

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY



WELCOME TO OUR

July 2026 Newsletter



Come, Holy Spirit! As we enter July, our CLC-USA community continues to walk in a spirit of joy, gratitude, and renewed mission. Across our regions, members gathered for retreats, commitments, and celebrations, including Toronto's Ignatian Silent Retreat, South Florida's ongoing formation work, and the joyful baptism celebrated by Breathing Room CLC. We give thanks for Deb Flynn's service, welcome Laura Molina as our new Member-at-Large, and accompany our newly elected officers as they begin their mission in leadership.

This month's news lifts up opportunities for deeper formation, including the 19th Annotation, the Pneuma Institute's Spiritual Direction program, and reflections shared across communities on how Ignatian Spirituality shapes daily life. We also hold Venezuela in prayer and join the global body in celebrating the announcement of the 2028 World Assembly in South Korea. As we move through the summer months, may the Spirit continue to guide our communities, our leaders, and our shared mission with wisdom, courage, and joy.



In this newsletter you will find:

Regional, National, Frontier News, Events & Happenings

UPCOMING *Events*



St. Ignatius Celebration

Join us for an evening of Gratitude for Deb Flynn, welcome to Frank Vuong and other Frontier teams, and reflections and sharing on "How does Ignatian Spirituality shape your CLC way of life?"

July
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8:30 PM ET



Young Adult Summit

Ignis Ministries is hosting a Young Adult Summit. Experience a weekend of fellowship and visioning as we build the faith community we dream to have.

August
28-
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2026

SAVE THE DATE! FEAST DAY OF SAINT IGNATIUS CELEBRATION

Join us for an evening of Gratitude for Deb Flynn, send our newly elected **officers**, and hear community members reflect on ways *Ignatian Spirituality* shapes their CLC way of life.

Join us **Thursday, July 30, 8:30–10:00pm (ET), 5:30pm (PT), 7:30pm (CT)**, for our **Feast Day of St. Ignatius Celebration**.

JOIN US FOR CVX-CLC IN USA FEAST DAY OF ST. IGNATIUS CELEBRATION

Hear community members Bethany Vu, Kathy Boyle-Barkowski, Mimi Park & Rolando Coutte reflect on
**‘How does Ignatian Spirituality shape your
CLC way of life?’**



Join us as we Bless & Thank Deb Flynn and commission new exco members & Frontier Coordinators.

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REGISTRATION LINK HERE

Hosted by the
CLC-USA Ignatian Spirituality Frontier Team

LOVE FOR VENEZUELA

We hold the Venezuelan people in our hearts.

Message from Fr. Sosa, S.J. & Ways to Contribute

Video Message:

<https://youtu.be/EYuEOC1T7CM?si=-89onPioLIXUWYMz>

Additional Resources:

<https://share.google/u0aTWFAIFKTKBvWGh>

<https://www.feyalegria.org/en/home-fya-international/>



LOVE FOR VENEZUELA



CVX-CLC
Christian
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in USA

Dear friends in CLC in USA,

In this moment of deep sorrow, we unite our hearts in prayer for the people of **Venezuela**. On June 24, a **7.5 magnitude earthquake** struck the country, causing widespread destruction, loss of life, and leaving more than **20,000 people unaccounted for**.

Many of our CLC members in the **South Florida region** are Venezuelan and carry the anguish of having family and loved ones directly affected. As **one apostolic body**, we accompany them with tenderness, compassion, and solidarity.

Let us place the people of Venezuela in the loving hands of our Lord — that He may bring **protection** to those in danger, strength to those who search and rescue, **consolation** to those who mourn, and hope to all who feel lost.

How We Can Respond

As we hold Venezuela in prayer, we invite you to take one concrete step of solidarity today:

- **Offer a Prayer of Intercession for those suffering and those serving on the front lines.**
- **Share this message with your local communities to widen the circle of prayer.**

May the Spirit of compassion move us to remain close, attentive, and prayerful.

In faith and communion,
CLC-USA Executive Council

19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises

Dear CLC Member,

The **CLC-USA Leadership and Formation Team** are offering again the **19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises**. The retreat will begin **August 2026** and run until **May 2027**. It is open to any **CLC or Pre-CLC member** who wishes to make the **full Spiritual Exercises**.

