HISTORICAL GRANTS

Each year, the UTO Board awards grants that fall outside of the regular parameters of our granting process but within the historical practices of UTO. When UTO was founded, Ingathering funds were used to send and support UTO missionaries. In the spirit of this practice, UTO continues to support the missionaries sent by the Global Partnerships Team. Additionally, the Board created an internship three years ago to support the personal and professional development of one young woman per year, in the spirit of the early UTO missionaries. This internship gives young women an opportunity to experience intentional mentoring, as well as to learn, grow, and discern where God is calling them next in their life adventures. It also allows them to share the ministry and work of UTO with others. The final grant that is listed below is a practice that the UTO Board created years ago to support and partner with the Presiding Bishop. Historically, UTO funded grants to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to support new work that the Church budget had not yet expanded to fund. These awards have supported everything from staff positions, conferences, and the creation of educational resources to building projects.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

2018 Grant Awards

Thank you to everyone who, through a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contributed to the United Thank Offering’s 2017 Ingathering. As a result of your gratitude and generosity, we raised $1,283,216.21.

Of this, $25,438.04 funded the 2018 Young Adult and Seminarian Grants (www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/2018_uto_young_adult_and_seminarian_grants.pdf). Below is the list of the 34 grants awarded as a part of our annual grant process, which utilizes the remainder of the 2017 Ingathering funds, or $1,257,778.17. This year, the focus of our granting process was “Becoming Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice.” The UTO Board received almost $2.8 million in requests in 2018. With your help and the encouragement that you give to others to join the United Thank Offering, we hope to raise additional funds in order to support even more of our wonderful applicants. Remember that every penny given to the United Thank Offering is given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church. Since our official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,257 grants for a total of $137,094,170.52. (For a complete list of all UTO grants, please visit episcopalchurch.org/UTO and click on the Resources tab at the bottom of the page.)

Episcopal Migration Ministries
Presiding Bishop’s Award: Partners in Welcome, $62,000

Expanding beyond its public-private partnership in refugee resettlement, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is creating the Partners in Welcome program, a network that supports congregations, dioceses, and organizations as they welcome and seek right relationship with their immigrant and refugee neighbors. This grant will provide for staffing and equipment to launch this program.

Global Partnerships
Gifts to Missionaries, $11,900

This annual contribution supports the work of all Episcopal Church missionaries. This year, the award will support 38 missionaries and two overseas Episcopal convents.

United Thank Offering in Partnership with the Office of Government Relations
Julia Chester Emery United Thank Offering Internship $49,452.11

This grant will provide funds for the continuation of the Julia Chester Emery United Thank Offering Internship. This project seeks to aid in the personal and professional development of a young woman interested in lay ministry by providing intentional mentoring and leadership experience through the Episcopal Public Policy Network and UTO.

The United Thank Offering Invites Every Episcopalian to:

Notice the good things that happen each day.
Give thanks to God for your blessings.
Make an offering for each blessing. Through UTO, your Blessings become blessings for others.
2018 ANNUAL GRANTS

This year, the UTO Board received 68 grant applications and was able to fund 34 grants (including the three above). Four grants support dioceses that receive block grants from General Convention (aided dioceses). Six grants fund projects outside of The Episcopal Church, either directly or through an Episcopal Church companion. Five grants are companion projects, which means that two dioceses that have a relationship with one another are working together on a grant project. This year’s grant recipients represent eight of the nine Anglican Communion provinces and 28 dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH AWARDS

Alaska
Companion with Navajoland
Practicing the Way of Love in Navajoland, $20,000
This project will fund a new full-time position to create stability within and expand the scope of a growing ministry within the diocese. This position will be “practicing the way of love” by helping create economic opportunities for more Navajo and by introducing Navajo culture to more people outside of the Four Corners Region.

Arizona
Bridges Reentry, $26,000
Our project will provide long-term, rent-free housing; addiction recovery; emotional and spiritual healing; and economic sustainability for formerly incarcerated women. As a Sister Organization of Magdalene House of Thistle Farms, we will develop a safe housing community based on their successful models.

