



## 2019 United Thank Offering Grant Awards

**Thank you** to everyone who, through their personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contributed to the 2018 Ingathering. Through your gratitude and generosity, we were able to grant **\$1,535,740.55**. Of this, \$28,100 funded the 2019 Young Adult and Seminarian grants (which can be found here: <https://unitedthankoffering.com/granting/young-adult-seminarian-grants-awarded-2018/>). Below you will find the listing of the 33 grants awarded as a part of our annual grant process, utilizing the remainder of the 2018 Ingathering funds and a portion of the Emery Trust (as designated below). This year, the focus of our granting process was: **Go: crossing boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus.** The UTO Board received over \$4 million dollars in requests in 2019. With your help, and the encouragement that you give to others to join the United Thank Offering, we hope to raise additional funds to support even more of our wonderful applicants. Remember that every penny given to the United Thank Offering is given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church. Since our official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,296 grants for a total of \$138,629,911.07. (For a complete listing of all UTO grants, please visit: <https://unitedthankoffering.com/granting/1883-2018-grant-list/>.)

### The United Thank Offering Invites Every Episcopalian to:

Notice the Good Things That Happen Each Day.

Give Thanks to God for Your Blessings.

Make an Offering for Each Blessing.

Through UTO, your Blessings become Blessings for Others.

### Historical Grants

Each year the UTO Board awards grants which fall outside of the regular parameters of our granting process but within the historical practices of UTO. When UTO was founded, the Ingathering Funds were used to send and support UTO Missionaries. In 1923, the Emery Trust (335) was created to care for the Emery Lounge and Rooms and the items contained there within, in addition to support the rest and care of the UTO missionaries. For many years, the Emery Trust funded the Gifts to Missionary grant award until 2006 when it stopped being utilized. Beginning in 2018, with thanks to the Executive Council, Archives and Global Partnerships team, the UTO Board was able to award the trust to support missionaries or the upkeep of archival UTO materials. We will always list this grant along with the annual awards, just as was done in the past, however, we will be certain to demarcate the award as being from the trust. Additionally, in the spirit of the early UTO missionaries, the UTO Board continues to support young women through our internship program. This internship gives young women an opportunity to experience intentional mentoring and opportunities to learn, grow, and discern where God is calling them next in their life adventures. It also helps them share the ministry and work of UTO with others. The final grant listed below is a practice the UTO Board created years ago to support and partner with the Presiding Bishop. Historically, UTO has funded grants to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to support new work which the church budget had not yet expanded to fund. These awards have supported everything from staff positions, conferences, creation of educational resources, and contributing to building projects.

<b>Global Partnerships</b>	<b>Emery Trust #335 Award</b>	<b>\$21,500</b>
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Bringing together YASC alumni, we seek to listen to their stories of mission service and the impact going to another part of the world to serve had on them personally and professionally, and to develop more intentional ways of sharing the YASC story with the wider Church and young adults in particular.

<b>United Thank Offering in Partnership with Jasmine Road and the Diocese of Upper South Carolina</b>	<b>Julia Chester Emery Internship</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
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This proposal is for the Julia Chester Emery Intern to serve as the Residential Services Intern at Jasmine Road, providing education, planning, transportation, crisis intervention, and support for residents, assisting the Residential Services Coordinator, and ensuring all activities promote the residents' recovery and the overall mission of Jasmine Road.

<b>Upper South Carolina &amp; Voorhees College</b>	<b>Presiding Bishop's Award: Voorhees College Campus Community Initiative</b>	<b>\$73,700</b>
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This project will empower Voorhees College Campus-Community Initiative (VCCCI) to renovate a building to serve as an Admissions Center and to upfit a Wellness and Fitness Complex. This two-part project allows Voorhees to meet the needs of students and community by providing access to education and wellness limited in rural South Carolina.