The 19th Annotation Planning Team has decided to **extend the registration deadline** for anyone interested in doing the **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**.

The deadline for registration is now **July 15, 2026**.

If you are interested in joining those who plan to do the Spiritual Exercises, please sign up before **July 15**. The cost is **\$300.00**, payable to **CLC in USA**.

The link below provides details for registration, FAQs about the program, and the video of the Come & See webinar that explained the program:

19th Annotation Program Resources – Christian Life Community-USA – St. Louis, MO

If you have not yet registered, please do so soon.

Original Invitation Link:

19th Annotation Invitation 2026 – EN-VN-KN.docx – Google Docs

We look forward to having you join us for this experience and allowing the Lord to work in our continuing conversion.

The 19th Annotation Planning Team

CLC IN USA ANNOUNCES THE 2026 MINISTRIES GRANT CYCLE

What are the Ministries Grants?

CLC-USA has set aside a modest amount of funds (**total** of \$5,000 for 2026 cycle) to make available to local communities. It is the hope that these funds will assist in the execution of projects consistent with our mission and purpose. This year's funding will continue to seek to meet the challenges that our communities identified in response to the priorities established at the 2024 National Assembly. Specifically, we ask that you concentrate your efforts in one or more of these key areas:

1. Developing Ignatian informed programs that are directed at the spiritual needs of our community along the continuum of life. Programs that read the signs of the times in our current world and minister insightfully to young adults (ages 25-35), families and/or older adults. Collaborative programs with the Jesuits and other Ignatian (or non-Ignatian) organizations are highly encouraged.
2. Implementing programs aimed at increasing the number of community members under the age of 35 (young adults). This could include enhanced opportunities and pathways to incorporate the CLC college alums into regional and cultural groups.
3. Creating programs that celebrate our diverse communities, across the spectrums of age, region and cultural group. These could include creative modes of experiencing formation in the CLC charism including the practices of discernment and the Spiritual Exercises.
4. Enhancing the goals of the frontiers identified at the last Assembly: Family, Globalization and Poverty, Youth and Young Adult, and Ecology.
5. Improving local communities' sense of connection to Regional, National, and World CLC.

What should we do now?

This is the time for dreaming. We ask that you pray over the key areas above and consider what you and your community might be called to address. **We also encourage discussions across regions and cultural groups** to enrich the project outcomes through our blessings of diverse circumstances and cultures. Now is the time to PRAY, dream, envision and DISCERN!

What are YOU called to do?

Do you have Questions?

Contact Al Yarzebinski, CLC Treasurer, at: yarz1@verizon.net

What happens next?

Keep tuned to e-mail! A tentative timeline looks like this:

Applications and instructions e-mailed **May 15th to NCC**

Applications due by **July 15th**

Awards Announced by **August 1st**



South Florida Region *Strengthened to Serve*

On **June 15**, we had the privilege of gathering via Zoom for an inspiring workshop led by **Catherine Kelly**, member of the **World ExCo of CVX-CLC**, and **Ivette Cáceres**, member of the **World Formation Team**. Together, they guided us in a rich reflection on *Mission within the Context of the CLC Charism*.

Thanks to technology, this encounter became a truly **international experience**. Members of CVX-CLC from several countries—including **Peru, Mexico, Panama, Argentina**, and others—joined us, enriching the conversation with their presence and reminding us that we are part of **one worldwide community** united in faith and mission.

Participants expressed their gratitude and enthusiasm during the final evaluation, sharing words such as **“Inspiring,” “Enriching,” “Service,” “Presence,” “Apostolate,” and “Excellent.”** One participant beautifully summarized the experience by saying, *“Thank you. We leave strengthened in our desire to serve for the greater glory of God and with the conviction that we are one worldwide community.”*

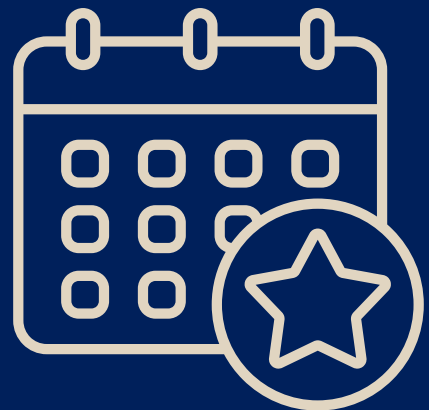
We are pleased to share the joyful news that **Laura Molina** has been selected as a **Member-at-Large of the National ExCo**. We congratulate Laura on this new mission, accompany her with our prayers, and look forward to supporting her in every way we can as she begins this important service to our national community.

