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FROM THE CEO

Dear friends

Welcome to our first issue of the year. We have stepped into 2021 with a renewed sense of how connected our world really is, with all the trials and gifts this brings. There wasn't a magical fix to the problems of Covid and 2020, but it's another wonderful opportunity for us to learn from and walk with our neighbours together as we face the challenges of this time.

It's also been a time of rebuilding and rejuvenating within our own office. We farewelled valued team members and have welcomed four new colleagues! Deirdre, Anna, Nigel and Debra have settled into our team quickly and it's been rewarding to watch them be inspired and enthused by our projects, donors and partners. It reminds us all how fortunate we are to work for an organisation that literally has the power to improve lives. You can get to know Anna a bit more with her profile (right).

As we progress through the season of Lent, I hope you all have had time to slow down and reflect. I shared the following prayer with our team at a recent meeting. I hope you enjoy it.

Until next time,



Rebecca Bromhead

CEO

A step along the way

By Bishop Ken Untener, inspired by Archbishop Oscar Romero (adapted)

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future, not our own.

Amen.

Staff profile



We've been delighted to welcome some new faces to the AMS office, who we will introduce you to in coming issues.

First off the rank is our new Fundraising and Partnerships Manager, Anna Mosbauer. Anna joined the team in February and brings with her 12+ years of fundraising experience in the charity sector gained in the UK and Australia.

In this newly created position for AMS, Anna will be working with Bec and the Board to develop a multi-year fundraising strategy for AMS to grow sustainable income for the organisation and formalise our fundraising program.

Anna will be your contact if you're thinking of making a life-changing gift to AMS and will be happy to discuss how you would like to support us.

Anna will also manage international partnerships with key funding partners and grow the volume of grant submissions.

Most recently Anna led the events fundraising team at Oxfam Australia on the flagship fundraising event Oxfam Trailwalker, which raises \$8.5 million annually and attracts more than 8000 participants.

A fitness enthusiast, Anna rides to work. Even more impressively, she does the daycare drop-off and pick-up of her one-year-old daughter, Alexandra, on the bike as well.

Anna works Monday to Wednesday and is available at ams.partnerships@marists.org.au

Welcome, Anna!



2021 SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Fratelli Tutti: The Spirit of Solidarity

We were so excited to launch our 2021 school campaign kit at the beginning of Term 1. This year's campaign, Fratelli Tutti: The Spirit of Solidarity, will support the Marist Foundation Timor-Leste. The Marist Brothers have been working for a number of years in Timor-Leste and are currently planning to build the first Marist school in the country, which will be located near the regional town of Lautem in the east.

We learned a lot while producing this kit – it was particularly sobering to discover that the country is still struggling to rebuild its schools and infrastructure destroyed by the departing Indonesian military as part of a “scorched earth” policy in 1999. Almost all the schools (80%) were destroyed completely, and those left were damaged, with most books and materials burnt or stolen. Thousands of people were executed and more than 200,000 were forcibly returned to Indonesia, representing one-quarter of the country's population. This mass departure included the loss of almost 20% of primary school teachers and 90% of secondary school teachers. This has created a lot of problems in the country and it has struggled in the past 20 years to rebuild.

Despite these challenges, Timorese culture is diverse and vibrant. We loved learning about its beautiful traditional weaving, practising some of its language, and test cooking some delicious food (see next page).

We hope the range of resources we produced will encourage our Australian communities to learn more about the beautiful nation of Timor-Leste; help them understand a little of its history, culture and relationship with Australia;

and engage them with prayer and learning activities to shape our engagement with Timor-Leste through the inspiring framework of the Pope's latest encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. Please visit www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au to download the kit, which includes:

- a Timor-Leste campaign video
- learning and prayer resources
- enjoyable fundraising ideas (colour run in the shades of the Timor-Leste flag, anyone?!)
- details on how you can support this ambitious educational project that will truly change the lives of young people in one of our closest neighbouring nations.

We are currently planning an event for students to connect remotely with our Timor-Leste partners (see details below). We know how rewarding it was for school communities to speak directly with the students from St Louis in our online event between our Australian and Kiribati communities last year. We look forward to offering more of these opportunities in 2021.

