

your new home. If you are stationed in a community that has no branch of the Service Committee, you may become the nucleus of a new group. But if there is no opportunity to form a group, the General Chairman herself will keep in touch with you by letters, will send you Church booklets and other information, and receive your Offering.

Thus, no matter where you are, you will find through the Service Committee the means of continuing your contact with the active life of the Church.

The General Chairman receives the Offering from each group and each individual member and forwards it to the treasurer of the National Council at the Church Missions House, New York. There it is held with offerings from other women throughout the Church, to be presented at the Corporate Communion of the women of the Church held at General Convention in connection with the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The amount given by the women of the Church since the United Thank Offering was established in 1889 exceeds seven million dollars. The Service Committee presented its first offering of \$532.00 at the Triennial Meeting in 1937. Since that time it has given more than \$3,000.



The Service Committee, working with temporary members of a parish rather than with more permanent members, is organized to cooperate with parish United Thank Offering Treasurers. Although cutting across diocesan and provincial lines the work is carried on in close coöperation with diocesan and provincial United Thank Offering Treasurers. The Service Committee Chairman and the United Thank Offering Treasurer are facing somewhat different problems, but they have a common aim: to extend and strengthen Christ's Kingdom.

**THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
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**The
SERVICE COMMITTEE
of the
United Thank Offering**



"HUSBANDS on dangerous duty!" How many there are in our Armed Forces! And, how many of you, their wives, are being constantly uprooted by the exigencies of the Service, both in times of peace and of war. To you have come the experiences of the Service woman everywhere and in every time. You have jumped from the Atlantic to the Pacific, back to the Middle West, with hardly a breathing spell between.

After experiencing the difficulties of breaking connections, you have formed the habit

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of not settling down too permanently into the community where you happen, for the moment, to be living. Unconsciously, perhaps, you avoid any clubs or other activities that you know you won't be able to keep up. Though you are a Church member perhaps you have not associated yourself with the parish nearby nor have you joined the Woman's Auxiliary. Or perhaps there is no parish near where you are stationed.

This is not satisfactory to you or your Church. You miss your church associations, the sense of "belonging." At the same time the Church wishes to minister to you, but it, too, is handicapped by these frequent moves. Often the parish that you attended last has no way of tracing you after your departure.

You Belong to a World-Wide Group

Thus it is for a dual purpose that Episcopal Service women have organized a world-wide committee. They purpose to give the Church an easier means of reaching you, no matter how often you move, and they intend for you a more tangible, sure, and satisfactory relation with the Church. This Service Committee makes it possible for you to share not only in the

general work of the Church but more particularly in the United Thank Offering of the women of the Church.

This Offering is given by the women of the Church through nickels, dimes, and dollars placed in the blue United Thank Offering Box in thankfulness for some blessing. It is used to extend the work of the Church through women missionaries sent to all parts of the world. These missionaries go forth as doctors, nurses, teachers, social and evangelistic workers, and secretaries. The United Thank Offering provides a retiring allowance for them when their active days are over or they are disabled in line of duty. The United Thank Offering also builds schools, hospitals, churches, and other institutions, wherever the Church is at work.

Recently a Service woman was putting a rather large sum in her worn U.T.O. box. Her husband had gone safely through the bombing of Pearl Harbor, but a friend watching her, asked in amazement, "Are you going to use that box during the war?" "You bet I am!" she replied emphatically.

And she is typical of Service women everywhere who have found in the United Thank Offering a satisfying link with the whole life

of the Church. An offering box has just come in from the wife of a convoy commander—noticeably heavier. An officer's widow, the mother of another lying wounded in a Manila hospital asks for a new box. Wives of "husbands on dangerous duty" are keeping their Church associations intact through the Service Committee of the United Thank Offering.

Organized in 1935, the Committee has grown from a group of twenty Navy women in Norfolk, Va., to include women in Army, Navy, and Marine communities in all parts of the world.

You May Join Wherever You Are

The work of the Committee is directed by a General Chairman or Custodian and promoted by sub-chairmen in nearly twenty Service communities. There are sub-chairmen in Annapolis, Boston, Washington, Coronado, Norfolk, Hawaii, and many other communities in the United States and abroad. The sub-chairman calls semi-annual meetings for the presentation of the United Thank Offering. This Offering is sent to the General Chairman instead of through the parish or diocese. If you are forced to move from the jurisdiction of one group, you are transferred to the group at