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Greetings People,

Years back, I had the privilege of sitting alongside one of the PCUSA's Moderators, Elder Cindy Bolbach (she is one of 'ours' as in from National Capital Presbytery). Cindy was asked, "Madame Moderator, do you think the Presbyterian Church USA will survive?" Her response, "*I know the church of Jesus Christ does more than survive. Now, will it look and sound like what our PCUSA church is today, no. But we as Presbyterians have a chance to always be a part of the church of Jesus Christ which will always include being in friendship and ministry with other churches and those in our communities.*" There would not be a Presbyterian if there had not been...you can have fun tripping through the history, it is wild! Today, we are leaders and members of a denomination that continues to thrive in our practice of how we are being called into faithful discipleship as a church of Jesus Christ.



This past weekend, three (and soon to be six) different congregations and fellowships of youth from National Capital Presbytery gathered at Faith Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC to begin the ***Black Presbyterians United (BPU) Confirmation Series*** with Rev. Whitney Fautleroy.

The parents trusting the collective journey with other churches and leaders is a sacred act of faith! The combining of this journey, guidance, and study supports our congregations who find they have only 2 or 3 youth at the confirmation stage in life.

This is collaboration, adaptation, and patience...what better truth into the continued life of faith and discipleship. Thank you to Black Presbyterians United and the congregations joining this year's confirmation program.



Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe