



United Thank Offering

UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the whole church. Through UTO, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. I was proud to represent you at TRIENNIAL this summer. Our Diocese of Central Pennsylvania gave over \$33,000 for the last triennial period.

For 2018, UTO awarded grants totaling \$1,203,216.21 (from the funds gathered in 2017). This year the focus of the granting process was “Becoming Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice.” Each year a different theme is selected. The 2019 theme will be announced in the late fall of 2018. Remember every penny collected via the Little Blue Boxes is given back in the form of grants.

The Little Blue Box is the avenue of giving and reminding us to give thanks daily for our blessings. A simple prayer that can be used when dropping coins into our Little Blue Box:

Almighty God, I give you praise
For blessing me in many ways.
Create in me a grateful heart
And with this gift, a blessing start. Amen

YAS Grants (Young Adult and Seminarian Grants) applications are available now at episcopalchurch.org/uto. Regular UTO Grants are available on the first Friday in December at episcopalchurch.org/uto. One application per diocese and per province of the Anglican Communion are accepted. An additional grant is available from a diocese in a companion relationship. Be sure to review the criteria and focus of the current grant cycle.

For many years it has been our tradition to hold in-gatherings the Sunday closest to Ascension Day and to All Saint Day. These are still good target dates, but UTO is encouraging the Parish Coordinators to select the best dates for their parish. I do recommend leaving a little time in the fall to allow funds to be deposited in time for the deadline set by national for end of year.

Checks should be made out to “The Diocese of Central PA” with UTO in the memo line. Checks should be mailed to Alyce Peiffer, Diocesan Coordinator, 63 E. Crestlyn Drive, PA 17402. In turn the checks are deposited via the Diocesan checking account and sent to UTO.

In His Service,
Alyce D. Peiffer
Diocesan Coordinator