

# UNITED THANK OFFERING

**“Your Change, Changes Lives!” Happy 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, United Thank Offering (UTO)**

For 125 years, the coins collected in “those little, blue UTO boxes” have been providing grants for ministry to every province of the Episcopal Church. And every cent received is granted. Since its birth in 1890, UTO has awarded 5,178 grants, for a total value of \$133,355,181.05. **“Your change, changes lives!”**

In celebration of the 125th anniversary besides our regular grants, two additional grants were awarded to each province: one bishop grant and one young adult grant. The number of grants awarded in 2015 was 55, for a total of \$1,558,006.85. **“Your change, changes lives!”**

From the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the total ingathering amount for the 2015 Triennial was \$25,415.77. **“Your change, changes lives!”**

As your newly elected diocesan UTO Coordinator, my goals for this coming year are:

- actively recruit and train a UTO coordinator in every parish
- support parishes with their ingathering tasks
- provide customized printed materials, per parish requests (flyers, bulletin inserts, etc.)

To rekindle the spirit and habit of “Thankfulness” throughout the diocese, I encourage each parishioner in every parish to consider...

### **The Theology of Thankfulness:**

- **When you are thankful for God’s blessings – drop a coin in the Blue Box.**
- **When you finish a big project – drop a coin in the Blue Box.**
- **When you thank God for special blessings – drop a coin in the Blue Box.**
- **Remember to be thankful for every situation.**
- **Remember your Blue Box.**

**“Your change, changes lives!”** ... and not just the lives of grant recipients. Our lives are also changed and enriched. As we give thanks, we are drawn into a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. Giving “Thanks” changes every one of us.

All United Thank Offering materials are FREE.

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