

The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace  
Co-Moderator Report - May 2024

I apologize for not being with you, but we are participating in the inauguration of the first woman President at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA - the Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Lapsley. What a historic moment - and she is a classmate and friend!

- Since we last met, I visited with leadership of the *Presbytery of San Fernando* (Southern California) - met with leaders and discussed the state of the larger church; heard a bit about their 1001 initiatives.
- Spoke at *House of Rest 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* in Pasadena. Founded by Mary Gamble, This initiative continues to provide furlough housing for mission co-partners when they come home. They also serve mission partners who are presbyterian working in other nations. They now have 2 chaplains that provide care for retirees in the area. The space is truly lovely. They reflect what it means to continue to find ways to be relevant in a changing landscape.
- Preached at *Pasadena Presbyterian Church* - one congregation that gathers to worship in 3 languages. They are all under the leadership of one session.
- Virtually met and spoke to *Synod of the Pacific* regarding state of the church.