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When you support World Communion Sunday, your gift invests in educational opportunities for United Methodist leaders.

For example, Johnny Llerena grew up in Peru and experienced “a warmed heart” when he was 17 years old at a Methodist church in Peru. In response to God’s call to serve in pastoral ministry Llerena migrated to the United States to study at Duke Divinity School in 2017. His wife and two children joined him a year later.

Llerena says, “The United Methodist Church welcomed me as soon as I arrived in this country. Church leaders have given me their continuous support and have welcomed me as a local pastor in an Anglo-speaking congregation. The UMC has given me guidance and support for my cultural adjustment and the congregation...where I minister has welcomed me and my family with much appreciation and respect.”

When he was challenged by the financial burden of supporting a family while attending school, staff at Duke Divinity School encouraged him to apply for the World Communion Sunday Leadership scholarship.

“World Communion Sunday is working for the present and future of The United Methodist Church. Gifts to the offering support current and future leaders with a strong biblical and theological background,” Llerena said.

After Llerena graduates with a master of divinity degree, he plans to become a pastor of a diverse congregation. “I hope to create new partnerships that link our congregation with the community and support the most vulnerable populations,” said Llerena.

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