

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 29, 2021

To recognize and honor Faith United Church of Christ for over 40 years of spiritual leadership and service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the church began with a small group led by Rev. Joseph E. Taylor, that left the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church to start a new ministry;

WHEREAS, the new church was named Faith Independent Christian Church;

WHEREAS, in 1981, the church became a part of the United Church of Christ and was known thereafter as Faith United Church of Christ;

WHEREAS, Faith United Church of Christ is a member of the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference;

WHEREAS, Faith United Church of Christ established its place of worship in 1983 when it purchased its property at 4900 Tenth Street, N.E. in the Michigan Park community of Ward 5;

WHEREAS, members of Faith United Church of Christ returned to the property in 2009 after being displaced for 3 years due to a pending property dispute;

WHEREAS, after years without permanent leadership, the church established Rev. Dr. Arlecia Simmons as first Settled Pastor, and the only Black female pastor in the United Church of Christ Potomac Association in 2016;

WHEREAS, the church installed a new spiritual leader, Bishop Dwayne D. Royster in 2017;

WHEREAS, Faith United Church of Christ has served over 1,000 families through its Faith Mobile Food Market; and

WHEREAS, Faith United Church of Christ, under the stewardship of Bishop Dwayne Royster, continues to serve its congregants and community diligently through various ministries.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Faith United Church of Christ Recognition Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates Faith United Church of Christ for over 40 years of spiritual leadership and service in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.