## 2019 Annual Grants

This year the UTO Board received 75 applications and were able to fund 33 grants (including the three above). One grant supports a diocese which receives block grants from General Convention. Five grants fund projects in the Anglican Communion. Four grants are companion projects, meaning two dioceses that have a relationship with one another, working together on a grant project. This year, the Board has also welcomed Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) affiliates to apply through the EMM Office, similar to how congregations are invited to apply through their diocese for screenings, so that UTO can better respond to the oversight experience of EMM affiliates and our historic relationship with EMM. This does not mean that EMM will be funded every year, but they happen to have received a grant in the inaugural year of this offering.

## Episcopal Church Awards

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Start Up Funds for Latino Ministry: Todos Santos@All Saints, Montgomery</b>	<b>\$14,450</b>
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This grant will allow All Saints, a historically white congregation, to welcome, partner and integrate a Latino congregation recently displaced. This project will allow us to cross ethnic, language and age boundaries that divide us in worship and faith formation to be one community, learning to live like Jesus.

<b>Central Gulf Coast</b>	<b>Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
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Grounded in Micah 6:8, the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry brings together a broad cross-section of the faith community to tackle serious community problems (such as affordable housing, failing schools, criminalization of childhood), and holds decision-makers accountable for implementing researched and effective solutions for solving them.

<b>Central New York</b>	<b>Building United Communities</b>	<b>\$69,800</b>
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*Building United Communities* integrates New Americans/refugees with traditionally white churches. It utilizes sustained dialogues, an integration framework, learning communities, and a national conference. A replicable model to seed new iterations of Christian worship and shared life allows for embrace of New American members, maintaining the beauty of both cultures.

<b>El Camino Real</b>	<b>San Pablo Tutoring Program</b>	<b>\$22,300</b>
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San Pablo Apostol Mission, a Spanish-speaking congregation, is seeking to support a new tutoring program where English-speaking tutors from neighboring Episcopal congregations address student learning and language barriers. The educational attainment rate for the Latino population in Seaside, California is 55%, one of the worst in the United States.

<b>Episcopal Migration Ministries</b>	<b>Refugees as Advocates (RA)</b>	<b>\$49,722.30</b>
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*Refugees as Advocates (RA)* will build refugees' skills to advocate for their rights and advance their standing in and understanding of the community. As participants learn leadership skills and put them into practice, they will deepen their ties to the community, becoming stronger advocates for themselves and other vulnerable populations.

<b>Hawaii</b>	<b>Wallyhouse Peace Garden</b>	<b>\$9,900</b>
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A Peace Garden at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in the diverse community of Kalihi-Paloma, Honolulu. An ethnic mix from Asia, the Pacific, the Americas, housed and unhoused, we seek to replace the "misguided 'warrior' energy" of protecting turf with the meaningful work of digging dirt and sharing its bounty.

<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>Trinity Haven Furnishings Project</b>	<b>\$63,575</b>
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Trinity Haven, a new cooperating ministry of the Diocese of Indianapolis, will be Indiana's first dedicated residence for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer/questioning (LGBTQ) homeless youth. The Trinity Haven Furnishings Project will create a home environment for our young residents that is safe, soothing, durable and welcoming.

<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Faith and Grace Garden Greenhouse</b>	<b>\$10,604.67</b>
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This project adds a greenhouse to share plants with our neighbors across the Metro area, allowing those who are food-insecure or starting a new life chapter to participate in the process of planning and growing food. We learn from one another and we build common community through our efforts.

<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Nzara Pre-Natal and Birth Clinic</b>	<b>\$28,520</b>
<b>Companion with Nzara, South Sudan</b>		

The Diocese of Iowa wants to help its partner Diocese of Nzara, South Sudan create a birthing/prenatal center inside the existing Primary Care Clinic. Currently mothers are seen in unsanitary rooms by unpaid Midwives and Birthing Assistants without the benefit of any equipment beyond a blood pressure cuff and stethoscope.

