

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING PRESENTS:
FINDING FUNDING FOR MINISTRY PROJECTS, A PANEL DISCUSSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING HANDOUT AND NOTES

Finding funding for Ministry Projects or churches can feel like a daunting project. Join the United Thank Offering (UTO) for a 90-minute panel discussion on grant opportunities from UTO, the Church Periodical Club (CPC), and the Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP). Please note: only the first portion of the event was recorded however, the notes below reflect both information shared in the presentation and in the Q&A.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESENTATION NOTES



Church Periodical Club (CPC) was founded in 1888 as a way to provide much needed resources to the western expansion of The Episcopal Church. Today, CPC raises funds to provide written materials through grants to organizations sponsored by The Episcopal Church or Anglican Communion who otherwise cannot obtain them. Individuals can [donate to CPC here](#). You can join CPC and help promote the amazing work they do [here](#).

CPC has two grant processes:

1. **The National Books Funds (NBF)** makes grants to adults, including seminarians, for written materials of all types: books (including prayer books and hymnals), magazines, e-books and electronic software. Materials may be religious or secular, but must be used within the mission of the Church. NBF Grants are not given for equipment, (ex. computers or shelves) operating expenses, or for the production of material (ex. translations or printing). (Equipment and production of materials (including translations) are funded by UTO.) The most important thing to remember when applying for a NBF grant is that the application must be signed by your bishop in order to be considered for funding. There is not a cap to the amount you can request from the NBF.

[Click here to download the National Books Fund \(NBF\) Guidelines](#)

[Click here to download the NBF Application Form \(due March 1, 2024\)](#)

2. **The Miles of Pennies Fund** was established in 1988 on the 100th anniversary of The Church Periodical Club. The maximum grant given by the Miles of Pennies fund is \$844.80 (represents one mile of pennies). The grants serve the needs of children from birth through high school wherever there is a need. Applications are accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis from any organization or church affiliated with The Episcopal Church or Anglican Communion. If you are applying for a Miles of Pennies grant, this form must be signed by your local Church Periodical Club representative. Please contact your diocese if you are unsure who your CPC representative is or email CPC Board President, Judy Graves.

[Click here to download the Miles of Pennies Guidelines](#)

[Click here to download the Miles of Pennies Application Form](#)

In addition to the two funds listed above, CPC also offers scholarships to seminarians that are awarded by the seminaries. CPC is currently looking at ways to expand this program to include those in training to become deacons or in non-residential seminaries.

EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT PRESENTATION NOTES



The Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP) honors women's ministries in The Episcopal Church by listening, recording, and continuing to tell their stories. To learn more about EWHP visit: www.ewhp.org EWHP has a number of grants and scholarships to help carry out the important work of recording, researching, and telling the stories of women in The Episcopal Church. If you're interested in learning more about the work of EWHP, please visit their [YouTube channel](#).

1. **Frank Sugeno Grant (\$5,000):** The Rev. Frank Sugeno was a Professor of Church History at The Virginia Seminary and then at the Seminary of the Southwest and he helped to launch The Episcopal Women's History Project. The grant is given to an applicant who is studying, researching, and writing a story about a woman, or women, who made a difference in The Episcopal Church. The project may be print media or may be audiovisual creation. [Download the application for the Frank Sugeno Grant here.](#)

2. **Katherine Jefferts Schori Grant (\$5,000):** The Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori was the first woman elected to the position of The Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. The Jefferts Schori Grant is to tell a story, or stories, of a woman, or a group of women, have made a difference in The Episcopal Church. The grant is specifically for video or film, using new footage and/or historical creation. Currently, there have been two grants to help produce the film, *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

3. Mary Donovan Grant (\$5,000): Mary Donovan was one of the founders of the Episcopal Women's History Project, in 1980. At the time, she was completing a Ph.D. in History at Columbia University in New York. Donovan is the author of several books including: *A Different Call: Women's Ministries in the Episcopal Church, 1850-1920*. The Mary Donovan Grant is for research and creation of a dissertation during pursuit of a Ph.D., a book related to history, or the undertaking of a book, telling a story of historical woman or women in the Episcopal Church.

