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To: Provinces of the Anglican Communion (Primates and Provincial Secretaries)

From: Sherri Dietrich, United Thank Offering Board President

Re: 2022 United Thank Offering Grant Process

Greetings in Christ's Friendship!

The UTO Board invites you, on behalf of your Province, to submit up to **two** grant applications for the 2022 UTO grant cycle. **The applications must come from two different dioceses according to your rotation. If we receive more than two applications or two applications from the same diocese then all applications will be rejected.** The focus for 2022's grants is "Care of Creation: Turning love into action by caring for God's creation to protect the most vulnerable—who will bear the largest burden of pollution and climate change—through justice, advocacy, environmental reparations, or the development of formation materials."

Our website, www.episcopalchurch.org/uto, contains all of the materials necessary to successfully submit an application including information on the submission for drafts to be reviewed and webinars to help you with the process. **You must submit the final applications by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, December 3, 2021.** This is a new deadline so that we have time to help you ensure that your application is clear and complete. **If you need to submit in Spanish or French, this will also give us adequate time to work with you on translation.** Only complete applications will be considered after the final deadline of February 4, 2022. Grants are for one year from the time the funds are received which would be May 2022. Please review applications in light of this timeline for receipt of funds if a grant is awarded. If at any time during the process you determine you no longer need or want your application to move forward in the process, please let Heather know so that we can remove it from consideration.

Please be aware that **you will not be eligible for a 2022 grant if your Province has an outstanding final grant report.** If you are not certain if all your past grants have closed, please contact us at hmelton@episcopalchurch.org.

Each year the United Thank Offering Board awards every penny that was placed in a Blue Box and then given at an Ingathering, as well as all accrued interest. Although we continue to receive many more grant requests than we are able to fund, please know that your grant request is carefully considered, and we appreciate the care you take to prepare your application. We encourage you, as bishop, to encourage your congregations to participate in the United Thank Offering and the spiritual discipline of gratitude by making thank offerings into Blue Boxes.

If you have questions or need assistance with the application or with final grant reports do not hesitate to contact our office at hmelton@episcopalchurch.org or call 1-917-771-3366. We are glad to help you through this process. Please note that the staff will have limited time to assist with draft applications as outlined on the helpful hints page. We wish you the best of luck with the application process, and we look forward to your ideas for creative ministries to care for God's beautiful creation around us.