

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Thanks be to God for the United Thank Offering! For almost 120 years the UTO has been awarding grants of love which changes lives. Each year our diocese collection is sent to the National UTO and every penny is used for grants, divided around 50% for domestic missions and 50% for foreign missions. Your prayers and offerings have helped build churches and schools, fed the hungry, clothed the poor and provided shelter for the homeless.

UTO is a way for each person to express thanks to God for all the blessings in everyday life: our food, our clothing, our families, our friends, our churches, the list goes on. Please make sure your parish has a UTO coordinator who will oversee an ingathering twice a year even if you don't have an official ECW group. Most materials, including Blue Boxes and envelopes, can be ordered from the national UTO office in New York free of charge by calling 1-800-334-7626 ext. 5130 or online at www.utochange.org.

God gave you the gift of 86,000 seconds today, have you used one to say "thank you"?

William A. Ward

Thanking you in advance for your continued support of UTO.

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National UTO Memorial and Gift Trust Fund

This is a National UTO Fund consisting of money donated as special gifts or contributions, memorials to family and friends, in thanksgiving for blessings, as holiday or birthday gifts, or as a special remembrance for others. Checks should be made out to "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society TEC." A UTO Book of Remembrance holds the names of those honored as well as those who honor them. The book is kept at the National Church Center and displayed at each ECW Triennial Meeting. The earnings from this fund are used to provide materials to Diocesan and Parish UTO Coordinators..