



## 2018 FUTURE GENERATIONS FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

### **New Hope United Methodist Church, Valrico • Dover Youth Afterschool Initiative— \$10,000**

The initiative builds on the Hispanic ministry established by New Hope at nearby Dover United Methodist Church. The afterschool program will provide tutoring, mentoring and a basketball league twice a week to area youth, many of whom are Hispanic. The goal is to help them be academically successful, while offering relationships with caring adults in a faith-based community.

### **Beach United Methodist Church, Jacksonville • Internship Program — \$5,000**

Research shows that young seminary graduates are choosing careers in the academic or nonprofit sectors instead of pastoral ministry, citing the need for more experience first. The average age of ordination has risen from 29 to 44. The internship program is designed to counter that trend, giving millennials and other young adults practical experience while discerning their call to vocational ministry. Through the program, the church aims to be a leader in supplying young adults who are called and equipped to serve in The United Methodist Church.

### **Young Adult Missional Movement, Florida Conference • Mentoring Young Adults for Cross- cultural Leadership — \$5,000**

The Young Adult Missional Movement (YAMM) puts young adults to work in a variety of mission settings throughout Florida. The mentoring ministry will create a diverse network of mentors who will support and guide YAMM participants and

other young adults considering vocational ministry or wanting to expand their passion for ministry. The program aims to develop the next generation of leaders who can fill an anticipated shortage of pastors and serve in a growing number of nontraditional ministry settings that require cross-cultural leadership.

### **First United Methodist Church, Tavares • JAM (Jesus and Me) — \$2,500**

JAM is an after-school ministry for students in cooperation with Tavares Elementary School. The school transports more than 75 students to the church every Wednesday for three hours of Bible lessons, arts and crafts, music and drama, and homework help. For many students, this is their only church experience. One goal is to expand the program so students on the waiting list can participate, bringing the total number of students to around 100. The ministry also aims to give members an opportunity to put their faith into practice — it is supported entirely by volunteers — and further develop partnerships with area schools.

### **Sebastian United Methodist Church • Little Sprouts — \$1,000**

Little Sprouts is a Christian education program that will be offered during the worship service for a growing number of children from birth to age 5 attending the church, located in a predominantly retiree community. In preparation for a January 2019 launch date, the church is transforming the traditional nursery into a learning center that offers updated and age-appropriate, biblically focused materials.

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