AMS Teacher Briefing:

Tuesday 30 March 2021
4:00 – 4:30pm (AEDT)

[Register now](#)

AMS Student Briefing:

Tuesday 4 May 2021
1:00 – 1:30pm (AEST)

[Register now](#)

Or visit our events page:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/partnerships/events/



Recipe | Bebinca Cake

Timor-Leste was a Portuguese colony for 450 years. This popular dessert comes via Goa (also a former Portuguese colony) and is usually made at Easter or for celebrations. It comprises 16 delicious layers of cake batter made with coconut milk, egg yolks, ghee and flour. Enjoy!

Preparation and cooking time

Prep: 5 mins

Cook: 50 mins

Makes 16 layers

Ingredients

- 600ml (1 and 1/2 tins) coconut milk
- 250g plain flour
- 500g sugar
- 5g (1 teaspoon) grated nutmeg
- 12 egg yolks
- 1 and 1/2 cups ghee (clarified butter)

Method

1. Mix the coconut milk, sugar and nutmeg and add to the beaten egg yolks and make a batter. Slowly add the flour making sure there are no lumps.
2. Grease an oven proof deep sided dish with a spoonful of ghee, pour 75 ml of batter (or enough to be a 1/2 cm deep) into the dish and spread evenly. Place under a grill until golden brown.
3. Remove from under the grill and immediately add another tablespoonful of ghee on top of the previous layer.
4. Now pour another layer of batter of the same thickness as the previous one. Cook under the grill till golden.
5. Bake and repeat this until all the batter is used up (traditionally sixteen layers but do what you can). Finish with a top layer of ghee.
6. Turn out the bebinca onto a wire rack. Cool and cut into slices before serving.

Recipe courtesy of BBC Food website

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

Fun fundraising at summit



Get ready for some awesome school events in 2021 to support educational opportunities for young people in Asia and the Pacific. That was the message from a fantastic workshop run by Australian Marist Solidarity at the Queensland Marist Student Leaders Summit in January.

AMS CEO Rebecca Bromhead and Acting Communications Officer Emma Field introduced the students to the organisation's projects in Timor-Leste – which includes building a new Marist School in Lautem (see previous story).

In small groups, students then picked a fundraising idea and worked together to create a plan for running a successful event at their school. They also examined how they could teach participants about the challenges facing young people in Timor-Leste.

The students came up with some terrific ideas about how to get their classes, houses and schools involved. We can't wait to see their ideas in action. We don't want to spoil the surprise, but it sounds like it will be a colourful year.



St Joseph's Lenten Appeal

Students at St Joseph's College were shown the AMS School campaign video for Timor-Leste during their Ash Wednesday Liturgy. This campaign will be the focus of the school's annual Lenten Appeal.

The ultimate drive is to raise awareness around the needs of a community less fortunate than ours (the community of Lautem in the east of Timor-Leste); and understand that the dreams and hopes the parents have for their children in Lautem are no less than the dreams and hopes of our Joey's parents.

And that as we fundraise (the action) we connect the boys to their faith. This is **praxis**; this is **faith in action**.

Lesley Maher
Director of Mission
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill



Fundraising and Lenten celebrations at St Gregory's College

Each year St Gregory's College supports the work of AMS through the Lenten Appeal. This year funds raised will support the Marist Foundation in Timor-Leste as they begin the development of a new school for the community of Lautem.

Our students learned that the adult literacy rate in Timor-Leste is just 58% and schools were only able to operate for half days with the limited resources. By providing high-quality education, the aim is to invest in developing future leaders of the nation by improving adult literacy.

Throughout Term 1 each Senior School Homeroom will coordinate a fundraising initiative, which directly supports AMS. Year 12 students sold pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, marking the change in the Church's Liturgical calendar

towards the season of Lent. Each Tuesday and Thursday Year 12 students will collect donations in homeroom across the Senior School. In the Junior School each class has their own collection box located on their prayer space.

All students are encouraged to bring in loose change to donate and support the fundraising activities in both our Senior and Junior School.