Connecticut
Bridging the Racial Divide, $7,000
Saint James Episcopal Church of New London will hold Community Conversations with area churches and nonprofits addressing racial discrimination, racism, and strategies to support those impacted by racism. The project includes a five-day camp for young people to discuss identity, culture, ethnicity, and racial justice issues.

Convocation of Churches in Europe
Support for Community Refugee Events to Fight Racism & Xenophobia Against Refugees and Migrants $15,512.77
This project will renovate our kitchen and provide us with essential equipment so that the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center is able to host monthly community events to promote cultural diversity, bridge divisions between locals and newcomers, fight racism against migrants, and move us toward becoming the Beloved Community.

Dallas
Food Ministry – San Francisco de Asis Iglesia Episcopal, $5,400
San Francisco de Asis Iglesia Episcopal serves a large Hispanic immigrant and refugee community in the surrounding low-income apartments of East Dallas, Texas. This project will expand our current food program through the purchase of a commercial refrigerator and freezer to accommodate a growing, hungry East Dallas community. In offering food to our East Dallas neighbors, we bring racial healing and reconciliation.
El Camino Real

Bridge Project, $68,000

This grant will hire one staff person to lead Project Bridge and implement strength-based reentry case management that targets incarcerated men and women within 30 days of their release, utilizing the church as a strategic support provider. A social justice structure will be put into place that advocates for systemic reform.

Idaho

Connecting Cultures by Becoming a Beloved Community, $4,000

The Lillian Vallely School strives to be a beloved community. This grant will increase a part-time teacher’s schedule to include a new class. She will begin teaching daily classes on racial healing, reconciliation, and justice to help challenge cultural stigmas.

Iowa

Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) $20,800

Hiring a staff person to lead The Beloved Community Initiative will help our diocese serve as a resource working for racial justice, healing, and reconciliation within communities where our congregations are located. This brand-new initiative is bringing together people from multiple faiths and cultures and includes many community partners.

Iowa

Companion with Nzara, South Sudan Beyond the Mango Trees: St. Timothy’s School Classroom Buildings, $44,372

This project will help Repair the Breach by building six classrooms at St. Timothy’s School in Nzara, South Sudan, which will move groups of students in the world’s newest country into year-round, sheltered classrooms. This will provide 450 children per year a dignified, safe, and stable environment for their education.

Lexington

Clean Start: A Social Justice Enterprise, $29,000

Clean Start is a social justice enterprise affiliated with The Well, a two-year residential program modeled on Thistle Farms. Clean Start offers cleaning services to businesses and residences to provide women with employment opportunities, job experience, and financial autonomy, alleviating the poverty that is at the root of human trafficking.

Louisiana

Healing the Next Generation: Relationships, Resiliency, and Social/Emotional Learning, $48,000

Kids’ Orchestra (KO) will implement a structured mentoring program delivered by 134 music artists/teachers and 10 support staff as an intentional strategy to strengthen relationships and cultivate social/emotional training for 800 elementary children attending a quality after-school orchestra program predominately serving students of color from under-resourced neighborhoods and low-performing schools.

Maryland

Gilead House, $14,420

To fund new staffing in order to offer a place of refuge, welcome, and community connection for asylum seekers and to install safety and security features at the home. Episcopal Refugee and Immigrant Center Alliance (ERICA) will provide housing, cross-cultural education, and deep engagement with volunteers at Gilead House, the rectory of St. Mark’s on-the-Hill Church.

Massachusetts Companion Diocese with Tanganyika, Tanzania

Creation of Kitchen and Dining Areas for Hegongo Holy Cross Secondary School, $66,668.13

To expand enrollment and add two new grade levels, this grant will provide for the creation of a kitchen and dining area. This new capacity will equip us to expand our common work of alleviating structural poverty through education as together, across borders, we seek to become the Beloved Community.

Navajoland

The Hozho Center: Becoming Beloved Community Through Healing and Hope, $33,815

To purchase an energy-efficient heating and cooling system for the newly renovated Old Hospital so that the space can be open year-round to house the Hozho Center, an alcohol recovery and domestic violence program to repair the breach with women, the most vulnerable and underserved in our community, and support them on their path to Becoming Beloved Community.

