

### **Reflection of the Month: Pilgrimage, a gift of an opportunity!**

Have you been on pilgrimage recently? If so, where did you begin, where did you end? How did you prepare for the journey? What did you do on the way? Why did you go? What then?

Questions, questions. Some people's pilgrimage may have taken several days, perhaps with nights on uncomfortable floors, taking them to one of Britain's 'home-grown' sites - Canterbury, Lindisfarne, St Albans, or have led them overseas to one of the traditional destinations - the Holy Land, Compostela, Croagh Patrick, perhaps, these days, to Taizé.

But pilgrimages, made alone or in company, come in many guises, sometimes bringing a surprising blessing, an unexpected encounter with God. My own pilgrimage this summer took me just three miles across Oxford, hundreds of others coming all or part of the way, some who have difficulty walking joining us by way of a ride in a rickshaw! Oxford might not strike you as an obvious place for a pilgrimage (although we do have St Frideswide's shrine in our cathedral), but then this Walk was very much a pilgrimage with a difference.

Oxford Council of Faiths (OxCoF)'s 12th Annual Interfaith Friendship Walk found not only Baha'is, Brahma Kumaris, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus and Jews, joining it but also Mormons, Muslims, Pagans, Sikhs, and people with no particular faith, drawn into this holy walk of ours. We value it greatly, this annual pilgrimage across our city, for it briefly makes us a part of each other's lives as we meet and talk with those of other faiths. This might be a rare chance to meet people who are not part of our own religious community. We may be 'regulars' or 'first-timers', perhaps coming because of seeing a poster, curious, never having encountered anything like it before, impressed with the many people and different faith communities, all getting on peaceably together. But for me the Walk's equal worth is the witness it provides: that here in the city where we live and work, people of faith want to show those we walk among that our peaceful, chattering, straggly, balloon-bearing procession of different faiths, with our different and disparate beliefs, need find in them no cause for ugly conflict.

Wherever we stopped we were warmly welcomed by the faith community's leader, prayers were said - often by someone of a different faith, and there was singing. At our Jewish Synagogue OxCoF's Chair introduced the Walk, the synagogue's president welcomed us, a rabbi prayed with us and the Jewish choir sang for us. We were 'summoned by bells' to St Giles Church to be welcomed by its vicar, and given us a word for the way to reflect on for the next stage of our journey by the acting bishop of Oxford. Prayed with by a local priest, we were sung on our way by the church choir. As we gathered in the cobbled square outside another church its vicar greeted us before prayers were said by members of the Hindu, Baha'i, Sikh, and URC Christian communities. Our journey's end, still bathed in the sunshine of a beautiful summer evening, led us to stand or sit at the doors of one of our city's mosques, with welcoming words from its president, singing by its children, a recitation from the Q'ran by the mosque's imam and his thanks to God for the food we were all offered - plentiful vegetarian curry and rice from the mosque, desserts and fruit given by the Jewish community. Generous, and delicious!



I seemed to spend my time chasing the Walk's tail, as I kept stopping to talk with bystanders about what we were doing, offering them an information / service sheet. Their enthusiasm on hearing about the Walk was part of the pilgrimage's gift to me, making me think about the Walk's deeper significance (rather than just the city streets' effects on my feet). As we walked our talk was not just 'agreement on everything' - sometimes far from it, but rather mirrored for each of us the acceptance and trust that our beliefs affect and form our lives, minds, and hearts as we make our pilgrimage through life. Three hours after the Walk's start I was rather footsore but as I started to make my way home, God brought me another surprise, a further unexpected gift - one of our imams went out of his own way to give me a lift all the way to our flat. But, let me return to my reflection's beginning: 'Have you been on pilgrimage recently?' If not, go soon if you can, however long or short the journey you make; you never know quite where it will really lead, what blessing God will surprise you with on your way.



