



METHODIST

WESTMINSTER SEMINAR SERIES • RICHARD NORRIS, III, PRESENTER

UNDER OUR OWN VINE & FIG TREE

The AME Movement



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PART I: FOUNDATIONS AND ORIGINS

JOHN WESLEY

- Born in 1703 in England.
- Ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1728.
- Formed a religious study group with his brother Charles called "The Holy Club," also known as "The Methodists" because of their *methodical* study and devotion.
- Began preaching salvation through faith after some encounters with the Moravians...which did not sit well with Church of England congregations.
- Formed Methodist Societies and became an itinerant preacher.
- Originally intended to reform the Church of England, but this reformation slowly morphed into...





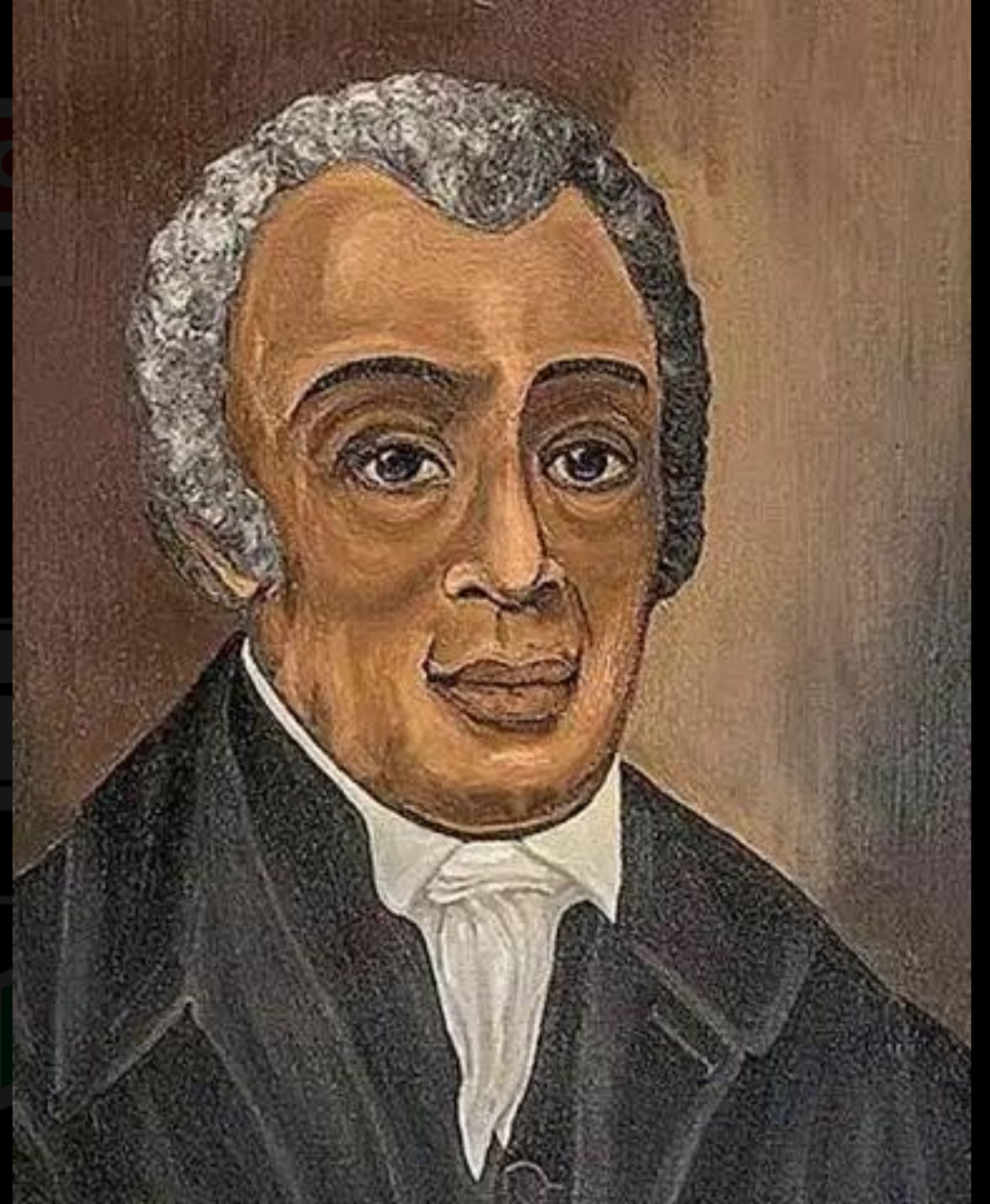
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THE WESLEYAN (METHODIST) TRADITION