Emma Kent
Australian Marist Solidarity Coordinator and
Assistant Leader of Learning Religious Education
7-12

St Gregory's College, Campbelltown



PROJECT UPDATES

New LaValla director starts | Cambodia



In February Dr Nop Sothun began his term as the Executive Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia.

He takes over the position from Brother Tony Burrows, who will continue at MSC as the Assistant to the Director for Finance and Donor Relations.

The Brothers, staff and students welcome Sothun to the “LaValla Project” family and we look forward to working with him for the benefit of all the people who make up the work of Marist Solidarity Cambodia.

UPDATE:

In mid March Cambodia entered a strict lockdown with schools closed indefinitely. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Marist communities there and all young people affected.

LaValla Project renovations



Throughout 2020, major renovations were also undertaken at LaValla to update facilities that were more than 20 years old. The most urgent areas in need of renovation were the girls’ and boys’ shower and toilet blocks.

With thanks to a generous Australian Marist family, we were able to refurbish both the girls’ and boys’ facilities. Plumbing was repaired and replaced where necessary and new fittings and tiles were installed. Safety handrails were also fitted in all shower and toilet rooms.

There were 10 combined shower and toilet rooms renovated in the girls’ block and dormitories and six

shower and toilet rooms, and six additional shower rooms renovated in the boys’ block.

In conjunction with these facility improvements, we also continued our ongoing program of education and support of young Cambodians with disabilities. Their lives have been enhanced in so many ways because of your support.

On behalf of everyone here at LaValla School and Village, sincere thanks, and very best wishes.

Marist Asia Foundation | Thailand



One of our project partners, Marist Asia Foundation (MAF), runs a number of programs with Burmese migrants in Thailand. One of these is the Burmese Migrant Secondary Education Program. We received this heart-warming story from one of the MAF students – who also generously has become a donor.

My name is Hla Win Thu Zar and I am 12 years old. My parents are U Soe Tan and Daw May Thazin Oo and I have a younger brother. My family moved from Myanmar to Thailand for job opportunities and better living conditions. My parents are paid daily. Now my younger brother is studying in a Thai school, and for myself, I am studying at Marist Asia Foundation since I passed the entrance exam.

Because of the Covid-19 situation, my parents cannot go to work for now. Consequently, my family has faced many challenges. My parents could not even afford my school uniform.

However, I can go to school because Marist Asia Foundation has provided school uniforms and food for my family.

Currently, in Myanmar, the schools are closed, many cities are on lockdown, and also the borders are closed, so many migrant children do not have the opportunity to go back to their school.

People are not sure when the borders will re-open and I am very sad to see children the same age as me not going to school.

So, I decided one thing and asked my parent's permission, that is to teach those children what I have learned, in my holidays. I am very thankful to my parents for always supporting me and also I am very proud of myself that I can share my knowledge with others.

The parents of the children that I am teaching gave me a donation to show their appreciation for my tuition for their children. I saved the money and donated a water cooler tank to Marist Asia Foundation, which gave me the knowledge that I can share back to others.

I am so proud of studying at Marist Asia Foundation because it has a good education system, has compassion, and the teachers are caring and encouraging.

I will carefully learn the knowledge that teachers teach me, and I will try to be a good student at Marist Asia Foundation. Thanks to the whole Marist Asia Foundation community for providing and creating a brighter future for Myanmar migrant children in Ranong.

To find out more about MAF: www.maristasiafoundation.org

PROJECT UPDATES

New vehicle for KATILOSA | Timor-Leste



The staff and clients of KATILOSA in Timor-Leste received their new vehicle just before Christmas last year! The vehicle, locally known as an Angguna, is similar to a small pick-up truck with seating and a roof for protection from the weather. It is used extensively across all the project's programs to transport clients with a disability, and their families, who are often too poor to be able to afford transport to the centre.

With support from the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, we were able to replace the previous Angguna, which was more than a decade old and had deteriorated significantly to the point of being unsafe for use. The new Angguna will allow Laurentino and the KATILOSA staff to continue to support people with disabilities in the Baucau District.