Jenny Gerrard

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## **Appeal for Peace in Syria**

### **Appeal from Patriarch Gregorios III for Peace in Syria, Iraq, Palestine and the Whole Middle East**

St. Paul describes Jesus as *"he who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us, having abolished in his flesh the enmity...[He] came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh."* (Ephesians 2: 14, 17) This description corresponds to the desire of all people in the Middle East. Our appeal responds to the injunction of St. Ignatius of Antioch in his Epistle to the Romans, *"Remember in your prayers the Church in Syria."* (Romans 9)

Every day brings more news of atrocities and horrific, inhuman crimes, carried out by the variously-named godless groups, while the world remains divided on how to combat this apocalyptic terrorism and criminality, which are sowing terror and causing the global scourge of continual migration, displacement and dispersal in different directions. Pope Francis referred, in his 2015 Lenten Message, to the problem of a "globalization of indifference." Today we are facing a kind of third world war: let us now therefore work together towards global solidarity. The present crisis, which has been building up over the last five years, has now spread beyond Syria's distress and tragedy to become a regional disaster, with repercussions all over Europe and indeed the whole world.

Through this situation each and every human being in the Arab Middle East is threatened:

1. Co-existence between the peoples of the region is threatened!
2. Prospects for future generations and their faith values are currently threatened!
3. The future of the whole region is in danger: religiously, culturally, educationally and economically... all are threatened!

The International Community has to date proved incapable of defeating *takfiris*, those barbarous and inhumane extremists - no doubt because some of its members continue arming and supporting them. Yet the whole International Community loudly proclaims that it is impermissible for these criminals to continue terrorising law-abiding citizens and making our God-created world a world of heartbreak, slaughter and mayhem.

Since these current overwhelming tragedies and dangers are crushing our people and their

morale, paralysing their Christian spirituality and even shaking their Christian faith, and the faith of every human being of every confession, we have to sound an **alarm call** to historic and global action. It is the role of Christian leaders to set out clearly the urgency of the situation and to call for peace in the region, and the cessation of violence, terrorism, political chaos, universal radicalization and the exploitation of Arabs and Easterners in the name of a global policy of manipulating the fate of the region's peoples.

Therefore, in the face of these atrocities, we express our deep pain, and appeal to the Arab world and the whole world, especially the Great Powers, (including the United States, the Russian Federation and the European Union) and other countries of the Americas, Asia, Australasia and elsewhere, and confide to them with great trust our most earnest plea, and the cherished expectation and hope of millions, that they will stop the wars that have flared up in our Middle East, particularly the wars in Syria and Iraq.

- The influx of weapons to all sides must be stopped.
- Syrians of all parties and confessions must be in the vanguard of the peace process.
- Human rights, dignity and religious freedom ought to be guaranteed according to international standards.
- Support the governments of those countries that have been fighting terrorism and fight alongside them to achieve victory together, and after that, the peace and security of the whole region.

Only peace can stem the flow of emigration which is sapping all our communities. Otherwise, the fire of violence, terrorism and *takfirism* will consume the world, East and West, and unparalleled religious conflicts will erupt, heralding a world war. "*Quod omnes tangit, ab omnibus tractari et approbari debet.*[1]" Thus thought the Church in the first millennium: let us act accordingly!

We are grateful to members of the International Community for welcoming tens of thousands of Syrian citizens and other asylum seekers arriving in their countries. Pope Francis emphasized during his visit to the Holy Land in May 2014, that there are two keys for peace in the region and in the world:

- A comprehensive peace agreement to end the war on Syria.
- Justice for Palestinians (i.e. a resolution of the Palestinian Arab-Israeli conflict.)

It has been sixty-seven years and more since the conflict began, since when it has caused many wars and crises (more than twenty) and has constituted one of the most important reasons for the emigration of Christians and others. At present neither Israel nor any Arab country can enjoy safety and stability. Since therefore peace in Syria and Palestine is key to peace in the whole region, we need a kick-start towards resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. There is an urgent need for greater stability to enable us to create a forum for dialogue and reconciliation.

