



2019 FUTURE GENERATIONS FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Gulf Coast Wesley Foundation, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers • Wesley House Program — \$25,000

The campus ministry offers opportunities for students to consider questions of faith, examine what they have been taught, discover an understanding of God as one who loves and cares for them, and build a life in which faith is a fully integrated component. The ministry owns no property or facilities, however, so leaders must host weekly gatherings in classrooms and spaces across the campus, limiting the ministry's overall mission. The grant will provide funds to support the Wesley House program, launched three years ago in a house rented off campus. The house is a living-learning community in which students live at reduced cost, give back to the ministry and community, and delve deeper into relationship and discipleship. The house also provides space for leadership gatherings, small groups and Bible study. The goal is for the house to become a hub for off-campus activities.

Fish and Fern Faith Community Charge, North East District • Children & Youth Outreach — \$20,000

The Fish and Fern Faith Community is a five-point charge in the North East District served by one full-time pastor that includes Georgetown, Howe Memorial, Pierson, Trinity and Welaka United Methodist churches. The grant will fund outreach efforts to children and youth in the neighborhoods surrounding the churches. These include a Saturday program for children that travels to each of the communities and features a Vacation Bible School-type program of music, art and stories. The initiative will also provide evangelism events for youth and young adult that utilize resources from the Florida Conference Connection on Youth Ministry. These one-day block party events will focus on worship, discipleship and mission and include Florida Conference and community leaders as featured speakers to encourage youth and

young adults to use their spiritual gifts to transform their communities.

First United Methodist Church, Port Orange • Derbyshire Place Christian Community Center — \$12,000

Derbyshire Place Christian Community Center is the mission campus of First Port Orange. It offers a variety of programs for children, teens and young adults in an area of high need where there are no nearby United Methodist churches. Nearly 98% of Derbyshire neighborhood elementary students receive free or reduced lunches, the unemployment rate is 12% and only 77.5% of residents have health insurance. Programs for young people supported by the grant include Fun Saturdays, Performing Arts, Hustle (helps local drug dealers use entrepreneurial skills for legitimate purposes), Junior Chef Program, Computer Lab & Tutoring, Easter Fun Saturday, Science Camp, Vacation Bible School, Back to School Block Party, Kicks for Kids (shoe collection) and A Derbyshire Christmas.

Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona • Challenging Conversations — \$10,000 Challenge Grant

The objective of this project is to provide a space for meaningful dialogue that allows students to exchange ideas. They will learn how to remain engaged in dialogue even when the viewpoints of other may be challenging and have the opportunity to practice presence in the face of that challenge. Fifteen participants from diverse student groups will attend a Fearless Dialogues training, which will teach them how to engage in dialogue that leads to transformation. They will then attend three evening workshops at which they and invited local religious and civic leaders will participate in small group conversations tackling differences and increasing awareness of and sensitivity to them. The group will gather at two additional sessions to share and process their experience and prepare to

attend the Rethinking Conflict Program in Belfast, Ireland, which works toward peace building, conflict transformation and reconciliation. The funds provided through the Future Generations Fund are a challenge grant, requiring ministry coordinators to secure matching funds from other sources.

CRAVE, Orlando/Sanford • Alumni Development — \$9,144

Led by East Central District United Methodist ministers and mentors, CRAVE works with young adult entrepreneurs through a nine-month program to help them develop their leadership skills, explore the source of their passions through spiritual practices and put those passions to work for the common good. The grant will be used to develop alumni retreats that will help program graduates assess their spiritual growth and community-building efforts, as well as provide workshops and spiritually led group sessions. The retreats will also help leaders and mentors maintain relationships with the graduates and encourage their participation on the CRAVE board so they may become mentors to new participants and help sustain the ministry's long-term mission.

Key West United Methodist Church • Treasure Key Program — \$8,000

The ministry is a new children's program providing quarterly outreach events to reach children and families in the community, complementing existing Vacation Bible School, children's church and back-to-school events. The grant will be used to fund advertising promoting the program's activities and events to thousands of military families serving at local Coast Guard and Navy bases, continuing inroads already made with that demographic.

Gator Wesley Foundation, University of Florida, Gainesville • Act Justly Ministry — \$7,750

Act Justly will provide opportunities for students at the University of Florida, Santa Fe College and

across the state to be involved in justice issues affecting communities at home and abroad so they may be instrumental in creating a more loving and just world. Programming will focus on topics of oppression and systems that marginalize people. The ministry will offer seminars led by experts on social justice issues and experiential events, retreats and trips that provide an immersive experience to help students understand the content being studied in the field. Experiences include Florida Advocacy Days in Tallahassee and the Florida/DC Advocacy Experience.

LifeSong United Methodist Church, Orlando • Young Adult/College Ministry Initiative — \$2,000

The ministry will serve the college students and young adults from the community who have been participating at The Table, the missional space launched by the church in May 2019 that houses and partners with Duo 58, a Christian coffee house that provides a meal to a child in the Dominican Republic for every meal purchased by customers. The grant will provide seed money to hire a part-time staff person who will coordinate intentional outreach to the young adults visiting The Table and develop a discipleship process to help them grow spiritually and become more engaged at the church.

GRANT FUNDING SOURCES:

- FUMF excess revenue — \$97,500
- Lockmiller Christian education funds — \$5,500
- Future Generations Fund — \$44,000

AVAILABLE TO GRANT: \$147,000

TOTAL GRANTED: \$93,894

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