



January 10, 2026 at 11a Eastern Time

UTO LEADERS VIRTUAL GATHERING

Celebrating Julia Chester Emery's Feast Day

Agenda for the Event

Celebrating the life of Julia Chester Emery

the Rev. Erin Jean Warde will lead us in prayers and share a reflection on the history of UTO in honor of our founders feast day in The Episcopal Church. She'll also give a quick update on the updated history of UTO that she's working on for release in 2027.

Updates from the UTO Board Committees

Quick updates on opportunities coming your way from the UTO Board including information on the 2026 and 2027 grant processes, updates on formation materials for Lent and Spring/Summer, as well as a save-the-day date for the Summer Training day.

Leaders Feedback

We'll end our time together with some of the projects we're working on to support our UTO leaders and get your feedback and ideas so we can incorporate it in the process. We'll also have time to answer any questions you have about UTO.

Additional Time for Diocesan UTO Leaders

For those that lead UTO at a diocesan level, we're adding on an additional 30 minutes to discuss new ways we'll be supporting you in 2026 and to listen for your ideas that would be helpful going forward.

Meet Erin Jean Warde

The Rev. Erin Jean Warde is a priest, writer, spiritual director, and coach. She serves as priest-in-charge at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix, MI and splits her time between Charlevoix and Nashville, TN. She hosted season one of the Good News and Gratitude podcast for UTO and wrote UTO's Liturgy Booklet, focused around observing Thanksgiving. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her cats, thrifting, making new friends, and journaling.

Upcoming Events

- **1-16-26: Deadline to order Lenten Materials**
- **1-30-26: Deadline for Episcopal Church Grant Applications**
- **3-20-26: Deadline to order Spring/Summer Materials**

Register Here

Register by December 7 to get your training day kit in the mail in time for the training day! Those who register after this date will still get a kit, it just might not make it in time for the training day.