In conclusion we must emphasize that no bombs or weapons can defeat ISIL and make peace but only a common voice of the Church and a common voice from a coalition of the International Community, without excluding any country. The Churches of the Middle East in their different denominations need encouragement from their fellow Christians in Europe and the whole world to continue to fulfil, by their presence and witness, their role, vocation and mission in the Middle East. In making this appeal, we, as a pastor and spiritual leader, are fulfilling Pope Francis' call to be workers for peace! With this conviction we want to go out into the world and down in the annals of history as a and so fulfil the Beatitude of Jesus, "*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*"

### **+Gregorios III**

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, of Alexandria and of Jerusalem

[1] "*What concerns all must be discussed and approved by all.*"

## Coptic Orthodox Prayers in St Pauls' Cathedral



The Coptic Orthodox Church held an unprecedented prayer service in the Order of the British Empire Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral, following an evensong service on Friday 16 October 2015 dedicated to victims of religious persecution and refugees suffering as a result of conflict in the Middle East.

Evensong was led by The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, and attended by The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, and His Grace Bishop Angaelos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom. Also attending the service were a number of ecumenical, diplomatic and official guests, alongside members of the Coptic community in London. Following evensong, a Coptic Orthodox service of prayer was led by Bishop Angaelos in the Order of the British Empire Chapel for victims of religious persecution around the world. Prayers were again offered for refugees fleeing conflict in the Middle East.

At the start of the prayer service the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral gave a welcome address, in which he said: "You are very welcome to be here on this day as Bishop Angaelos has received the award of the Order of the British Empire and is now with us in this joyful yet solemn occasion, doing what his award is for; promoting religious freedom. Although it is a day of joy for us, it is also a day of sadness in that there are many in the world who do not have religious freedom, and the work continues."

In his message, Bishop Angaelos said: "I am thankful for the wonderful and gracious hospitality we have received, in being able to use this great Cathedral, this place of prayer, and the cornerstone of life in London and in Britain, to celebrate both evensong with the Church of England and to pray the Coptic Rite together in this Chapel for the first time. There is no greater representation of love, fellowship, companionship and a single journey that we all travel together in this great Nation, as the Body of Christ."

"Being here and praying for those who are still victims of religious persecution is bitter sweet, because it is a shame that we still need to. We must continue to pray for all who suffer, as this tragic situation is still a reality, not only for Christians, but for many around the world in numerous countries." "We pray for those living hardship and persecution, and those seeking refuge, as well as those who are accepting them so graciously...We must be appreciative of the hospitality currently offered, even if we continue to strive in extending this hospitality further."

The prayers at St Paul's Cathedral were offered on the same day that Bishop Angaelos was formally invested as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for 'Services to International Religious Freedom' by Her Majesty The Queen at Windsor Castle.

After the prayer service, The Bishop of London said: "The Order has been one that recognises outstanding contributions, excellence and achievement in all sorts of fields...it is a particular honour that now we have as a most distinguished member of the Order, Bishop Angaelos." He went to thank Bishop Angaelos for: "...his immense work...to bring together not only Christians, but people of all faiths in this Country."

Baroness Berridge, Co-chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief, said: "His Grace has been a very keen supporter of the work that we are doing in parliament, and an amazing support to those of us who are standing up for religious freedom, and he has also introduced us to the wider community."

## Project/Research Manager

### 'They Also Served - The Contributions of African and Caribbean Servicewomen and Servicemen to World War One (WW1)'



We're looking for an energetic team-player who has excellent research and people management skills. You will have a good track record of delivering time-specific research projects. We are looking for someone to lead the research and manage volunteers to deliver our Midlands-based project:

'They Also Served - The Contributions of African and Caribbean Servicewomen and Servicemen to World War One (WW1)'

The project runs from January 2016 to June 2017.

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Click the links to view the [job description](#) and [person specification](#).

If you think you are the person we are looking for then send your application including your CV to:

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Closing date for applications: Friday  
13 November 2015  
Interview Date: Monday 30  
November 2015



## Go for Growth

Report from a day conference in Hertfordshire. Callan Slipper writes:

What a day. About 130 people from a huge selection of churches gathered together for Go for Growth. Outside the Focolare Centre for Unity, Hertfordshire, where it was held, the sun shone, a fitting reflection of what was taking place inside.