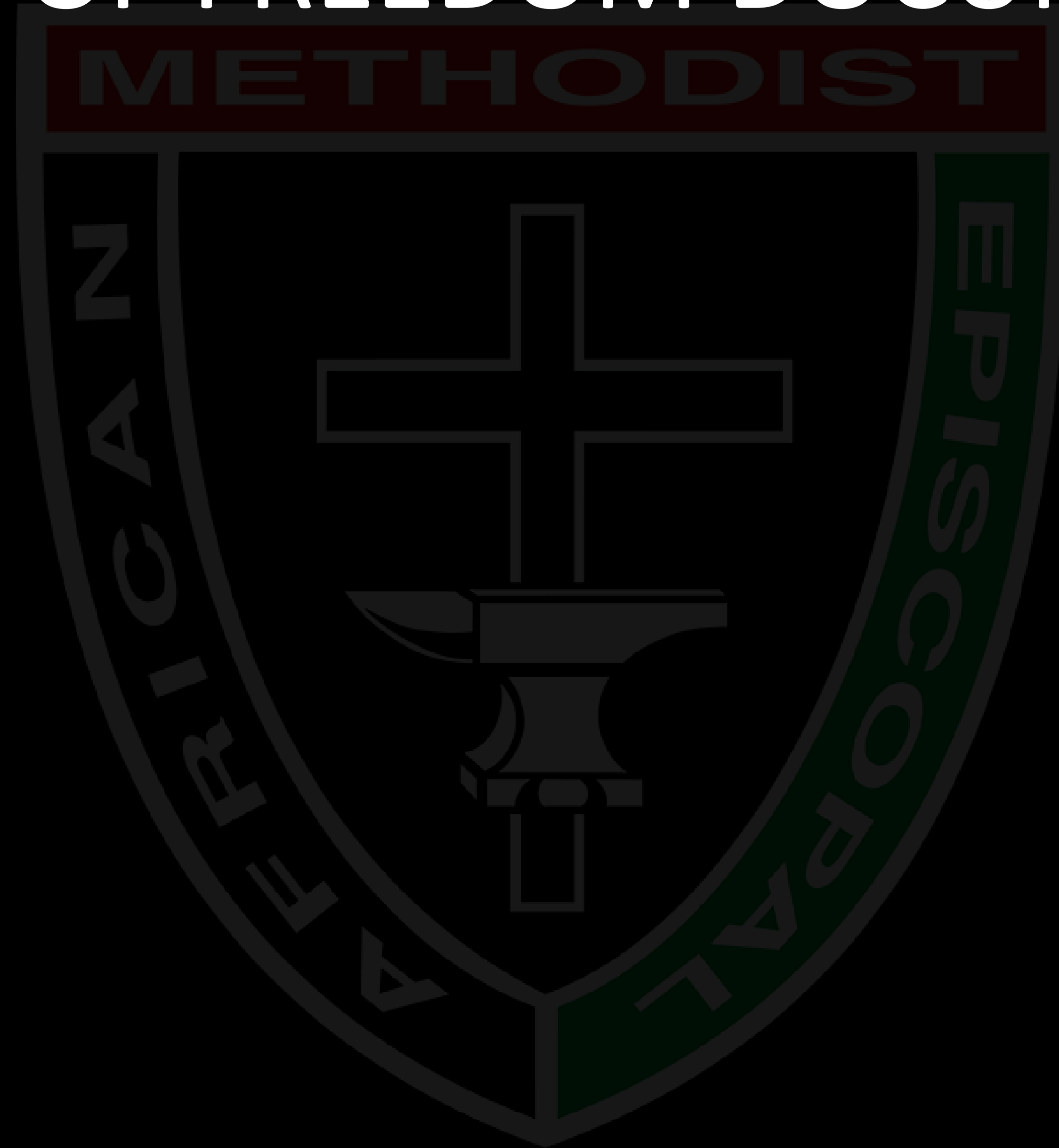
- **Emphasis on prevenient grace, universal atonement, and Christian perfection.**
- **Two sacraments: Communion & Baptism.**
- **Theology governed by Wesley's 25 Articles of Religion, a truncated version of the Church of England's 39 Articles of Religion.**

RICHARD ALLEN

- Born “Richard the Negro” in 1760 in Philadelphia.
- Purchased his freedom, and chose the name “Richard Allen.”
- Joined the Methodist Society, began preaching the 5 A.M. services at Saint George’s Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.
- After experiencing racial discrimination at Saint George’s, he and much of the church’s Black congregants left—never to return.
- Formed the Free African Society with Absalom Jones in 1787.
- Purchased land at Sixth and Lombard streets in 1791, and erected Bethel Church in 1794.



APOSTLE OF FREEDOM DOCUMENTARY



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PART II: PEOPLE AND PLACES