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### **Saint James Presbyterian Church to Launch a Youth Mentoring Program**

**Greensboro, NC** On June 3, 2010, The Fund Theological Education (FTE) awarded Saint James Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, NC a \$10,000 grant to create a youth mentoring process called, The Now & Later Mentoring Program. This program is designed to help youth, in the greater community as well as the church, discover their gifts and future vocations. This initiative will include one-on-one mentoring from trained adult mentors at Saint James and area churches, a youth retreat, opportunities for community service, and presentations of creative worship expressions in church.

“We are excited about this opportunity to cultivate a culture that listens and builds relationships with youth to help them mine out their God given gifts and fulfill their divine purpose,” states the Reverend Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, Senior Pastor at Saint James. The Now & Later Mentoring Program will begin recruiting Christian adult mentors from Saint James and partnering churches this summer. The initial activities will include mentor training and a kick off weekend youth retreat.

Selected from a national pool of proposals, the Now & Later Mentoring Program is one of six programs funded through this year’s FTE “Culture of Call” grant awards. Last fall, two elders from Saint James’ congregation attended the dynamic workshops offered at FTE Calling Congregations conference to understand what it means to create a culture that cultivates the next generation of ministry leaders. This year’s conference will be held October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, GA.

The Fund Theological Education, based in Atlanta, GA is an ecumenical nonprofit organization that advocates for excellence and diversity in pastoral ministry and theological worship. (Visit their website <http://www.fteleaders.org>) For more information about the Now & Later Mentoring email [info@stjamespresby.org](mailto:info@stjamespresby.org) or go to the church website at [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org)