



## September UTO News and Highlights

Fall is full of opportunities to deepen your gratitude journey. Read more in the full newsletter (along with more information about anything listed below), which you can subscribe to [here](#).

### UTO Member Survey

We all get surveys from time to time and we often ignore them, but I encourage you to complete the newly released UTO Member Survey via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/0z9uAwwrrS> because your answers are important in shaping UTO's programs in the next few years. Your answers to the survey questions will help us create the resources you actually want and need to deepen your personal gratitude practice and to share UTO's work in your parishes, dioceses, and with other individuals inside and outside of the church. There is always more to learn about gratitude, and we want to know how to help everyone practice gratitude throughout their lifetime while keeping it always fresh. Please take the time to fill out the Member Survey and help us keep gratitude going in our troubled world. **In thanks for your time, you will be entered into a raffle and one lucky winner will receive a \$50 Bookshop.org gift card!**

### 2024 Grant Application Process Updates

**Webinar with Episcopal Church Funding Sources - September 21, 2023 at 12:30p: Finding Funding for Your Ministry Idea with UTO, CPC, EWHP** [Register here](#).

Finding funding for ministry projects or churches can feel like a daunting project. Join the United Thank Offering on Thursday, September 21 at 12:30p Eastern time for a 90 minute panel discussion (with time for questions) on grant opportunities from UTO, the Church Periodical Club (CPC), and the Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP). Please note: the first portion of the event will be recorded, however, when we open up the Q&A, folks will be invited to come on screen and share their questions with the panel therefore that portion will not be recorded. Notes will be taken, however, and available with the recording about a week after the event on both the UTO website and as an email sent to everyone who registered.

**Just a reminder that there are some changes to the support UTO is offering for the 2024 grant process.**

1. Grant application explainer videos will be available after September 1 at [www.unitedthankoffering.org/apply](http://www.unitedthankoffering.org/apply)
2. Instead of monthly webinars to go over the topics covered in the videos, we'll offer open office hours each month to help applicants. Those dates and times can be found on the Helpful Hints page.
3. Our UTO Staff Officer is available to answer questions and provide a review of your application. Please be aware of our deadlines for receiving direct assistance. The last day you can receive a full review of your application is January 9<sup>th</sup>. January 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day you can have your budget reviewed and the 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day your application will be reviewed for completeness.

### November Gratitude Materials

Many of us have turned our sights towards fall, and at UTO we are ready to help you add gratitude to this fall with all new materials. **All of the materials for fall can be found [here](#).** One of the biggest changes is that while our materials are designed and intended to be used in November they can be used for any 30 day period of time that works for you. We also have a daily text message with a gratitude prompt for each day in November.

### The Great EpisGOpal Race is Back – November 20-28, 2023

To learn more about the race visit: [www.unitedthankoffering.com/race](http://www.unitedthankoffering.com/race) or register for the race [here](#). Registration is \$30 and you can have your registration fee returned if you choose to fundraise. This year you can also purchase a shirt with the image at the top of the article. Just a reminder, 100% of your registration costs and any fundraising will go towards the 2023 UTO Ingathering, and then 100% of the money will go to EMM as a grant, so when you participate in the race you help both UTO and EMM.

### UTO Grants in Action: A Cup of Cold Water, Maui

This month, we want to highlight the incredible work of a UTO grant site from 2013: A Cup of Cold Water in Maui, Hawai'i. As many of you know, Maui is recovering from devastating fires and that recovery will take quite a long time. We hope you [visit the webpage](#) set up to share updates on the recovery process and to support the work happening directly on the ground through the Diocese of Hawai'i and A Cup of Cold Water. If you are able to give to support this work, we hope you will. If not, we hope you'll remember them in your prayers and if you hear someone asking how to help, suggest giving to this incredible ministry.