4. Barbara Harris Travel Grant (\$1,500): The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris was a dynamic priest and the first female Bishop in The Episcopal Church. The Grant for Travel is a reminder that Bishop Harris encouraged us to learn our stories and get them in print. This grant is to support travel funds for presentations and panel participation.

5. The Episcopal Women's History Project Research Grant (\$1,500): The EWHP History Project Research Grant is created specifically to support someone undertaking a research project telling a story about a woman, or women in The Episcopal Church to make the story known to the Church. This grant can be used in any way that will help tell the story the grantee will undertake. The project must be finished within 24 months and a copy or the research will be sent to EWHP who will have the option to print the project in various methods with other supporters.

6. The Rev. Dr. Matilda Dunn Scholarship for a Woman of Color (\$1,000): The Rev. Dr. Matilda E. Dunn was an immigrant from Liberia (in West Africa) who remained connected to her native Liberia as well as the African American community in the United States. She had a strong commitment to the history of women of color in The Episcopal Church, had served on the Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP) Board as its president. She was a founding member of the Liberian Episcopal Community of the USA (LECUSA). The Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP) has recently created a \$1000 scholarship to a nontraditional Episcopalian/Anglican woman of color studying in the United States. More than one scholarship a year may be awarded.

[Download the application for the Matilda Dunn Scholarship here.](#)

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING PRESENTATION NOTES



The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in the late 1800s to encourage individuals to consider the blessings of their life and make a thank offering to God for those blessings. The thank offerings were collected through an ingathering and then sent out to fund innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. The work of UTO is two-fold, to support people in their commitment to living a more grateful life and to collect thank offerings to support projects not yet covered by the churchwide budget. UTO offers materials for children, families, faith formation programs ([including a free Vacation Bible School program](#)), adults and small groups. You can find our resources for November [here](#), including [free conversation dice](#) for Thanksgiving and our Christmas materials, including a fill in the blank letter to Santa, [here](#).

UTO awards grants annually to congregations, dioceses, and ministries within The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Applicants can request between \$1,000 and \$55,000. In cases of extreme need, applicants can request up to \$100,000. UTO is unique in our granting process because the focus for what kinds of projects that will be considered changes annually within a triennial theme. Currently, UTO is awarding grants that welcome the stranger that Jesus talks about in Matthew 25. [Click here to read the full focus and criteria for 2024.](#)

Typically, the UTO grant focus and criteria are released early in the new year to inspire thank offerings to support the current theme. Applications are available in the summer and are due in the wintertime. UTO grants are approved by Executive Council and are awarded and paid in the late Spring of the grant year. Recipients have one year to complete their project, and the option to request up to an additional year if unforeseen circumstances delayed their project. For 2024, the focus was released in January of 2023, applications were available in June 2023, and are due from the Anglican Communion (or those needing translation assistance) on December 1, 2023, and on January 19, 2024 for all Episcopal Church applications. The grants will be reviewed and sent to Executive Council for their April meeting, and announced and paid shortly thereafter. Throughout the grant process, the UTO Staff and Board offer a variety of ways to receive help with your application as we know many are applying for a grant for the first time and our hope is that your application will be the strongest it can be. For helpful hints and more information on receiving help [click here](#).

To download the 2024 UTO grant application and learn more about the process [click here](#).

Just a reminder that UTO relies on the thank offerings of every Episcopalian to fund UTO grants. Most of our donations are less than \$20 and collected across the church combine to be around \$1 million dollars. If you are feeling thankful for this webinar, we hope you'll consider skipping a cup of coffee this week and sending that money to UTO to help fund grants. **To make a thank offering and support the work of UTO (100% of what is given to UTO is given away the following year)** [click here](#).

OTHER GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS SHARED DURING THE PRESENTATION

1. **The Episcopal Church** list of grants and scholarships can be found [here](#).
2. **History Society of The Episcopal Church** – more information can be found [here](#).