Churches Together in Hertfordshire had been working for over a year on the day. In the event, it all went smoothly. But was not the organization that stood out so much as the contributions.

The morning was taken up with a Panel made up, from left to right looking at the low stage, of Paul Griffiths of the Ugly Duckling Company (a man of original insight and refreshing expression, expert on outreach to the unchurched), Bishop Angaelos (of the Coptic Orthodox Church, who fascinated everyone with his wisdom and humour), Mike Booker (author and Anglican priest, who chaired with great skill, set the scene and brought with him tremendous understanding and knowledge), Jane Litchmore-Grant (of the Church of God of Prophecy, who gave an invaluable Pentecostal perspective and a warm insightful reply to questions) and Clare Ward (who shared the experience of the Roman Catholic Church's Proclaim '15 and grounded everything in a spirituality of practical love, a response to the encounter with the living Jesus).

All five began with an initial introduction and then took part in a conversation with everyone in the hall. The feeling in the hall was one of calm excitement, as practical suggestions, new ideas and inspiration emerged. As one man commented, 'I could feel the Holy Spirit in all that was being said.'

Following a lunchtime where there were 'market stalls' displaying things, groups and initiatives that could inspire mission, everyone went into breakout groups. These were run by regional level church leaders and experts from different churches, in an attempt to share the experience of each with all. The range of groups was as wide as you could imagine it! It was a deepening of our learning how to learn from one another, in a deep listening that nourishes both listener and speaker.

The closing worship drew everyone into adoration of God, lifting minds and hearts to the infinite Beauty that God is. Its theme was of gathering up all things together in Christ (see Eph 1:10). Unity in him, in the end, is both the means and the end of all mission.

Above photograph is of the Panel, from left to right, Paul Griffiths of the Ugly Ducking company, Bishop Angaelos from the Coptic Orthodox Church, Jane Litchmore-Grant from the Church of God of Prophecy, Clare Ward from the Home Mission Desk of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Also, pictures (for public use) can be found at:

<https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=AD1606B1999CFF0C!11284&authkey=!AIonqUyuGNL98nw&ithint=folder%2cjpg>

## **New Chaplain for Leeds/Bradford airport**

The Revd Andrew Atkins is the newly appointed (and first stipendiary) Coordinating Chaplain for Leeds Bradford Airport, and he was welcomed to his role this week by a group of senior Church leaders during a visit to the airport. Andrew Atkins is a Methodist minister in the Aireborough and Wharfedale Methodist circuit and he shares airport ministry with two volunteer chaplains: the Revd Richard Dimery, Vicar of Woodside, Horsforth, and David Arblaster, a Catholic deacon.



The post has been created with financial support from the Diocese of West Yorkshire & the Dales and the Leeds and West Yorkshire Methodist Districts.

The Church leaders – which included Bishop Paul Slater and Archdeacon Paul Hooper - visited the control tower, the fire station and the space beside the departure lounge which is set aside for quiet and prayer.

Andrew Atkins says, "Chaplaincy ministry enables a visible Christian pastoral ministry to staff and passengers alike. I'm round and about in the airport with my hi-vis vest that says Chaplain on it, and that can lead to all sorts of conversations. For example, I recently helped a couple find a taxi and in the process they told me that their son died two years ago and it was the first time they'd been away since. Airports are often fast-moving, anonymous places and they were evidently feeling vulnerable and were glad to chat to someone."

Carol Burrows, Head of HR at the airport, says, "Millions of passengers pass through the airport every year and the people element here is so dynamic; you get glimpses into peoples' lives that you don't get in any other job. It can be hilarious one moment and then very distressing the next and so the chaplains' work is invaluable and a great support to us."

The chaplains are also part of Disasters and Emergency Planning – which means they're always on call to in case of an emergency.

Also present at the visit were the Revd Dr Liz Smith, Chair of Leeds Methodist District; the Revd Dr Roger Walton, Chair of West Yorkshire Methodist District; the Revd Kevin Watson, Chair of West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council; and the Revd Mgr Paul Fisher, Episcopal Vicar in the Catholic Diocese of Leeds.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer chaplain or part of the Emergency and Disaster Pastoral Support Group (both of which involve an interview), please contact the [Revd Richard Dimery](#).