Chetana Boys Hostel | India

After facing many challenges last year, it was heartening that Chetana Tribal Boys' Hostel was able to officially re-open in January.

The hostel welcomed back boys who are undertaking high school studies this year. As the Covid situation improves in India, the hostel will then accommodate other children as well.

The Chetana Tribal Boys' Hostel sincerely expressed its heartfelt gratitude to AMS and donors for their continued support. Special thanks to the Marist College Canberra community for their support of this project.



CYC Ponta Leste Tracer Study | Timor-Leste

In late 2021, we completed a survey of graduates from the Children & Youth Centre Ponta Leste (CYC Ponta Leste) in Baucau, Timor-Leste. The centre is a non-formal education provider, with after-school classes that allow students a place to extend their learning. Classes include English, literature, art, dance, music and sports.

Although we had a small sample size, it still gave us a great idea of where some of the students are now, and how the courses they completed at CYC Ponta Leste have impacted their lives.

Some interesting results:

- 100% of respondents completed senior high school
- 100% of respondents who studied English at CYC currently use their English skills

- 100% of respondents agree that Ponta Leste improved their English
- 78% are now studying at university
- 55% are now working in the education sector. Others are working in the health sector, NGO, community service, engineering, and the private sector.
- 78% said CYC helped them develop skills for further education
- 78% said the programs helped them to make friends.

Thank you to the team at CYC and our donors – you are making a huge difference in the lives of young people in Timor-Leste.

Anondo Neer Project | Bangladesh

The Anondo Neer Project faced many challenges in 2020, having been closed for most of the year. Although unable to open their centres, Project Director Sister Julianne Hayes-Smith and her team of Marist Missionary Sisters have done a phenomenal job at finding other avenues through which to help the many intellectually and physically disabled children and young adults who are in the program.

"This has been a very big challenge for our project, as it has for other similar organisations," Sister Julianne said.

"Nevertheless, I am immensely proud of how both the participants in our project and our staff have coped with this very difficult situation."

Staff continued to maintain regular communication with the children and their families, encouraging the parents to continue the therapy and other activities that would assist their child's development. Their aim was to let the parents and children know that they were deeply cared for and to affirm the families in their difficult situations.

In Islampur one of the staff members, Bella, generously agreed to live on site throughout the pandemic and was able to continue therapy with the children at that centre. Happily, the program was able to continue almost as

normal and two-thirds of the children at this centre were able to show some physical improvement.

At the Tejkunipara centre, the staff were able to drop off and pick up prepared homework from the student's homes. Children who lived locally were also able to visit the centre for "time-out" from their cramped apartments several days a week. Although only four children were allowed at a time, this provided much needed support to the young people in the area.

The centre was also able to hold a Christmas event just before the International Day of the Disabled in December. There was a two-hour program of song, dance, a delicious meal (with everyone appropriately socially distanced of course!), cutting of birthday cakes and giving of presents. The event brought joy to everyone involved and according to Sister Julianne, "seemed to reassure the children that their Centre has not closed."

The young people, their families and the staff at the Anondo Neer Project look forward to the centres reopening on a full scale as soon as allowed.

Special thanks to Sr Julianne for her many years of service to the people of Bangladesh as Project Director and welcome to Sr Juliana who will be taking over.



Clotila

Clotila is a 16-year-old girl with Down's syndrome, intellectual impairment and quite severe visual problems who attends Anondo Neer. Although the landlord of the house where Clotila's family lives would not allow any outsiders to enter the building during the pandemic, the staff have kept in close contact with her by video-calls and this has brought some sense of normalcy to her life, even though the family went through two traumatic events during this time. Clotila's paternal aunt, who is also mentally challenged, went missing for about a week before she was found quite traumatized. Clotila's paternal grandmother was so worried about this that she fell ill and died. These events were very hard for Clotila. Her mother and our Anondo Neer staff have helped her deal with these tragedies, and in recent months, Clotila has re-found her joy. She has spent a lot of time reading and writing, plus doing homework. She now knows how to write the entire alphabet in

Bangla and in English. She can also write cat, cow, rat, pencil and dog in English, when she sees pictures of these animals. She can also give the names of her parents and her sister, as well as the address of where she lives.