Newark

All the Way Up: Adult Education Center, $43,000

All the Way Up is an Adult Education Center in downtown Newark that is ready for its next phase of development: seeking nonprofit incorporation and creating new staff positions to help meet the demands of program growth, supporting students and tutors, and continuing to build new relationships in the community.
North Carolina
Training for Racial Justice and Reconciliation, $31,681
This project, focused on racial equity and justice and involving six partnering churches, proposes a multi-angle, long-term approach for addressing issues of racial injustice and inequities in one local community, with the ultimate goal of unity with God and each other in Christ.

North Dakota Companion with South Dakota
Thunderhead Episcopal Center Transportation, $43,230
More than 60 percent of the Diocese of South Dakota are Lakota/Dakota and Sudanese. Thunderhead Episcopal Camp has proven exemplary for racial reconciliation, bringing youth of all backgrounds together to build relationships of healing and to explore other cultures. A van would increase camp accessibility and expand youth ministry access on reservations.

Northern Michigan
Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Through Racial Reconciliation $30,000
Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Through Racial Reconciliation is a project that focuses on discussing our Church history, holding Listening and Learning sessions, and building positive relationships with our Native American communities, including developing a traveling exhibit that tells the truth about our Church and our dream for a Beloved Community.

Rhode Island
Center for Reconciliation, $44,000
Reopening our Cathedral provides a home for the Center for Reconciliation (CFR), which offers programs for learning, sharing, and discussing America’s history of slavery, the slave trade, and its legacies. New heating and lighting will significantly improve the Exhibit Hall and meeting space for this work.

Southern Ohio
Beloved Community Centers – Communities of Practice, $31,200
To fund a Becoming Beloved Community Coordinator who will develop 5-10 pilot Beloved Community Centers in neighborhoods throughout the diocese, together with church and community members. These communities of practice will be trained and will engage in missional community projects. They will become teaching centers for congregations and faith communities.

South Dakota
Niobrara Prayer Book in Lakota $45,000
This project will create a Book of Common Prayer in the Lakota Language that will be usable for all nine of the tribes in South Dakota. This book will contain translations from the 1979 English Book of Common Prayer as well as some liturgies that are unique to the Diocese of South Dakota.

Southwestern Virginia
Building the Community Room: Grace Episcopal Church, Lexington, $46,905
Constructing a physical “home base” for planning and creating a Beloved Community in our area by renovating the long-neglected Undercroft of our 1883 church into a dedicated Community Room with versatile adjacent spaces for community events to serve as catalysts for healing relationships among disparate local communities throughout our county.

Southwest Florida
The Farm at St. Augustine’s, $63,600
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Rochester
Companion with Costa Rica
Lego Love: Construction of a School/Community Center in Cartagena $61,875
This project will build a school/community center in Cartagena, Costa Rica, including a meeting room for community gatherings, a kitchen for proper food handling, and four classrooms with resources to educate 80 children ages 6-18, in order to help restore dignity to an impoverished community suffering too long from racism and injustice.

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Upper South Carolina
Voorhees Scholars Program, $7,700
Fifteen middle school students, recommended by school counselors, will participate in a summer program at Voorhees College. The curriculum will expose them to the college environment with emphasis on team-building, self-expression, and environmental and social justice issues. The Scholars will also attend monthly Saturday sessions through the following year.

Utah
Justice Through Transportation
$18,945.46
We seek reliable transportation for the Sudanese refugee members of our congregation. This will facilitate attendance at church worship, link congregants to community resources, and ensure children can attend Sunday School and enriching youth offerings. This project will bring together families throughout the 807 square miles of Salt Lake County.

Virginia
Charis Hospitality Expansion Project
$30,000
Charis is an intentional community of young adults living at McIlhany Parish, seeking to follow Jesus through prayer and social action. Our church is intending to declare public sanctuary for people facing deportation, and this grant would allow us to add three bedrooms and a bathroom and make our home more hospitable to welcoming the stranger.

