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United Thank Offering Ministry

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- United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Church for mission. The spiritual practice of gratitude and the monetary offerings for these blessings using a UTO blue box are distributed throughout the Church and to invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion.
- Contact with new ministers and gathering together has been challenging; however, Oregon contributed three prayers into the newly available UTO Book of Prayers.
- The prayer book, note cards, coin purses, magnets and more supplies are available to encourage United Thank Offering congregation participation. You may contact your Representative or go to the website [www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering/resources](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering/resources). A resource guide for new coordinators was created this spring and is also available on the UTO website.
- The 2022 grant award focus is *Care of Creation: Turning love into action by caring for God's creation to protect the most vulnerable—who will bear the largest burden of pollution and climate change—through justice, advocacy, environmental reparations, or the development of formation materials.*
- Applications and forms are on the web and will be due in the Diocesan office by January 14, 2022 to be screened prior to approval by our Bishop.
- You may send your offerings direct to UTO, DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church US, P.O. Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983, text INGATHER to 41444 or donate on line at [www.unitedthankoffering.org/give](http://www.unitedthankoffering.org/give).
- Webinars and educational resources – liturgy booklets, gratitude booklets and faith formation materials for families and leaders are always available on the UTO website. There is another EpisGOpal race that is happening now – if you have not signed up there is still time as entries are due by November 30. Monies raised will be designated for the 2022 grant awards.
- Continue to inspire and encourage each other to be grateful. Remember to “Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your blessings become blessings for others.”