

United Thank Offering Report

December 31, 2015

The 2015 In-Gathering Offering received a total of \$10406.92 from 18 of the 48 churches in the Diocese of Louisiana. The attached listing shows the individual offerings received from the participating churches. St. Anna's, N.O. received \$16,260. Grant for Ensuring Fire Safety for Our Children. It was presented at our Annual Gathering in 2016.

The United Thank Offering began in 1889 by the newly established Women's Auxiliary. They wanted to demonstrate the connection between giving thanks and giving money, united praying and sharing. Prayer and offering are our response to God's love as experienced in our lives. It is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessing in our everyday lives. Grateful hearts are the reason that UTO is able to continue to award grants which are the gifts of love, and which change lives. The UTO is a vital mission arm of the Episcopal Church. UTO is not a fund drive, but is a discipline in our daily life in Christ. We can offer prayers of thanksgiving for our countless blessings and this makes giving a joyful experience.

I invite you all to pick up a Blue Box and join the United Thank Offering. Take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a coin in that box. We can be thankful for joys, blessings and challenges. UTO's mission is to expand the circle of thankful people through daily prayers and offerings for the abundance of God's blessings. All UTO offerings are granted. Our mission is to expand the church, and our ministry is to meet compelling needs.

Here in the Diocese of Louisiana, we are all mindful of these values and goals of UTO. We have been certainly blessed with many joys and challenges. We have also realized that UTO grants awarded to us are definitely being used to expand the church and to meet the compelling needs of our Diocese.

Keep the UTO In-Gathering in your thoughts and prayers, as we ask the Lord to teach us to share His gifts and blessings with others. We will continue to being United in Offering our Thanks to the Lord for His many blessings and opportunities to demonstrate our faithfulness, and always remembering "With God, all things are possible."

May God Bless You,

Laurel McCartney

**Churches in Diocese of Louisiana by Deanery
UTO Ingathering, 2015**

BATON ROUGE DEANERY

Branch	Spring	Fall
Grace, St. Francisville	\$607.75	
Holy Communion, Plaquemine		
Nativity, Rosedale		
St. Alban's Chapel, LSU		
St. Andrew, Clinton		
St Augustine, Baton Rouge		
St. Francis, Denham Springs	\$125.49	
St. James, Baton Rouge		
St. Luke, Baton Rouge		
St. Margaret, Baton Rouge		
St. Mary, Morganza		
St. Michael, Baton Rouge	\$222.00	\$150.00
St. Patrick, Zachary		
St. Paul-Holy Trinity, New Roads		
St. Stephen, Innis		
Trinity, Baton Rouge	1072.00	
TOTAL	2027.42	\$150.00

GREATER NEW ORLEANS DEANERY

Branch	Spring	Fall
All Saints, River Ridge		\$586.19
Annunciation, New Orleans		
Christ Church Cathedral, N.O.		
Holy Comforter, New Orleans		
Holy Spirit, Tulane		
Mt. Olivet, New Orleans		\$25.00
St. Andrew, New Orleans		

St. Andrew, Paradis		
St. Anna, New Orleans		
St. Augustine, Metairie	\$916.37	\$1119.22
St. George, New Orleans		\$518.72
St. John, Kenner		
St. Luke, New Orleans	\$100.00	
St. Mark, Harvey	\$127.37	
St. Martin, Metairie	\$36.79	
All Souls, New Orleans		
St. Paul, New Orleans		\$230.05
St. Philip, New Orleans		
St. Timothy, La Place		
Trinity, New Orleans	\$1707.19	
TOTAL	\$2887.72	\$2479.18

NORTH SHORE DEANERY **Spring** **Fall**
Branch

SOUTHWEST DEANERY
Branch

Spring
Fall

St. Andrew, Bayou du Large		
St. John, Thibodaux		
St. Mary, Franklin	\$100.00	
St. Matthew, Houma	\$757.44	
Trinity, Morgan City	\$623.73	\$289.64
TOTAL	\$1481.17	\$289.64

All Saints, Ponchatoula		\$131.85
Christ Church, Covington		
Christ Church, Slidell	\$584.94	\$375.00
Grace Memorial, Hammond		
Incarnation, Amite		
St. Matthew, Bogalusa		
St. Michael, Mandeville		
TOTAL	\$584.94	\$506.85

Miscellaneous \$129.48

Total Spring & Fall \$6981.25 \$3425.67
Total 2015 \$10,406.92