An initiative coordinated by [West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council](#)

## **Vatican cricketers beat Archbishop's XI**

The website of the Archbishop of Canterbury reported on 24th October 2015:

Anglican and Vatican cricketers met for the second time in Rome today in a match that saw the Vatican team win. This morning's match was played at the Capanelle Ground in Rome, coinciding with the conclusion of the Roman Catholic Church's Synod on the Family.

St Peter's XI reached 147 for 6, the Archbishop's XI were all out for 105 runs.

Last autumn, in a historic first match between Vatican and Anglican sides, the Archbishop's XI narrowly triumphed with five balls to spare in a memorable showdown at Kent County Cricket Club ground in Canterbury. Played in front of a 1,000-strong crowd including Archbishop Justin Welby and the Papal Nuncio, the match raised money for the Global Freedom Network, a joint anti-trafficking initiative.

The Anglican and Vatican teams will attend Mass at St Peter's this weekend, where Pope Francis will preside. The Vatican side comprised seminarians studying in Rome, many of them from India and Pakistan.

The Anglican side was made up largely of ordinands and young priests who answered a search by the Church Times (sponsor of clergy cricket in the UK). Its captain, the Revd Steve Gray, is Chaplain at Bradfield College, Berkshire.

## DWP "stubbornly ignoring" evidence on benefit sanctions



A coalition of national Churches and charities has criticised the Department for Work and Pensions over its refusal to undertake a full review of the benefit sanctions system. The DWP has issued its overdue response to the Work and Pensions Select Committee inquiry into benefit sanctions, but has failed to commit to a review as recommended.

The Select Committee, the Government's own advisors, the Social Security Advisory Committee, charities and Churches have all called for a full independent review of the regime. These groups have highlighted the extreme hardship caused, the inconsistent and unjust application of sanctions and the lack of evidence that they encourage people into work.

The Baptist Union, Church in Wales, Church of Scotland, Methodist Church, United Reformed Church and charity Church Action on Poverty have called for an immediate suspension of sanctions against families with children and people with mental ill-health. They say the DWP's response does not go far enough and have called again for a review.

"In refusing to undertake a full review, the DWP is stubbornly ignoring the calls of parliament, expert advisers, Churches and charities. Most importantly, it is condemning people, many of whom have also spoken out eloquently against the inhumanity of the current practice, to unjust and pointless punishment," said Paul Morrison, Public Issues Policy Adviser for the Methodist Church.

Responding to the DWP's announcement that they will trial a 'yellow card' system, Mr Morrison added: "If a court is working to a bad set of laws for a bad set of reasons and making bad and unreliable decisions, it's not the sentencing policy you look at. 'Yellow cards' will reduce the number of sanctions, which is welcome, but won't address the fundamental problems that occur long before the decision to sanction has been made. That's why we need a full independent review"

Even if a benefits claimant is able to demonstrate that they cannot afford food due to being sanctioned, most people will still not become eligible for a hardship payment or loan for a further two weeks and, once eligible, it will take a further three days before payment actually arrives.

Dr Richard Vautrey, a GP in Leeds and deputy chair of the BMA's General Practitioners Committee, said: "GPs are increasingly seeing people who are suffering serious consequences as a result of the current benefit sanctions system. Vulnerable people can be left with no money to pay for essentials such as food and heating and this can then have a damaging impact not only on their physical and mental health but also the health of family members, including children, who depend upon them. Government policy directly puts the health of patients we care for at risk. Immediate action should be taken to end these punitive actions."

In March this year, [the Churches published a report](#) showing that nearly 100,000 children had been affected by sanctions in 2014 alone and that people with mental health problems were being sanctioned at a rate of more than 100 per day. As a result of their campaign more than 2,000 people wrote to their MPs asking them to support a review of the system.

