



## 2014 UTO Report

Shortly after the Annual Gathering last year I assumed the role as UTO Coordinator for our Diocese. Being new at the position, I asked a lot of questions and began working to support the work of UTO. I am a member of the Diocesan ECW Board, and I serve as the UTO contact for our Diocese to Province III and to our contact who sits on the National UTO Board. I attended the Province III meeting in the spring and was privileged to be invited to attend a talk given by Rev. Will Payton on the History of UTO at the National UTO Board meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Along with Shirley Wagner, the ECW Board President, I spent several hours with Bishop Gepert discussing the needs and issues surrounding both ECW and UTO. The National UTO is hosting informative webinars monthly to educate the Diocesan Coordinators throughout the Anglican Communion and I participate in these informative programs. I am available to talk to parishes or ECWs about the work we do and the importance of supporting the United Thank Offering. I want to thank the ECW Board for giving me the opportunity to serve as the UTO Coordinator.

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Ingatherings are held spring and fall, and during the rest of the year we build the funds by faithfully giving thanks for all of the blessing in our lives by dropping coins in our little Blue Boxes. The spring ingathering was June 1<sup>st</sup> and the fall ingathering is Sunday, November 2, 2014.

With a history going back 125 years, all money collected in the little Blue Boxes goes to provide grants supporting projects to confront violence and poverty in many communities both in the U.S. and throughout the Anglican Communion. All money collected from the Blue Boxes goes to support grants; no portion of these funds are used for administrative purposes. "Our Change – Changes Lives" As we continue to put coins in our Blue Boxes to support the work of UTO, we show our thankfulness for all our blessings and share the tangible offering for our many blessings,

The Spring Ingathering brought in \$5,470.68 with 19 parishes making contributions. I look forward to adding to these funds from the Fall Ingathering. The Ingathering letters have gone out to all parishes in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. So the parish gets credit for their donation in 2014, all checks must be in my hands by December 1, 2014. **Make checks payable to the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania / UTO and mail to me: Alyce D. Peiffer, UTO Diocesan Coordinator, 63 E. Crestlyn Dr., York, PA 17402**

Also, in the fall is the time to prepare applications for UTO Grants. Last year no grant requests were made in our Diocese. The National UTO Board awarded 40 grants totaling \$1,525,407.78. The focus for the 2015 grants and applications will be available on the UTO website Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. (uto2014.wordpress.com) Completed grant applications MUST be submitted to the Diocese by Friday, January 15, 2015. Awarded grants will be announced at the Triennial Meeting in June 2015. Any parish that has a project that meets the criteria is welcome to apply. Only one application is accepted from each Diocese, and there are projects that will not be funded such as deferred maintenance, operational budget items, or consumable goods to name several. All the specifics will be listed in detail on the UTO website.

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