As a community, we also unite in prayer for all those affected by the **tragic earthquake in Venezuela**. We keep the victims, their families, and all those responding to this emergency in our prayers, while remaining attentive to opportunities to offer support and solidarity in whatever ways we can. Together, we continue to walk as **One Body**, united in faith, hope, and mission.



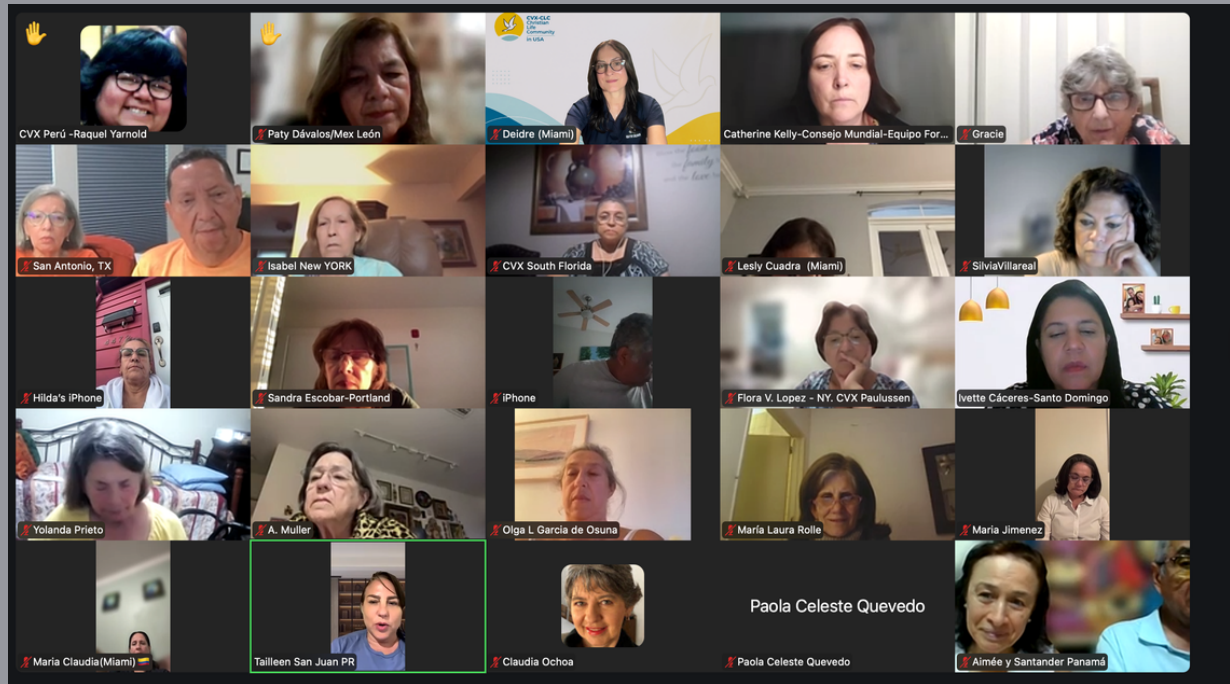
South Florida Region *Upcoming Events*

- **July 27** – Election for the position of *Member-at-Large* of the regional ExCo
- **September 14** – Coordinators meeting with the regional ExCo
- **October 10** – Annual Regional Assembly
- **November 5–9** – NCC in-person meeting in Miami





South Florida Region



KCLC Dallas Region

Ignatian Spirituality Retreat and Commitment Ceremony

The **Christian Life Community (CLC)** of St. Andrew Kim Dae-geon Korean Catholic Church in Dallas held its **3rd Ignatian Spirituality Silent Retreat and Commitment Ceremony** at the Nazareth Retreat Center in Dallas from June 17th to the 21st (4 nights, 5 days).