Clotila really enjoys drawing and colouring pictures and was very happy to receive a drawing from Australia. In return, she drew several pictures which she gave us to send to the children in Australia. Besides she has been making literally hundreds of paper bags, which is one of the income-earning sources for our Project. As the accompanying photo shows, she is immensely proud of her achievement of another lot of paper bags! As soon as we give her used paper, she immediately starts making more paper-bags. She can't wait for our Centre to be allowed to open again, so she can be with her friends here. On rare occasions Mukul has been allowed to visit her at home for short periods of time.



Aleki

Thanks to the support of our ongoing donors, Aleki is now a first-year student at Marist Champagnat Institute, Fiji, who is flourishing!

Aleki's parents have noticed amazing differences in their daughter, both at home, church and academically.

She has gained confidence and new skills and is keen to use them. Well done, Aleki!

WORKPLACE GIVING

Help students thrive

Workplace giving is a simple and effective way to have your donation to AMS automatically deducted from your pay on a regular basis. Also known as payroll donations or deductions, it allows you to nominate an amount to donate each period through your company's payroll system.

From as little as the cost of a cup of coffee each pay, you help vulnerable young people in our region reach their brightest potential. At the same time, you can reduce your tax.

For AMS, it reduces the administration costs associated with processing donations and provides a regular and reliable income stream that helps us plan the work we can commit to each year.

Under a payroll deduction program, all donations are made from your pre-taxable income. This is the easiest way to give as you do not need to worry about collecting receipts throughout the year.

There are five simple steps for organising your payroll deduction:

- Check with your employer and confirm they support workplace giving.
- Download the Workplace Giving Form and give the completed form to your payroll manager.
- Instruct your payroll manager to deduct your nominated donation amount from your pre-tax salary each pay period.
- Ensure your payroll manager has the correct bank account details for them to transfer your donation:
 - Account name: Australian Marist Solidarity
 - BSB: 062 000. Account number: 1628 5262.
- Request the payroll manager to forward the authorisation form to us.

Visit www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au for more details.

“Back in 2011 our daughter went on an immersion program to Timor-Leste. As part of this the whole family got involved in learning more about where she was going and what she was going to be doing while in Timor.

We often get asked to donate money to different wonderful causes but this allowed us to see firsthand through our daughter's stories and photos, and the ongoing photos since, how donating to Marist Solidarity was being used. By simply having a small amount of money taken out of my wage each week, I can contribute to Marist projects that benefit children around the world and to see happy faces on children as their new school is being built makes it all worthwhile. And the other bonus is it is tax deductible.”

Jenny
Teacher, Victoria

Can you offer some pro bono help?

We know you know a lot about us: how AMS works to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities. That we believe education has the power to eradicate poverty. And how with your help, we support grassroots initiatives run by local people in Asia and the Pacific, by empowering them to make a change in their community.

What you might not know about us is that as a small not-for-profit international agency, we often have one-off tasks and projects for which we do not have staff capacity.

We are currently seeking pro bono support for

- ✓ Cyber security
- ✓ Contract law
- ✓ Graphic design
- ✓ Database management.

If you would be able to help us with your professional skills, please contact us at ams@marists.org.au. Thank you so much!

First meeting of the year

The AMS Board of Directors held their first meeting for the year on the 25th February. They considered a number of matters, including the following:

- The Board approved the **2020 financial reports** provided by the Finance & Risk Sub-Committee and authorized them to be shared with the auditor.
- AMS Directors also reviewed the 2021 Budget and made several small edits to the Budget for the coming year.
- After checking in with current legislation, industry and best practice in our sector, the Board approved **two new policies** for the organisation, an Employee Leave Policy and a Cyber Security Policy.
- It is also currently considering a review of AMS' Counter Terrorism Policy, which doesn't anticipate any major changes but is an important scheduled review.
- The Board acknowledged the service of **Nick Hancock** and wished him well on his return to the classroom!
- AMS Directors **welcomed new staff members** Debra Hudson (Communications & Marketing Manager) and Anna Mosbauer (Fundraising & Partnerships Manager).
- The Board heard an update on the current fundraising

landscape in Australia, noting the importance of securing the work we do through a commitment to regular giving, bequests and continuing strong relationships with our supporter community and individuals.

