



UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering Board's Statement of Commitment on the Inclusion of Children

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Board welcomes all children to be a part of UTO.

Our goal is to welcome all people into a community centered on practicing gratitude in our daily lives and making thank offerings, as we are able, in response to the moments of gratitude we experience. Our mission is to teach and encourage gratitude among all people regardless of age, gender, or ability to give financially to UTO. This means that children are welcome to be members of UTO and that we are committed to equipping children (alongside their parents and/or other loving adults) with the resources they need to be practitioners of gratitude in their own lives.

We live out this goal by welcoming all people over the age of 18 to apply to be on our Board. Most of our Board work takes place online and is scheduled at times to accommodate the work and family lives of our Board members. When we do meet in person, children and spouses are welcome to join us for non-business functions (infants are always welcome). To accommodate UTO members with children, most of our gatherings take place online, and we focus on creating resources to equip our members, either in their parishes or for use at home with their families. We also welcome and encourage children to contribute to the ministry of UTO, through sharing their prayers in our triennial prayer booklet, sharing ideas for our seasonal materials, and contributing ideas for Vacation Bible Camp activities.

UTO is also committed to encouraging the full participation of all ages in the life of the church, from supporting the Children's Program at General Convention, creating formation materials for children to use at church or at home, to funding grants that support youth and young adults.

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