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**UTO website: [www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering)**

Dear Friends of United Thank Offering:

Traditionally we have two Ingatherings a year - spring & fall. To all of you that sent a check in support of the UTO spring ingathering – THANK YOU! If your parish was one of those who did NOT collect funds for UTO in the spring , please consider being part of the giving process in the fall. **NOW** is the time to begin planning for the Fall Ingathering. The suggested date for the Fall Ingathering is the Sunday closest to All Saints Day and this year that is **November 2, 2014**.

**Start to plan NOW!**

Be sure all families and/or individuals in your parish have their “Little Blue Box”. This is a wonderful project to involve the children and youth of your parish. Adding coins to their Little Blue Box teaches everyone to be thankful for all their blessings and serves as a constant reminder that God is always with us. **All supplies** are available on the UTO website (see above). I have a supply of the Little Blue Boxes available for a donation toward the shipping cost, and this may be more cost effective when ordering boxes rather than trying to order a small supply on-line since shipping from National is fairly expensive. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if interested. A reminder in your parish newsletter would be a wonderful communication tool. (and did you realize since most of these newsletters come out monthly you only have two(2) months {October and November} to send a reminder this way). Sunday Bulletins can also be a helpful tool. Some suggestions: “School has begun. Give thanks for teachers and volunteers, and the students they serve. Remember your thanks with an offering in your Blue Box.” “Turn, turn, turn... To everything there is a season.. Ecclesiastes 1:1. Give thanks for the blessings and challenges brought by the coming if autumn. Remember your gratefulness with coins in your Blue Box.” A gentle, but regular reminder helps everyone remember to use the Little Blue Box sitting on their counter or table.

Every penny collected from the Little Blue Boxes is used to fulfill grant requests. No part of these funds are used for administrative purposes. Grants support projects to confront violence and poverty in many communities both here in the U.S. and throughout the Anglican Communion.

**ALL contributions should be sent to:**

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**Make checks payable to: Diocese of Central PA/UTO**

Fall Ingathering 2014

Please forward all donations as soon as possible to me so your Parish gets credited for their donation as well as the money being part of the 2015 granting process. **December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to meet these goals**

**GRANTS:**

In June of this year the National UTO Board awarded 40 grants totaling \$1,525,407.78. There were NO grant applications from our Diocese received this year. I urge you all to consider submitting a grant application if you feel your project may be worthy. **ALL information will be available on the UTO website in November.** Please begin your planning NOW. I will have more information on the Diocesan website as soon it is available. The time to submit an actual grant application is quite narrow. The necessary application is on-line in November and you only have until January 16<sup>th</sup> to have all of the necessary paperwork back to our Diocese. Here are some basic guidelines: One grant application may be submitted for within the diocese and one additional if for a recognized companion diocese. (All applications come into the Diocese and the final application to be submitted is selected at that level.) UTO will NOT fund - a program 2 consecutive years - capital campaigns or debt reduction - deferred maintenance - operational budgets - debts obligated or incurred before the date of the grant award - purchase of consumable goods - scholarships, tuition, camp fees - emergency response, and in the U.S. – a 12-15 passenger bus/van - previously funded requests and programs related to diocesan budgets. Our Diocese has been selected for grants in the past: -in 2010 to St. John’s, Carlisle (\$7000) for fencing to provide a safe play area for children in a summer program and preschool. -2008 to St. Barnabas Center for Ministry (\$17,573) to upgrade kitchen for a program for at-risk, inner-city children. – 2005 to Mending Hearts Ministry in Bellfonte (\$10,000) start-up funds for a Christian program for women of sexual abuse to name some of the more recent. Look for the application details in November and let’s try again for 2015!!

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Please include form below with your check. If possible 1 (one) check from the Parish is preferred.

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