



November UTO News and Highlights

*It's time to put the thanks in Thanksgiving. Read more in the full newsletter (along with more information about anything listed below), which you can subscribe to [here](#). It's not too late to download and use our November materials, including our daily gratitude text message. **All of the materials can be found [here](#).***

2023 UTO Christmas Cards and a Free Printable Note for Santa

[Our third annual Christmas card is now available to order.](#) 100% of your cost for the Christmas Cards goes to the 2023 Ingathering so you can feel good about giving these cards in place of a gift. If you are looking to help little ones in your life embrace gratitude and create a realistic Christmas list, we've got a free [fill in the blanks letter to Santa](#) that asks your child to reflect on the blessings of their past year before asking for items within specific categories. Feel free to share!

Gratitude Comes Full Circle: A Discussion Featuring 2023 Grant Recipients

November 15 at 1p Eastern - Register [here](#).

Join us for our annual webinar featuring grant recipients in conversation with one another and the work our 2023 grant recipients are engaged with around the worldwide incarceration crisis focus from Matthew 25. This year we will hear from four grant sites: Bethelham, Chicago, Iowa, and Oklahoma. Come to learn more about how Episcopal congregations and ministries are showing up and being the face of Christ in their communities while supporting returning citizens, families of incarcerated people, and more. Learn more [here](#).

Giving Tuesday: UTO and EMM

Each November, Americans are invited to support their favorite charities on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, often through engaging with social media. This year, UTO and EMM are joining together on Giving Tuesday to help you support not one but two amazing ministries of The Episcopal Church. Beginning November 1 through the end of 2023, you can set up a fundraiser on Facebook. 100% of what you raise will contribute to the 2023 UTO Ingathering and then 100% of contributions raised online will be awarded as a grant to EMM to support their work of welcoming the stranger.

You can find information to set up your Facebook fundraiser [here](#). **Nonprofit Name:** Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant EPISCOPA This is the legal name of The Episcopal Church, but it looks a little strange, so you can edit that on the fundraising page. We've included a screenshot with a suggestion of how you could update it to make it clearer who you are raising funds for. If you want, you can also just list UTO or EMM, and we'll get the funds to the right place. Not into social media but want to support this collaboration? No problem! We've also set up a way you can donate directly to this effort at www.unitedthankoffering.com/give; just select UTO and EMM from the drop down list. However you choose to give this Giving Tuesday, we hope you'll remember UTO and EMM in your donations. Thank you for all the ways you support the important work of UTO and EMM.

Changes to the 2025-2027 UTO Budget

Through prayerful discernment and reflecting on our goals, UTO has determined that we can let go of funding from the General Convention budget, so we see this as a call to live into a new reality and a chance to be more creative and flexible with how we continue to do the work of building up grateful hearts in The Episcopal Church and beyond. Read more in the newsletter.

2023 Grant Bulletin Insert

Each year, we create a bulletin insert to tell the story of recently awarded UTO grants, one to the Anglican Communion and one to The Episcopal Church. This year our bulletin insert features the 2023 grant to the diocese of Arizona and the 2023 grant to the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania. The insert easily prints double-sided on a letter-sized paper and creates two copies per page.

[Download your 2023 bulletin insert here.](#)

2024 Grant Application Process Updates

During the month of November, we've got several ways we can help you prepare your materials.

- On November 14th, you can [register here](#) to join our open office hours from 7-8p Eastern. Here we'll answer general questions and help people with their draft applications.
- The grant committee created a series of short videos to assist people interested in applying for a UTO grant covering different aspects of the application process. Find them [here](#).
- In September we hosted a webinar on different grant opportunities available. The recording is available [here](#).