

UNITED THANK OFFERING

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The United Thank Offering (UTO) was initially established in 1889 as a branch of the then Women's Auxiliary. Its mission is to invite individuals to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. We ask each of you to keep a UTO "Blue" Box in a prominent location your home. UTO encourages people to notice the good things, which happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, both large and small, and to make an offering for each of those blessings into your UTO Box. Daily gratitude and the physical act of giving can be seen and practiced by even the youngest of our family members. 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.



Since receiving our first UTO grant in 1968, the Diocese of Louisiana has received more than \$1,000,000 for grants. We have received moneys ranging for projects involving day care centers, schools, university chapels, youth and adult formation, medical support programs, community outreach and disaster relief to name just a few. After Hurricane Katrina, along with the Diocese of Mississippi, our diocese received the largest grant ever given by UTO.

For the next three years, in the spirit of Matthew 25:36, UTO will focus on areas of ministry that service those whom society has left out and left behind.

The UTO grant focus for 2023 will be on innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis, specifically:

- preventative programs and intervention;
- prisoner support outreach;
- prison reform work;
- or post-prison re-entry.

Application details are on the attached flier and at unitedthankoffering.com

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