Congo, Diocese of Goma
Goma Anglican Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, $81,417.70
Goma Diocese is involved in peace, justice, and reconciliation in an area fraught with conflict. A multipurpose hall will enable communities to meet to resolve their differences, build peace, and offer trauma counseling.

Kenya, Diocese of Southern Nyanza
Provision of Water Tanks for Improved Health, $30,000
The project is aiming at improving the capital base of Women and Youth Micro-Finance Trust Foundation, an initiative of the Southern Nyanza Diocese to loan water tanks, on a revolving basis, for harvesting, treating, storing, and dispensing water to at least 4,500 starved people that often suffer from preventable waterborne diseases.

Spain
Jonathan Myrick Daniels Center
$90,000
This project will purchase a building in Reus to house a center for young refugees. The Jonathan Myrick Daniels Center will meet the growing needs of young refugees entering Spain by providing shelter and support from the church through hospitality, language skills, job training, and sport.

Sri Lanka, Diocese of Colombo
Oppuravillam: Furthering Our Mission of Reconciliation and Peace, $33,064
This project will restore Oppuravillam, House of Peace and Reconciliation, to be a center for educating and empowering adults, young adults, and children in the principles of “Becoming Beloved Community,” which are especially important after years of war and its tragic toll on our communities. We seek to build a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers.
YOUNG ADULT GRANT AWARDS

Camp RISE: Remember, Inspire, Strengthen, Empower. A Summer Camp for children and youth grieving a relative’s death from drug use.

Andrea Foote
Diocese of Southern Ohio, $2,500

Camp Rise, in Southern Ohio, will create a space for young people to grieve a relative’s death from drug use. This program will allow participants to experience the joy of unconditional acceptance at summer camp, amongst peers who share their experience. Professional therapists and camp counselors will facilitate healing through art, therapy, nature, community building, and play.

Developing Allies in Reconciliation
Anne Marie Witchger
Diocese of New York, $2,500

This grant will allow for the design and implement a six-week discussion-based curriculum focused on being an ally to people experiencing societal oppression. The goal is to provide a positive, theological framework for parishes to explore “ally-ship” through different issues of racial, political, religious, and economic reconciliation.

New Church Community at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Grace Aheron
Diocese of Virginia, $2,500

Coming out of a summer of tumult and resistance in Charlottesville, many people in separate corners of the community have begun longing for a worshiping community that gives strength for the journey as activists of faith. The Charis Community hopes to answer that longing by starting a weekly worship service at an underused chapel.

Fostering a New Generation of Peace Builders in the Holy Land
Jack Karn
Diocese of Vermont, $2,500

This project requests support from United Thank Offering to help establish two in-school leadership and peacebuilding programs for youth and their families at Christ Anglican School of Nazareth, Israel and St. John’s Anglican School of Haifa, Israel. The programs will run the length of Spring 2018 semester and include 14 class sessions.

Wilderness Wanderings
Kathryn Florack
Diocese of Western North Carolina, $2,500

This project seeks to create opportunities for small, intimate groups of 10-14 to experience the intrapersonal and interpersonal spiritual and emotional growth provided by spending time backpacking in wilderness areas. In addition to teaching expeditions skills, the program will teach spiritual disciplines and skills for loving God and our neighbors more fully.

Environmental Agriculture Program for St. Paul’s Students in Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti
Schneider Chancy
The Diocese of Haiti, $2,411

This Project will reinforce and expand access and knowledge of environmentally friendly agricultural practices in rural Haiti. Leveraging the success of a UTO funded existing agricultural education program at St. Paul’s school, the program will launch a summer gardening and environmental awareness program for youth in Petit Trou de Nippes.

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INTRODUCING PASTORAL CARE FOR REFUGEES IN EGYPT

Caroline Carson
Diocese of Louisiana
Sewanee, $2,500

Cairo is home to thousands of refugees from Africa and the Arab world. The organization Refugee Egypt is under the auspices of the Episcopal/ Anglican Church. A needed ministry is interreligious pastoral care. This project aims to fund religious materials for meetings, translation, council, and prayer to refugees in Cairo.

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