Under the retreat theme “*How can we know the heart of God?*”, the retreat was guided by **Father Stephen Woo-joong Kim, S.J.**

Teresa (Coordinator) and **Lucia (General Secretary)** from the cluster came and volunteered. It was a **graceful retreat** where **15 retreatants** stayed in silence to have a deep, personal encounter with God.

At the **closing Mass** on the last day, there was a **CLC Commitment Ceremony**, which included:

- 2 First Commitments
- 3 Perpetual Commitments
- 6 Temporary Renewal Commitments

The **Dallas CLC** began in **January 2020** and is a community currently consisting of **25 members** and **7 men in the inquiry stage**.



KCLC Dallas Region

Ignatian Spirituality Retreat and Commitment Ceremony



KCLC Boston Region *1st Boston Ignatian Spirituality Silent Retreat*

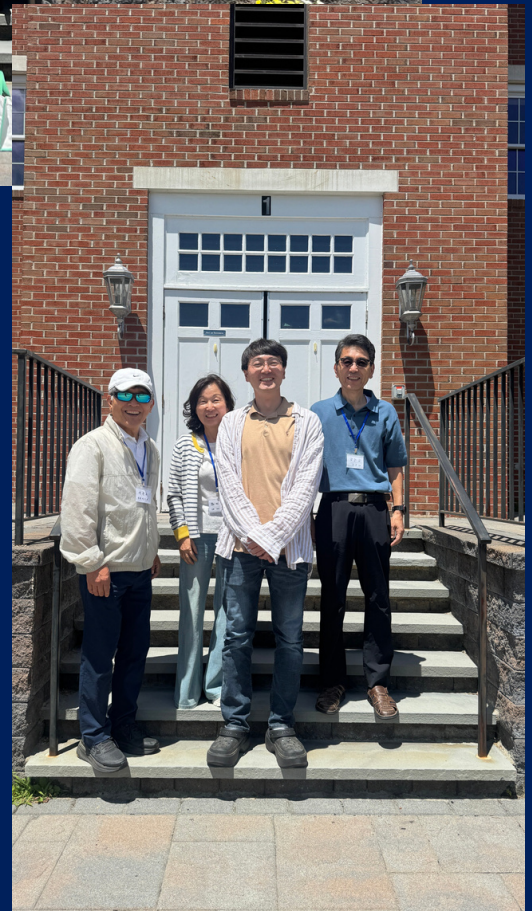
Event Recap

The **first Ignatian Spirituality Silent Retreat in Boston** was held from **June 19-21 (2 nights, 3 days)** at **Bethania II Retreat House**, with **27 participants** in attendance. The retreat theme was “*Spiritual Exercises with Our Lady*,” and it was guided by **Fr. Francis Jae-seok Choi**.

With the hope that this retreat would help participants grow in their journey of faith and become more like the Lord, the retreat was prepared with great care. It was a precious time in which everyone, in silence, could listen attentively to the voice of God.



KCLC Boston Region 1st Boston Ignatian Spirituality Silent Retreat



KCLC New York Region Annual Day Retreat and Commitment

Event Recap

New York Christian Life Community (KCLC-NY) Daily Retreat Held with the Theme “**God’s Hospitality and Love**”

– A time of grace to experience God’s hospitality and love

The **New York Christian Life Community (KCLC-NY)** held a **one-day retreat** on **June 14** at the **Loyola Retreat House** in Morristown, New Jersey. A total of **75 members and non-members** had a graceful time during their daily retreat with a lecture by **Father Francis Jae-Seok Choi, S.J.**, personal prayer, small group sharing, a commitment ceremony, and Mass.

Father Choi began his lecture on the theme “**God who created and welcomes me as the most precious being.**” Father Choi explained, “*At the heart of hospitality is love,*” and added, “*When I realize that I am fully welcomed by God, I can truly welcome other beings, and that is the way to save life.*”

After the lecture, in **small group meetings**, participants shared God’s love and hospitality experienced in their lives, encouraging and empathizing with one another.

