



# RAISING GRATEFUL VOICES:

Spreading UTO & Gratitude in Your World

June 12-13, 2019

Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans

## Overview

The UTO Board and staff are thrilled to announce *Raising Grateful Voices*, a new opportunity to gather together to learn, share, and experience UTO Grant sites. This triennium, UTO will be offering annual regional gatherings in conjunction with other complementary gatherings in The Episcopal Church in different regions of the country. This year, we are partnering with Missional Voices and Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans. Missional Voices was started by a group of seminarians a few years ago to provide a forum for important conversations about mission and the growing edge of the Church, making it a natural partner for UTO. (We are pleased to share that a representative of Jericho Road, a UTO Grant site, will be one of the featured speakers at Missional Voices.)

We've designed our time together to try to keep costs at a minimum. We'll begin after lunch on Wednesday, June 12, and end at lunchtime on Thursday, June 13. We're pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for the UTO closing event is Kids Orchestra from Baton Rouge, Louisiana who will present some of the practices the group started thanks to a UTO Grant. In between, we're offering a ton of great workshops, from Introduction to Asset-Based Community Development, Gratitude and Faith Formation, and Grant Writing Best Practices to all of our usual UTO offerings on best financial practices and ways to promote UTO. Oh, and we'll be sure to have traditional New Orleans snacks at break time in addition to giving you time to enjoy the city while you're with us. We are so very excited about this event and all of the great workshop presenters and speakers.

## Registration Information

Registration for the full UTO event is just \$40, and you can sign up here: [https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/uto\\_day\\_at\\_missional\\_voices\\_registration\\_2019?fbclid=IwAR0uZpM6VnVNdzjF3QpKpAoucRwmsLQ5zNq39rjnfq6s0W3TWG2846n8b9A](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/uto_day_at_missional_voices_registration_2019?fbclid=IwAR0uZpM6VnVNdzjF3QpKpAoucRwmsLQ5zNq39rjnfq6s0W3TWG2846n8b9A).

You do not need to attend the Missional Voices gathering (MV19) in order to attend Raising Grateful Voices; however, if you would like to attend MV19, the organizers are offering a special rate of \$74 for UTO – simply use the code MVUTO at checkout. (You can register for MV19 here and find all of the hotel information and special rates on the Missional Voices page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-missional-voices-national-gathering-tickets-47523111907>.)

If you are attending Missional Voices and new to UTO, you can attend the Thursday portion of the event for free! Please register, as space is limited.

# RAISING GRATEFUL VOICES AGENDA

## Wednesday, June 12

11:30-12:30p Optional Lunch at Café Reconcile (*must RSVP by June 1<sup>st</sup> to [hmelton@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:hmelton@episcopalchurch.org) and pay for your own meal*)

1-1:30p: Registration

1:30-2p: Gathering/Opening Celebration: Keynote Presentation from Connie Uddo, Executive Director NOLA Tree Project

2-3p Workshops

Workshop Offering #1

Centering Gratitude in the Liturgy: Translating 'Eucharist Means Thanks' Into Our Lives

Workshop Offering #2

UTO Best Practices: Ingathering and Finances

3-3:15p Break

3:15-4:15p Workshops

Workshop Offering #1

UTO Best Grant Application Practices: Screening Committees & Upcoming Focus

Workshop Offering #2

Empowering Grateful Voices in Children

4:30-5:30p - UTO Town Hall: Come ask the Board any questions you might have

*Dinner on your own - please enjoy New Orleans!*

## Thursday, June 13

8:30a-9:15a Gathering/Gratitude Challenges

9:15-10:15a- Workshop Offerings

Workshop Offering #1

Inspiring Gratitude Through Preaching or Presenting

Workshop Offering #2

Practicing Gratitude: Ways to Incorporate a Spiritual Discipline of Gratitude

10:30a-11:30a - Workshop Offerings

Workshop Offering #1

Introduction to Asset Based Community Development

Workshop Offering #2

Grant Application Writing 101

11:30a-Noon - Closing - UTO Grant Site: Kids Orchestra, Baton Rouge, Louisiana