

2026 United Thank Offering



GRANTS

Bridging Divides & Bringing About Justice

PROJECTS ADDRESSING JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

\$55,000

**Diocese of Montana:
Bridges and Leaders**

In partnership with the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, this project will address affordable housing issues.

\$6,848

**Diocese of Nebraska:
Change at the Speed of Relationships**

This grant connects politically diverse communities to work on relationship building and participate in legislative advocacy.

\$24,000

**Diocese of Arkansas:
Social Justice Outreach: Housing,
Warrants & Car Repairs**

St. Paul's will work with local organizations to help people avoid incarceration by addressing car repairs and renters rights to clear warrants.

\$36,798

**Bilateral Partner: Province of Brazil
Diocese of Paraná:**

Welcoming through Solidarity & Justice

This project connects Anglicans and Roman Catholics to provide support for the unhoused.

\$48,000

**Province of Burundi,
Diocese of Buye:**

**Promoting Collaboration through Joint
Catechists Training & Microloans**

Changing cultural mindsets and bridging the gender gap by training women as catechists and supporting their work via microloans.

\$36,000

**Province of Kenya,
Diocese of Mombasa:**

**Justice Bridge: Survivor-Safe Church
Response & Referral Pathway**

The Mother's Union will work across three regions to create and support congregations in becoming "survivor-safe" for women.

\$76,885.37

Province of Tanzania

Maji Kwa Amani (Water for Peace)

Connecting communities around water usage, justice, and inclusive leadership.

HISTORIC GRANT

\$50,000

Emery Trust Award: Archives

*UTO History Project:
Preservation and Storytelling*

PROJECTS ADDRESSING HEALTH JUSTICE

\$43,575

Province Six:

**By Indigenous Hands,
For Indigenous Healing**

Creating a faith-based Suicide Prevention Program by Indigenous people in Province 6 for Indigenous people across the church.

\$23,500

Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East:

**Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf:
Ras Morbat Eye Clinic**

By adding solar power, this church will now be able to partner with the government to offer vaccine clinics, after school support, and more.

\$44,500

**Province of Melanesia,
Diocese of Guadalcanal:**

Building Community Stability

This project will provide access to clean water, food and support in the Informal Settlements.

PROJECTS BRIDGING DIVIDES BY SUPPORTING YOUTH & FAMILIES

\$54,400

**Diocese of the Susquehanna:
Hearts, Bodies, Minds Together -**

This grant will create a dual-language, trauma-informed, play-centered model for justice, belonging, and whole-child formation.

\$28,000

Diocese of Ohio

A Peace Initiative for Children & Youth

Neighbor to Neighbor, Toledo, creates opportunities to teach kindness while promoting interactions between neighbors. This grant will expand their offerings to children and youth.

\$40,000

Diocese of Colorado

Interfaith Friends Camp

This program will bring children together across faith traditions for interfaith education, STEAM activities (UTO VBS), and meals to develop understanding and empathy.

\$37,002

Keiki to Kūpuna

This project will bring together the children and elders at the Cathedral in Honolulu through a theater program.

\$55,000

Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East

Diocese of Jerusalem:

Bridging Silence & Sound

Integrated education and vocational empowerment program for deaf & hearing students at the Hoyland Institute for the Deaf

PROJECTS BRIDGING DIVIDES BY UNITING COMMUNITIES

\$30,000

Diocese of Massachusetts:

La Colaborativa

Bringing together three congregations to provide bilingual worship and support.

\$18,522.45

Diocese of Rhode Island:

Expanding Latino Worship

Expand worship options for a new community who gathers weekly for assistance and support.

\$10,000

Diocese of New York:

Shine Your Light Ministries

This project connects people with disabilities, their caregivers, family, and friends with the community and local congregations.

\$53,541

Diocese of Rochester:

Bridges of Faith and Action

Through Rural and Migrant Ministries, this project will connect immigrant and local youth around faith and shared experiences.

\$20,191

Diocese of Lexington

**A Neighborhood-Based Violence
Prevention Strategy**

Through pop-up events, which will provide access to resources and ways to get to know their neighbors better to reduce violence.

\$38,180

**Diocese of South Dakota
Learning from the Lakota**

This grant will create an interactive educational path and garden to teach, inspire, and provide a pathway to healing in this border town.

PROJECTS ADDRESSING CREATION JUSTICE

\$49,000

Diocese of Pennsylvania:

Sproutsiders

Connecting the church, community, and a conservation organization to bridge the divide between science and religion.

\$36,320

Diocese of San Joaquin:

Grandma's Garden

Multigenerational ecumenical events centered around a shared garden.

\$20,000

Diocese of Southwestern Virginia:

Food Ministry at Lynchburg Grows

Grow healthy, fresh foods to bridge socioeconomic divides and health justice.



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ABOUT THE 2026 GRANT PROCESS

2026 GRANT AWARDS BY THE NUMBERS

\$246,733.37

was awarded to projects directly addressing the divides in their community through justice and advocacy. Grants were awarded for projects that address the needs of the unhoused, bring together diverse political groups for shared advocacy, and work to address affordable housing issues in a college town.

\$247,319.82

was awarded to projects directly addressing, in unique ways, the divides that they see in their communities. These projects range from community pop up events to connecting Episcopal Churches to their neighborhoods which have changed over the past few years.

\$105,320

was awarded to projects addressing justice issues around care of creation. From bringing together scientists and church people to creating gardens to unite and support communities.

\$111,575

was awarded to projects addressing the divides created by health issues. These grants will create a suicide prevention program for and by Indigenous people and provide solar power to an eye clinic in Cyprus.

\$214,402

was awarded to projects directly addressing bridging the divides that our children and young people experience in their communities. From creating a system that connects children of different socio-economic and racial backgrounds via churches and schools in the Diocese of Susquehanna, to creating camps and resources from kindness to interfaith understanding.

\$50,000

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 and UTO.

\$930,777.82 DONATED & AWARDED

for projects addressing the focus of bridging divides to bring about justice. Projects had to include a community partner that the applicant has not nor would normally work with to undertake a project that will bring about change in their community. Projects ranged from bringing together scientists and people of faith to bringing together elders and children. The projects this year show the bravery and creativity of our leaders. Due to the economy, the Board asked applicants who requested over \$40,000 if they could decrease their request to help us fund as many requests as possible. Applicants did their best to cut budgets to accommodate and support one another.

2026 GRANT REQUESTS BY THE NUMBERS

45 Total applications were received and reviewed in 2026.

\$1,987,833.35

We received almost \$2 million in requests in 2026.

\$540,000

The amount applicants decreased their requests in order to help UTO fund more grants.

Awards

- 1** Historic grants funded to ministries of The Episcopal Church.
- 7** Grants funded projects in The Anglican Communion.
- 17** Grants funded projects in The Episcopal Church.

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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