



United Thank Offering

Congratulations!

The Diocese of Pittsburgh with the Companion Diocese of Uganda received a \$72,920 grant for the **St. Andrew's Secondary School Physical Plant Development** in Buwologoma, Uganda.

The first United Thank Offering was in 1889 as part of the Missionary efforts of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Mission, authorized by General Convention in 1871. In that year, the offering reached \$2,188.64.

On June 14, 2016, the United Thank Offering awarded 32 grants for a total of \$1,161,314.62 for mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and Anglican Community. An additional 22 grants were approved, but sadly the money ran out.

I'm happy to report that the Diocese of Pittsburgh has increased its UTO donation each year of this last triennium. For 2016, our UTO donation was \$7,134.06. This was made possible by the efforts of 12 parishes of the diocese. What could the donation be if every parish participated?

But UTO is much more than a special collection twice a year. More importantly, it presents a tangible way for each of us to give God thanks. Making thankfulness a daily habit brings joy while blessing others through our coins. I encourage everyone to have and use a little blue UTO box. As you express your gratitude (I'm grateful for: a parking space, children, grandchildren, a good report, chocolate, morning coffee, etc.), put a coin into your box and smile. Your smiles will grow and your box will get heavy with each expression of gratitude.

Challenge: By 2018 Diocesan Convention, that every parish in the diocese will have participated in United Thank Offering and made a donation.

You may pick up your blue box and other information at the UTO display table.

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Our change changes lives!  *UTO Everyday*