

Report to Presbytery

Mutual Mission

October 2018

Our JEMM/SAMM Youth Exchange took place in July. Praises for our trip leaders, Pastor Joe Medearis (Peace) and Fairy Caroland. Our 4 students and their leaders represented us very well, and we can all be proud of them. The students were Christian Jones, Frank Morene, Julian Morris (all from Woodlawn) and William Welch (Dunnellon). During their time in Jamaica they painted at a school and visited Our Father's House, along with some recreation and cultural activities. They were joined by 3 Jamaican youth and a leader, who returned to Jacksonville with our group. In Jacksonville they worked at Peace Presbyterian's Clothes Closet and with the Rainbow Program at L'Arche. They spent a day in St. Augustine, learning about our region's history.

Our next medical/dental/optical trip will be March 10-16, 2019. They will be based in Duncan Methodist Church in St. Ann, Jamaica.

2019 will be a time of discerning and refining our goals in Mutual Mission. As we celebrate 40 years of working with JEMM, many of our initial goals have been achieved. We will be considering how our partnership may look in the future. Additionally, our Presbytery is sending a team to Matanzas, Cuba February 14-21, 2019. The committee is sending the team to continue discerning how we might develop a relationship with our Cuban brothers and sisters.