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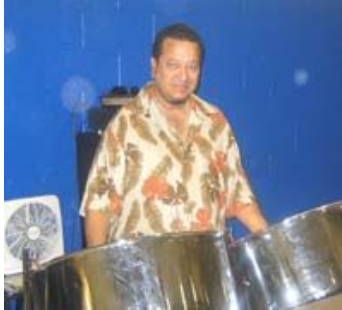
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St. Peter's Methodist Church Welcomes Boys Choir From Fort Pierce



Jose Hosein of Tropical Steel Sounds.

Leonard Wechsler 22.AUG.08

St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Wellington celebrated cultural diversity day on Sunday, Aug. 17 in a service that welcomed the Avenue D Boys Choir of Fort Pierce.

Members of the church praised both the singing and the credo of the young men, clapping along with the music and listening quietly as several told how the choir had improved their

lives.

"It was wonderful to not only hear them sing but to talk about how they are improving their lives," said Margaret Tamsberg, a member of the church's choir.

Dr. Earl Hendricks, pastor of Family of Faith Worship Center, leads the choir. He said the name was chosen because Avenue D was the most notorious street in Fort Pierce, known for drugs and prostitution.

"Nathaniel said in the Bible that nothing good came from Nazareth," Hendricks told the congregation. "All of these boys live within walking distance of that street, and we can point to good things coming from Avenue D. All our boys graduate high school, and we have seven in college right now."

Hendricks said he hoped to raise enough money to found a school for boys so that more of them would grow up with the same opportunities as current members of the group.

Jose Hosein of Trinidad, a member of Tropical Steel Sound, played steel drums during the luncheon after service. "I think it is important for all of us to understand that under our differences, we are really alike," he said.

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