cannot play her usual role as advocate for her mother, Mrs. J. hires Nancy, a care manager from ESM Cares.

Nancy, does a quick assessment of Mrs. S. in the hospital. She speaks with the physicians about medication and treatment. When it is apparent that Mrs. S. will need to go to a nursing home for rehabilitation, Nancy ensures that she goes to the most appropriate facility, not just the one that may have an available bed. Nancy also keeps Mrs. J., who is recuperating from her surgery at home, up to speed on what is happening. Nancy assisted Mrs. S. as she transitioned to the nursing home and monitored the progress of rehabilitation. Eventually Mrs. S. was able to return home. Nancy continued to be a sounding board for Mrs. S., answering her questions about treatment and medications. This allowed Mrs. J. ample time to recover from her surgery. Because of Mrs. S's advanced age and frail health, Nancy continues to stay involved in the case to provide additional counsel and support to both Mrs. S. and her daughter, Mrs. J.

## **Who are Epiphany's senior members?**

Did you know that almost a fourth of Epiphany's members are over sixty?

On Sunday, May 20 we will recognize our senior members as we celebrate our ministries together.

### **Please join us at the 11am liturgy of Holy Eucharist when we will:**

- Honor Epiphany's seniors
- Pray for the church's ministries that provide services to the elderly
- Welcome our guest preacher, Rick Duhn
- Enjoy coffee hour provided by Epiphany's Pastoral Care Ministry Team

One more thought: If you know a member who might appreciate a ride to Epiphany on May 20, perhaps you could call and offer that person ride. Let's all think about how we can reach out to our older members who continue to share their lives of faith with us.

## **Epiphany's Seminararians Bid Us Farewell**

*From Ann Gillespie*

Dear Friends at Epiphany,

May 6 is my last Sunday as your seminararian. What a glorious experience my time at Epiphany has been! Who knew two years could go by so fast. It makes me sad to say, Goodbye, but I take with me some wonderful memories and valuable lessons about myself, urban ministry and radical hospitality.

Whether it was the Welcome Table Bible Studies or having breakfast with our guests, Getting Ready or Shrine Mont, the gorgeous musical offerings from our talented choir or just looking out over the congregation and seeing the presence of Christ in your faces, I have been transformed through our time together. You have generously opened your hearts and minds to me. You have shared with me your lives and ministries. Your unflinching support has embraced me and formed me as a priest.

It has been my privilege to be with you at such a unique time of transition; I am excited about the future of Epiphany. I can't wait to come back after the renovation and celebrate with you all. And, it looks like I will be able to do that, because I am not going to be far away.

After a rich and surprising discernment process, I have accepted a call to work at historic Christ Church, in Old Town, Alexandria. I will be serving as Associate

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In addition to the tower itself, a chime of bells was placed within as a tribute to Dr. McKim. The bells were a gift of Isabel Freeman and Margaret Freeman Buckingham, long-time parishioners and supporters of this church

Epiphany's bells are referred to as a chime. There are three designations of bell groupings, usually having to do with the number of bells. A *peal of bells* is generally comprised of two to eight bells with the pealing sound being derived from an ever-changing pattern as the bells ring together or singularly. A *chime of bells* contains from nine to 22 bells, usually arranged in a diatonic scale, similar to the black and white keys on a piano. Epiphany's chime contains 15 bells. That number was specifically determined so that tunes such as "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Silent Night" could be played. A set of 23 or more bells is referred to as a *carillon* and is tuned to a chromatic scale. For example, the Taft Memorial Carillon on the Capitol Grounds has 27 bells. The Netherlands Carillon at Arlington National Cemetery has 50 bells.

Our chime of bells was made by Meneely & Company of Watervliet, New York. The bells were cast in the traditional method which involves pouring molten bellmetal (a bronze alloy consisting of 78% copper and 22% tin) into a specially crafted mould. The Meneely Bell Foundry was one of the finest bell makers in America at the time. The company made about 65,000 bells over a 126-year period before finally closing in 1952. The smallest of our 15 bells weighs 225 pounds and the largest, 4,300 pounds. Other than the name of the foundry, the largest bell is the only one with an inscription. It reads, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men."

