



2025 United Thank Offering

GRANTS

Providing Access to Water



PROJECTS ADDRESSING SANITATION

\$8,000

**Diocese of Colorado:
Laundry Outreach**

Ascension & Holy Trinity Church, Pueblo

\$55,000

**Diocese of Maine:
New Shower & Laundry Project**

Trinity Jubilee Center, Lewiston

\$46,230

**Diocese of Massachusetts:
Updated Bathrooms for the Unhoused**
Emmanuel Church, Boston

\$27,046.61

**Diocese of Pennsylvania:
Showers & Laundry for Our Community**
Corinth 13 Out of School Center, Philadelphia

\$69,050

**Diocese of South Dakota
Indoor Plumbing & Water**
Church of the Mediator, Pine Ridge Reservation

\$45,000

**Bilateral Partner: Province of Brazil
Southwestern Diocese:
Bathrooms & Showers for the
Unhoused**
Cathedral of the Mediator, Santa Maria

\$34,960

**Province of Mozambique & Angola,
Diocese of Zambezia:
Access to Sanitation Options for
Internally Displaced People**

\$50,600

**Province of Aotearoa,
Diocese of Polynesia:
Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene in
Informal Settlements**
Yavala and Nadralla in Sigatoka, Fiji

\$26,136

**Province of Ceylon,
Diocese of Columbo:
Addressing Water Scarcity for the
Marginalized**
Five high-risk locations across Columbo



PROJECTS ADDRESSING ACCESS TO WATER

\$41,848

**Diocese of Columbia:
Improve the Access to Clean Water**
Throughout the Diocese of Columbia

\$55,000

**Diocese of Ecuador Litoral:
Rainwater Collection & Purification**
Ann Stevens Elementary School

\$82,000

**Diocese of Western Louisiana:
Community Water Filling Station**
Church of the Epiphany, Opelousas

\$49,722.98

**Covenant Partner: Province of Philippines
Diocese of Northern Luzon:
Provide solar-powered water solutions
to vulnerable communities**

\$52,760

**Covenant Partner: Diocese of Liberia
Access to Safe Drinking Water**
Good Samaritan Church & St. Thomas Chapel

\$45,227

**Province of Burundi,
Diocese of Gitega:
Protecting Spring Water Sources for
Drinking & Improving Hygiene**

\$48,385

**Province of Kenya,
Diocese of Mumias:
Access to Clean Water**
Ucheka Community

\$23,193.50

**Province of Southern Africa,
Diocese of Lesotho:
Addressing Water Scarcity**
Thakabanna Primary School

\$54,964.93

**Province of West Africa,
Diocese of Gambia:
Solar Powered Boreholes**
*Water access at multiple locations
throughout Gambia.*



PROJECTS ADDRESSING WATER EDUCATION, OR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

\$11,230.35

**Diocese of Idaho:
Ripples of Opportunity**
Paradise Point Camp, McCall

\$45,000

**Diocese of New York:
Equipping Chaplains to Support the
Spiritual Needs of Mariners**
Seamen's Church Institute

\$16,290

**Diocese of San Joaquin:
Rainwater Harvesting Project**
St. Matthew's Church, San Andreas

\$10,983

**Diocese of West Texas:
Pollinator Garden & Water Awareness**
St. George Church & School, San Antonio

\$49,893

**Province of Tanzania:
Diocese of Mpwapwa
Drip Irrigation Project**
St. Philip's Church, Milanga

\$40,228

**Bilateral Partner: Province of Brazil
Diocese of Rio de Janeiro:
Creating a Community Center with Access
to Clean Water & Water Education**

HISTORIC GRANTS

\$35,000

**Emery Trust Award: Archives
Records of the Women of the Church:
Preservation and Digitization Project**

\$51,000

**Emery Trust Award: Episcopal
Service Corp
Resiliency, Education, & Visioning**

\$5,000

**Episcopal Migration Ministries
Sustaining the Rainbow Initiative**



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT UTO
AND THE GRANTS LISTED ABOVE VISIT:
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ABOUT THE 2025 GRANT PROCESS

2025 GRANT AWARDS BY THE NUMBERS \$453,101.41

was awarded to projects directly addressing access to potable water through boreholes, reverse osmosis filtration to remove lead, rehabilitation of springs, and rainwater catchment and filtration. These projects means that individuals will have less water-borne illnesses, miss less days of school and work and will no longer be exposed to harmful contaminants. We're especially excited to follow the work in **Western Louisiana**, where their water is contaminated with lead and often needs to be boiled to be used. Given the financial realities of the community (34% live at or below the poverty line), Epiphany Church in Opelousas is building a reverse osmosis filtration system so that everyone in the community will have access to clean drinking water.

\$362,022.61

was awarded to projects directly addressing access to water for sanitation. Many of take for granted access to running water at our homes and churches, but these grants seek to ensure that all members of their communities have access to water for bathing, laundry, or going to the bathroom. We're especially honored to support Church of the Mediator in **South Dakota** to install indoor plumbing at a vibrant congregation seeking to support their community, especially the elders, better.

\$173,624.35

was awarded to projects directly addressing water education or climate change mitigation. Many of our grant sites are addressing struggle to help communities understand the need to care for fresh water sources so they can continue to be accessed and safe for everyone. Several projects are very aware that access to water is decreasing due to climate change, and that we need to be sites of learning for our communities on water saving agricultural practices like in **Tanzania and in San Joaquin**.

\$91,000

was awarded to support our historical grants. Thanks to the Emery Trust Fund, we continue to support the work of archiving and sharing the stories of the women of the church in addition to supporting Episcopal Church missionaries. In 2024, the Board also invited UTO members to help show our support to EMM for a yearend grant to sustain their important work in the world.

\$1,079,748.37 DONATED & AWARDED

was awarded for projects addressing the focus of "water" and when Jesus mentions in Matthew 25, offering water to those who are thirsty. Projects had to address water issues, health issues related to water quality, water needs of the unhoused, or projects which address the historic trauma done to marginalized people around water issues. Every penny given to UTO in 2024 was awarded in grants listed on the opposite side of this brochure. Thank you to everyone who contributed to support these life-changing projects.

Since our official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,475 grants for a total of \$145,318,512.13.

2025 GRANT REQUESTS BY THE NUMBERS

43 Total applications were received and reviewed in 2025.

\$1,987,833.35

We received almost \$2 million in requests in 2025.

Awards

3 Historic grants funded to ministries of The Episcopal Church.

12 Grants funded projects in The Anglican Communion.

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ABOUT UTO

The United Thank Offering began in 1883 when the women of the church took up a thank offering to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that the church budget could not cover.

Today, UTO includes members of all ages and genders, and welcomes people regardless of church affiliation. UTO's focus is still on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around the globe.

TO LEARN MORE:



To learn more about the funds which contribute to the annual grant process, please see our Ingathering Reports found using the QR Code to the left.

To learn more about all the UTO Grants awarded since 1883, use the QR code to the right. You can also find out how to apply for funding from UTO next year.



To learn more about the work of UTO, we recommend reading our annual report, which you can find using the QR code to the left.

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2025 UTO GRANT AWARDS

PROJECTS ADDRESSING WATER ISSUES