During the **Commitment Ceremony** held during Mass, **four members** made the **permanent commitment**, **three members** made the **temporary commitment**, and **twenty-nine** made the **commitment renewal** to God and the CLC community to live the life of the CLC vocation. It was a day filled with **God’s love, grace, and gratitude** for being **one CLC community**.

KCLC New York Region Annual Day Retreat and Commitment



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MAR Region

Breathing Room CLC News

Community / Regional Update

Some members of **Breathing Room CLC (Pittsburgh)** celebrated the **Baptism of Oscar**, son of member **John W. Miller**. John is not only a CLC member but also writes frequently for *America Magazine*.

Read his recent article below on Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas:

Link to John Miller's article:

<https://pghrev.com/a-pope-against-the-techbros/>



KCLC Toronto Ignatian Spirituality Retreat and Commitment Ceremony

Event Recap

The **19th Toronto Ignatian Silent Retreat** was held at **St. Augustine's Seminary** from **July 1 to July 5**, under the theme "*Encountering God and the Way (El Camino) in Everyday Life.*"

Hosted by the **Toronto Korean Christian Life Community**, the retreat brought together **CLC members** fulfilling their annual retreat requirements, along with **parishioners** seeking deeper insights into **Ignatian spirituality** and **silent prayer**. Notably, the **National Korean Christian Life Community USA (NKCLC-USA)** co-organized the event and sent five lay guides to spiritually accompany participants.

Under the spiritual guidance of **Fr. Gupyong Chong, S.J.**, from **Jesuit Korea**, participants attended lectures focused on **God's call**, **personal vocation**, and our **faithful responses**. They also dedicated themselves to deep, personal moments of **silent prayer** with the Lord.

Following the **sending-off Mass** on July 5, the retreat concluded with a grace-filled ceremony featuring the **initial commitment of three new members** and the **renewal of commitment by eleven temporary members**.



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KCLC Toronto Ignatian Spirituality Retreat and Commitment Ceremony





Discerning Together: A gift for the Church Today

Inspired by **Pope Francis**, the Church is experiencing a profound call to implement **synodality**. Through the **Synod on Synodality**, Francis invited the Church to rediscover itself as the **People of God walking together**, listening together, and learning to **discern together** the voice of the Spirit. Synodality is a true spiritual and ecclesial conversion: moving from a Church where only a few speak and decide to our origins as a Church where the **entire People of God actively participate** in prayer, listening, spiritual conversation and mission.

In **November 2025**, CVX-CLC members Robert Choiniere (CLC in USA), Ivette Caceres (CVX in the Dominican Republic), Catherine Kelly (World CVX-CLC Executive Council, CLC in Canada), World CVX-CLC Vice Ecclesial Assistant, Fr. Jose de Pablo, SJ, and Blessing Imumoren (CLC in Nigeria) participated in the Ignite the Way conference in Salamanca, Spain.

We invite you to reflect and have a synodal conversation on the document with your CLC group!

Link to full document here:

https://cvx-clc.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Horizons_188_EN-1.pdf

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTINA KIM AND HER FAMILY

We pray for the soul of **Lk Joseph Kim**, father of **Christina Kim**.

“Ik will be remembered for the time spent with loved ones and the moments that brought joy to those around them. Friends and family will honor Ik by reflecting on shared memories and the positive influence they had in their lives. Though Ik is no longer present, the bonds they created and the experiences shared will endure. Ik’s memory will continue to be a source of comfort for all who knew them.”

Obituary Link:

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/nj/englewood-cliffs/ik-kim-21755848>

Photos: Images of Christina Kim’s father, and of her sister, brother, and parents at her father’s recent 99th birthday celebration.



Opportunity for Training in Spiritual Direction

Announcing the **Pneuma Institute Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Leadership Program**.

If you want to learn and grow as a **Spiritual Director** and/or **Spiritual Leader** with community support, or know someone who may be called, the **Pneuma Institute**, located in Pittsburgh, is starting a **new cohort this October 2026**. The program takes a hybrid approach: some on-site, others virtual.