May 20<sup>th</sup> will mark the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Epiphany's bells ringing for the first time. The official dedication took place on November 3, 1922 with a large congregation present, the Bishop of Washington, the Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, offering the dedicatory sentences. The first official usage came in August 1923, when the bells tolled for the death of President Warren G. Harding. Beginning with Calvin Coolidge's inauguration in 1925, the bells have rung for every presidential inauguration to date. Today, the bells ring on a regular basis chiming the quarter hour as well as playing hymns on Sunday mornings and weekdays at noon. The next time you hear Epiphany's bells, I hope you pause to reflect on their significance and the great service they have given to downtown Washington over the past four score and five years.

Rector for Worship and Pastoral Care beginning July 17. My first preaching date will be July 29. Pray for me that I don't trip walking into or out of that pulpit! For those of you that have seen the space, you'll know what I am talking about.

Between then and now, I will graduate from seminary - assuming I get all my papers finished - on May 17. I will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in Los Angeles on June 9. My ordination to the priesthood will most likely happen in the DC area next winter, so I will be sure to keep you all posted.

Please come visit me at Christ Church. You have been such a warm and welcoming community of faith in which to learn. No other church is quite like Epiphany. Keep the faith. Be good stewards of that special Epiphany spirit and keep discerning where God calls you to go. I am so glad we could share part of this wild Christian journey together.

*From Joe Hensley*

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I join with Ann Gillespie in thanking you for all the ways you have welcomed and taught us during our time with you since fall, 2005. You have been so helpful in offering feedback and support along the way. I can echo much of what Ann has said in her article above about the ways in which I have been transformed during our time together. Let me add how fortunate I feel to have been able to literally transform with you in terms of my ministry as "Ashes the Clown." Not every parish would have been willing to tolerate a red-nosed character in their midst! I also want to add how important it has been for my family to participate in the Epiphany community. We have already been saying how much we will miss you. Sarah, Lucy, and now Stella have been deeply affected by this place. It meant a great deal especially to have Stella baptized here, and we hope that the future brings many more children into your midst.

After the seminary graduation on May 17, my family and I will immediately depart for Raleigh, North Carolina, where I will be ordained transitional deacon on May 19. I begin my duties as assistant to the rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham, NC in June (although I will have some blocks of vacation during the summer to rest!). St. Luke's is a medium-sized parish right on Interstate-85 as you pass through Durham. If you're ever heading south, stop by! My ministry there will focus most on families with young children.

Again, I thank God and you for all the gifts my family and I have received during our all too brief sojourn with you. These next few years will be exciting ones for Epiphany, and I look forward to staying in touch. Keep loving God and each other and remember that God loves us more than we can possibly understand or imagine. It all belongs to God!

Take care, my friends, and may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus be with you always.

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**WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST**

**REMEMBER**

The coming of the Holy Spirit!  
The rush of wind and tongues of fire!  
The birthday of the church!

**CELEBRATE**

Wear something RED to church  
Come to the Willard Room at 10AM  
for the Parish Pentecost GIG

**WORSHIP**

HOLY BAPTISM  
FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST  
**PICNIC IN THE GARDEN**

We'll supply the hamburgers and hotdogs  
Bring a dish to share:  
Last names A - L Side Dish or Main Dish  
Last names M - Z Dessert or Salad

**SEE YOU IN CHURCH ON PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, May 27**

**Plan to Bring Your Blue Box Offerings  
to Epiphany's Annual UTO Ingathering,  
Sunday, May 20**

*By Abigail Nichols*

On Sunday May 20 we will add the contents of our Blue Boxes to the regular offering. An envelope for your money is included in this issue of the Guide, but checks (put UTO on the memo line), paper and plastic bags, any methods of bringing your gifts are welcome. Envelopes will also be available at Church on May 13 and May 20. Although we annually make this collection part of the service, these offerings can be turned in at any time.

Our offerings are forwarded to the Diocese and then on to the national ingathering where they are used to fund more than 110 domestic and foreign projects. "Blue Boxes" are available as a year-round spiritual discipline so keep your blue boxes and just turn in the content. New boxes are always available from the office. Abigail Nichols can answer any questions.(abigail\_nichols@hotmail.com or 202/331-9757)

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