<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>DAWN - Developing Adolescents for Workforce Navigation</b>	<b>\$19,460</b>
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DAWN offers youth the knowledge and skills needed for entry into the workforce and maintaining employment to improve economic security for their future. It includes work-related social skills (work ethic, leadership); basic skills (completing forms, interviewing, resumes, financial management); options (college, trade school, careers); and mentoring through a beginning job.

<b>Maine</b>	<b>Sophia's House: Start Up Costs</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>
<p>After three years of intense planning, Sophia's House is becoming a reality late fall 2019. As a project of The Center for Wisdom's Women (CWW) and modeled on Thistle Farms in Nashville, TN, it will provide a unique and much needed residential community of healing for women, rooted in love.</p>		
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>Orientation to American Culture</b>	<b>\$26,350</b>
<p>An ecumenical coalition of Brazilian immigrant and American churches will launch a new educational effort to complement a well-received English instruction program. ProGente Connections (PGC) will launch Orientation to American Culture, bringing American volunteers into community with immigrants, and providing high-quality educational resources to enhance economic opportunity and cultural exchange.</p>		
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>Corner Shower Laundry at St. Peter's</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
<p>St. Peter's Episcopal Church basement will be renovated so that Manna Community Meal Soup Kitchen homeless guests can shower and have clean clothes after eating at the soup kitchen. The homeless will have supportive employment by providing laundry service to the local Corktown restaurants, which will sustain the project.</p>		
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Teach Them to Fish: Microindustry Mission</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>
<b>Companion with Honduras</b>		
<p>The Diocese of Honduras will provide a liaison to the Mississippi project manager. The liaison will act as a translator, facilitator, and cultural advisor to advance the work of this project in the churches of Honduras, and will keep the Bishop of Honduras advised of the work progress. The Diocese of Mississippi will provide a project manager to teach fused-glass crafts, as well as business skills to manage, market and integrate the work of the Honduran churches into the sale of the crafts in the tourist region of Roatan. The Mississippi Diocese will provide supplies and promote the ministry locally.</p>		
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>Star Lodge Interpretive Center</b>	<b>\$58,418</b>
<p>We are constructing a 2700 sq ft Interpretive Center that will use sustainable and renewable energy to make this facility available and affordable to use all year. It will be a self-contained lodge with bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen and a 1300 sq ft open room for meetings and reconciliation group activities.</p>		
<b>Northern Indiana</b>	<b>Gethsemane Center for Reconciliation's Leadership Development Initiative</b>	<b>\$35,314.81</b>
<p>The Gethsemane Center for Reconciliation works to further the Church's priority of racial reconciliation and justice. Building on our decade-plus of reconciliation work and established community relationships, the staffing, technological improvements, and marketing development funded will allow us to develop new leaders and an infrastructure for reconciliation efforts.</p>		
<b>Northwest Texas</b>	<b>Swahili Worship Materials to Remove Boundaries</b>	<b>\$4,884.60</b>
<p>For the past five years, Heavenly Rest has supported a growing refugee African Congregation. This congregation wishes to worship in their native language of Swahili. This grant will provide the funds to provide worship and faith formation materials in Swahili and will assist with the first step of worshipping together.</p>		
<b>Olympia</b>	<b>Developing the Mother's Empowerment Program at the Princess Basma Centre</b>	<b>\$142,335</b>
<b>Companion with Jerusalem</b>		
<p>The Mother's Empowerment Program (MEP) is designed to support the mothers of the Children with Disabilities (CWD), as the primary care givers of their children, by teaching the mothers to become shadow therapists, in addition to providing them with psychosocial support and educational awareness about children's rights.</p>		

<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Senior Secondary School</b>	<b>\$85,655</b>
<b>Companion with Uganda</b>	<b>Physical Plant Development</b>	

St. Andrew's Secondary School provides an inclusive full high-school education for blind, orphaned, disabled and non-disabled students. The school needs a second finished permanent classroom building, main hall, security fencing and four additional pit latrines for students and staff to save students walking many kilometers to access government-certified secondary education.