- The Board noted that a number of small to medium **projects have been approved** by the AMS team and the Projects Sub-Committee.
- The Board checked in with the **AMS Risk Register**, noting the importance of strong cyber security protocols and keeping an eye on our income streams during the COVID19 environment.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Marcus Riley for his many years of service on the AMS Board and chairing the Community Engagement and Fundraising Sub-Committee.

Marcus has been a huge asset to AMS and is much in demand as a strategic thinker, leader and executive. AMS wishes Marcus all the best in his continuing commitment and contribution to wellbeing in the aged care sector, locally and globally.

Operations overview

As always it has been a busy time in the AMS team, with the new year bringing new energy and also this year new team members.

- We **farewelled Nick** in early January, providing him with a 'back to school' kit for his return to the classroom!
- We launched our **2021 Schools Campaign Kit**, with valuable input provided by Marist teachers James Gill, Gavan Martyn, Nathan Ahearn, Paul Reed, Mena McLean and also Maya Jacques, Margie Beck and Lorraine Collins. Special thanks also to Br Peter Corr, Kathryn McIsaac and Dylan Gower for their assistance with our campaign video. See the learn section on our website to check out this fantastic resource.
- We've had wonderful news that final funding has been confirmed to **start rebuilding St Teresinha's Primary School in Quelicai, Timor-Leste**. Special thanks to Galen Catholic College, Assumption College Kilmore, Catholic College Sale and Notre Dame College for their many years of fundraising and support for the Quelicai community. Construction should start after Easter.
- Since the last board meeting the AMS team has also **welcomed Deirdre Looney** as our new (and first ever) Business Manager.
- AMS is currently reviewing its commitments to the **Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH)**, which is a priority area for the international development community at the moment.
- We have done an assessment of our **eligibility for JobKeeper** and the good news is that our supporters have remained so generous that we are no longer eligible to receive this government support.
- Our team joined a webinar hosted by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) for **International Women's Day**. It reminded us of our commitment to ensuring that girls have equal access to educational opportunities as boys and prompted conversations about the importance of gender equality both in our daily lives and in our sector.

Did you know?

Investing in women and girls is the single most effective strategy for international development and wellbeing

- In developing countries, on average, girls and women spend 90% of their earned income on their families, while men spend only 30-40% in the home (UNAC)
- Every year of secondary school education is correlated with an 18 percent increase in a girl's future earning power (World Bank)
- 15 million girls of primary-school age – half of them in sub-Saharan Africa – will never enter a classroom (UNESCO)

60 SECONDS WITH...

Sister Pamela Molony, AMS Board

Q: How did you come to know about/ connect with AMS?

A: Years ago, in Melbourne I met Br Allen Sherry, the founder of AMS. He described the work being done through the Marist network, supporting educational opportunities for young people of the Pacific nation states in our region such as Timor-Leste, Bougainville, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Kirabati and some countries in Asia.

Later, when I moved to Brisbane, Al asked if I would join the board of AMS.

Q: What aspect of work of AMS are you most passionate about?

A: I love and respect the way AMS works with its partners in Asia Pacific communities, supporting them to provide educational infrastructure and facilities and community development projects, often in very challenging conditions.

Also, AMS enables meaningful links between Australians (young people in Marist colleges and many long-term supporters) and the people in other countries of our region. In this way, all benefit.



Q: What is your role with AMS?

A: I am a member of the AMS Board and a member of the Projects Committee.

Q: Why do you support AMS?

A: AMS operates within a relational model, living the Marist values of welcome, inclusion, compassion, and respect for human dignity.

It operates in a professional and accountable way. AMS enables

communities suffering political challenges and social disadvantage to be seen and heard.

Q: What is your wish for 2021?

A: My wish for 2021 is that we use the opportunities hidden within the challenges of COVID-19 to recreate a world that is just and fair.

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☐ Please send me information about leaving a gift in my will to AMS



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