Pneuma Institute is a Spirit-led, ecumenical organization rooted in the **Christian contemplative** and **Ignatian spiritual traditions**. The institute is currently co-led by **Anne Papinchak** and **Kathy Yarzebinski**, with other Board members, and multiple alumni and instructors are members of the **Christian Life Community**.

They serve people and communities who seek to deepen their spirituality—those in **spiritual direction, leadership**, and **pastoral care**, as well as professionals in **health care, mental health care**, and **coaching** who desire greater sensitivity to spiritual needs and movements.

Take a look at the attached brochure, and detailed information about the program and experience, the application, and key contacts can be found at:

<https://www.pneumainstitutesdl.org>

Key Contact Email:

DirectorofPrograms@pneumainstitutesdl.org

Harvest Editorial Team

Will You Write for Harvest?

Theme of Our Next Issue: *Prayer, a Pathway to God*

Prayer offers time for **reflection, review, intercessions, and thanksgiving**. We invite you to write about an especially meaningful **prayer experience** or **process** that has helped you deepen your relationship with God, appreciate graced experiences in your life, provided time for spiritual growth, helped you pray with a personal challenge or experience, or a time when you felt God accompanying you on your spiritual journey.

- **Have you felt that prayer life has led you to ministry or apostolic work?**
- **Is there a type of prayer that has been especially helpful?**
- **Do you use the Examen?**
- **What have been your experiences with the Spiritual Exercises?**
- **Have other specific prayer experiences been helpful to you?**

Articles should be approximately **two pages, 300–800 words**.

Due date for submission: August 1, 2026

Submit to the **Harvest Editorial Staff**:

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WELCOME TO EXCO LAURA MOLINA!



Laura grew up in **Cuba**, surrounded by **Ignatian Spirituality** and **Jesuits**. She studied **Psychology** in undergraduate school and **Social Work** in graduate school. She has been married to **Victor** or **42 years** and is the mother of two adult sons, **Joseph** and **Rafael**. She also has a six-year-old grandson, **Michael**.

As her children were growing up, Laura participated in her parish's **Mother's Ministry** and in various programs at their school, including serving on the team that led the **adolescent religious education program** and the **Confirmation preparation program**.

Laura participated in the **Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life** via Zoom. It was after this experience that she found out about CLC. Her community meets via Zoom with members in **Argentina, Mexico, and Miami**. Laura lives in **West Palm Beach**, about two hours north of Miami.

She attended the **National Assembly in Cleveland**, is the coordinator for her community, has made her **Temporary Commitment**, completed the **CLC-Latin American Guide Course**, is part of the **Formation Team** in the South Florida Region, and recently began working with CLC members from different communities toward **building new communities**.

Laura is passionate about **formation**, because she feels that a solid formation gives us the foundation to bring **CLC, Ignatian Spirituality**, and ultimately **Christ** to others. She is also a strong advocate for using technology such as **Zoom** or **Google Meet**, stating that if her community did not meet virtually, it would not exist. Through Zoom, she has been able to participate in courses offered by **CLC-Latin America** and attend programs offered by **CLC worldwide**.

Laura feels **humbled and honored** to serve as the new **Member-at-Large** for CLC-USA and asks for your prayers to the **Holy Spirit** to guide her in this new mission.

Cherished Relationships and Guided by the Spirit!

Deb Flynn and Sarah Won (KCLC–New York) on a NYC subway!



What were the chances of meeting someone I know from CLC on a subway in the city of New York? The Spirit is always guiding me toward joyful encounters!

Deb Flynn with Sarah Owens, CLC member and NCC representative, from her rooftop perch in Philadelphia.



For Reflection

*Can you remember a time when you felt guided and held by the **Holy Spirit**?*

CVX-CLC World News



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY
COMMUNAUTÉ DE VIE CHRÉTIENNE
COMUNIDAD DE VIDA CRISTIANA

The World Leadership Team has announced that the 2028 World Assembly will be held in South Korea.

Documents / Announcements:

- https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XvkngNf_pLNzHw3ahfgbOOJvp5BCj5Kd
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=109d2DzOtdIzwZ8AVzZZwDSmoXLjRaQ6e>