<b>Rio Grande</b>	<b>Bilingual Borderlands Youth Ministry with St. Paul's in Marfa, Texas</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Young Life Big Bend are prayerfully obeying God's call to reach every un-churched and spiritually disinterested young person residing in the West Texas borderlands with the Gospel of Christ. Our start up ministry will serve, love, and minister to youth and families on both sides of the US/Mexico border.

<b>Rochester</b>	<b>Crossroads of Caring</b>	<b>\$36,914</b>
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*Crossroads of Caring:* Will fund a program to develop spiritual caregivers in the Rochester area. The program includes classroom instruction and clinical internship experience using the Clinical Pastoral Education (**CPE**) model. We will train 8 qualified adult candidates who, as graduates, will serve parish mission programs and community agencies that work with marginalized populations.

<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>Latino Missioner and Church Planter</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
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We propose to hire a Latino Missioner who would establish a Spanish-speaking congregation at the Cathedral, work with congregations to discern their call to Latino Ministry, and work with Faith in the Valley to strengthen our commitment and response to the needs of immigrants and refugees in the diocese.

<b>Southern Ohio</b>	<b>A Learning Journey: A Path to Crossing Boundaries Together</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
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We will create a Learning Journey Community focused on training leaders to facilitate cross-racial and cross-cultural relationships and just communities. We will hire a Coordinator to develop training materials and an online toolbox for the diocese to mobilize our churches to foster the creation of just communities.

<b>Western Massachusetts</b>	<b>St. Mark's Afterschool Program in Worcester</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>
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Saint Mark's Afterschool Program will serve vulnerable inner-city middle school children who presently have no productive, safe place to go at day's end. Serving this markedly diverse community comprised of Latino, African-American, Middle Eastern and African refugee populations promises to receive and bear witness to the unifying love of Jesus.

### **Anglican Communion Awards**

<b>Jerusalem and the Middle East</b>	<b>Improve Education by Introducing a New, Unified, Interactive Teaching Methodology at Educational Institutions</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
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This project aims at crossing boundaries by improving the quality of education of Christian and Muslim students, and by adopting active learning techniques based on a creative and interactive teaching methodology. It will raise students' self-learning and creative thinking while connecting students throughout the Middle East and beyond.

<b>Kenya, Diocese of Mumias</b>	<b>ACK Ebenezer Street Children's Rehabilitation Center</b>	<b>\$89,145</b>
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ACK Ebenezer Street Children Rehabilitation program is an urgent intervention in Mumias Diocese. We envision holistic transformation of destitute children in deplorable conditions. We will offer education, pastoral care, skills training and psychosocial support. We are seeking funding for constructing the facility.

<b>Pakistan, Diocese of Raiwind</b>	<b>Community Health and Training Project</b>	<b>\$65,383</b>
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Christians are the minority in Pakistan and face discrimination, harassment, violence and challenges in education and employment. 80% of Diocesan parishes are situated in slums and rural areas, parishioners live in shabby, muddy houses. They are deprived of basic needs of water and sanitation. This project will cross the social and economic barriers a lack of access to clean water and sanitation causes our small Christian communities by building bathrooms for community use and health education programs to empower women to make better choices to support the health and development of their families to overcome poverty and marginalization.

<b>South Africa, Diocese of Grahamstown</b>	<b>Breaking Barriers: Opening Opportunity Through Technology</b>	<b>\$39,209.17</b>
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To start a new technology education program providing ICT training and computers to disadvantaged South African students. With these resources and cooperation with two historically advantaged Anglican schools, students will be able to access information, opportunities and resources otherwise denied to them by their race and socio-economic background.

<b>Spain</b>	<b>Café Cabrera at El Buen Samaritan</b>	<b>\$98,000</b>
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The Good Samaritan is a beloved parable about the need to cross boundaries. By creating the Good Samaritan Center, we will be able to welcome people in their recovery process or while on pilgrimage and bring them into relationship with Anglicans/Spaniards, to form one community of love and care.