



**Diocese of Missouri United Thank Offering report for  
Diocese of Missouri 182<sup>nd</sup> Convention**

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace, practice and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people **to notice** the good things that happen each day, **give** thanks to God for those blessings and **make** an offering for each **blessing**. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The contributions to the United Thank Offering from the people of the Diocese of Missouri from September 2020 to September 2021 are \$5,474.49. These offerings are from 6 faithful parishes in our diocese.

In 2021 the UTO general grant focus was on Covid-19 Relief. Trinity Food Ministry- CWE was awarded \$11,300 to help sustain the food ministry with the protocols and challenges that pandemic caused. The needs included increased cold storage plus a way for patrons to charge phones.

**The 2022 grant cycle is open:** The 2022 United Thank Offering grant application materials are now available. The focus of this year's grants 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.*

If you need any explanation on the focus you will find it on the UTO website: [unitedthankoffering.com](http://unitedthankoffering.com) or [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org). I too am a resource: Jeanne King ~ Diocese of Missouri UTO Coordinator [jeannelucas.king@gmail.com](mailto:jeannelucas.king@gmail.com)

The deadline date for the grant applications to The Diocese of Missouri UTO Coordinator is January 14, 2022 at 5 pm CST. This is to assure that there is time to screen multiple applications, submit to our Bishop for his endorsement and signature and for the Bishop's office to meet the National UTO deadline for submission.

In preparation for General Convention, every three years the United Thank Offering publishes revised brochures, prayer books, liturgy booklets. Every parish should have received the 2021 brochure, prayer book and a liturgy booklet by USPS. If not, or if you would like additional

resources, once again I refer you to the UTO website. (or Jeanne King -UTO Coordinator Diocese MO)

The traditional Blue Box is still a way to practice gratitude giving/ blessings. However in this age of pandemic and technology, online donations can be made:

[unitedthankoffering.com/give](https://unitedthankoffering.com/give)

Checks can be sent to:  
United Thank Offering  
DFMS ~ Protestant Episcopal Church  
PO Box 958983  
St. Louis, Missouri 63295-8993

Also you can text: INGATHER to 41444

Also, on the website you can find *the November 2021 Gratitude Challenge, Advent and Lenten* Gratitude practices, VBS curriculum based on baptism and gratitude and other ideas and curriculum to encourage the practice of gratitude. As a congregation and as individuals, I encourage every parish/person to practice gratitude as a daily devotion.

I want to thank you all for the ways you live out the mission of the church – to know Christ and make Christ known.

Practice gratitude and change the world.

Jeanne Lucas King  
Diocese of Missouri UTO Coordinator