The report told stories like that of Martin\*, aged 60, who missed an appointment with the job centre because his wife died suddenly. He was sanctioned for six weeks, leaving him with nothing to live on and in a state of confusion as his wife had previously handled most of their

joint paperwork. He came to the local church for help and charity [Acts435](#) helped him with his living expenses until he could come to terms with the new shape his life had taken.

"The Government claims that sanctions help people into work, but the evidence for this claim is practically non-existent," added Mr Morrison. "However, there is plenty of evidence that sanctions cause hardship, suffering and hunger. Any system that seeks to 'change people's behaviour' by using hunger as a weapon is immoral."

\*Not his real name.

## **CofE Bishop reflects on Synod in Rome**

The Rt Revd Tim Thornton, Church of England Bishop of Truro, says it is clear there are "major differences in the room" at the Roman Catholic Synod on the Family in Rome where he is representing the Anglican Church.



[Video interview with Bishop Thornton from Anglican Communion News Service](#)

Writing in his blog (link below), Bishop Tim said the process was still not clear or easy for many and mused on the difficulties of holding together a body with universal authority when there were so many local expressions relating to very different local circumstances.

While in Rome, Bishop Tim has been joining in debates around divorce and homosexuality. He met Pope Francis, watched by the Revd Tim McQuiban, the Methodist fraternal delegate and the Methodist Minister in Rome. Bishop Tim also found the time to keep the people at home in the Diocese of Truro up-to-date with his experiences via his blog and Twitter (see below).

The Bishop is taking part as the Anglican Fraternal delegate at the synod joining hundreds of bishops from all over the world who have gathered to discuss various issues relating to Family.

Along with all the others attending, Bishop Tim, who is also President of the Association of Interchurch Families, had the opportunity to speak for three minutes in the main gathering as well as taking part in small group workshops.

Speaking before he left, Bishop Tim said: "I will be one of about ten fraternal delegates from the main Christian denominations and traditions. "I will be listening to contributions which will of course vary enormously. Some will be very much in favour of the suggested changes and the direction of travel. Some will be keen to keep to what they regard as the traditional teaching. It will be quite fascinating to observe how the meeting works and what, if anything, happens in public and what happens behind the scenes. I am looking forward to being there and will be fascinated to compare what I know and experience of the Church of England decision making process with what happens in Rome."

He added: "I will be intrigued to hear whether we can all understand ourselves as related one to another and each of us members of the human family."

Follow Bishop Tim on Twitter: @BishopTruro

Read his blog at [www.trurodiocese.org.uk/press-office/bishop-tims-blog/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/press-office/bishop-tims-blog/)

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### Opening session

#### Texts:

 [01 What I value about being a Quaker - Peter Rivers](#) (20KB)

 [01 What I value about Lutherans - James Laing](#) (52KB)

 [01 What I value about the Catholic Church - Barbara Wood](#) (21KB)

**Video** of the Opening Session, uncut for reference use: <https://vimeo.com/143916388>

### Engaging with Orthodox Churches

**Video** of the session, uncut for reference use: <https://vimeo.com/143873056>

### Engaging with Pentecostal Churches

#### Text:

  [04 Essentials of Pentecostalism](#) (2,251KB)

**Video** of the session, uncut for reference use: <https://vimeo.com/143930599>

### The Presidents' Panel

#### Text:

 [05 Questions submitted to the Presidents](#) (19KB)

**Video** of the Presidents Panel, uncut for reference use:

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Part 2of2: <https://vimeo.com/144034088>

- [Greeting to Forum](#)
- [What Biblical passage speaks to you most deeply about the unity we share in Christ?](#)
- [What inspiration do you find in other Christian traditions?](#)
- [Is unity important for the mission of the church today?](#)
- [Where do you experience our unity in Jesus to-day? Are there any highlights that you can share?](#)
- [Comment on the Middle East](#)

## **Listening to young adults**

[The video made at \*Welcome to Paradise\* which began the session.](#)

**Videos** of the whole session, uncut for reference:

Part 1 of 2: <https://vimeo.com/144059740>

Part 2 of 2: to follow

## **Band clip**

**Video: 'One Faith. One Church':** <https://vimeo.com/143847223>:

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