



# United Thank Offering Update

## *For Provincial ECW 2023 Annual Meetings*



Thank you for inviting us to share some updates on the work of the United Thank Offering (UTO) as a part of your annual meeting. **The best way to stay up to date with UTO is to sign up for one (or both) of our monthly newsletters.** [Sign up here for the monthly e-news](#), with information for all UTO members and [sign up here for the mid-month Coordinators Newsletter](#) with items you can cut and paste to use in local e-newsletters.

### **July 15, 2023: Deadline to Submit Prayers for the 2025 UTO Book of Prayers**

A beloved triennial tradition is underway at UTO, the creation of the UTO Book of Prayers. This year, we created a handout that small groups can use to write prayers using the traditional format of a collect. We accept prayers regardless of format, and we encourage all ages to submit a prayer. [Click here to find out more or to submit a prayer.](#) This would be a great activity for your group to do together today!

### **August 26, 2023: Annual Training Day and Screening of the Film: Gratitude Revealed**

Join us in August to hear about all of the new materials UTO will release during the 2023-2024 program year. We'll also talk about the new grant application website for the 2023 grant process. We'll end the day by screening the film: Gratitude Revealed and have a Q&A with the director. Find out more on the attached flyer or [here](#). Be sure to [register](#) by August 7 to get your event swag bag in the mail prior to the event.

### **In Case You Missed It**

There are a few items of note we want to share that you might have missed during the program year.

**2022 Annual Report** – each year the UTO Board and Staff prepare an annual report with all the information you might need about the work of UTO. You can read the 2022 report (or any of the past reports) [here](#).

**Waves of Gratitude: Free Vacation Bible Camp Materials** – This Spring, UTO released a comprehensive Vacation Bible Camp centered on water and gratitude for congregations to use. Each day includes crafts, STEAM activities, singing, learning, and fun. We hope you'll share it for use either this summer or next. [The full program is available here.](#)

**2022-2023 Webinars** – this program year, UTO hosted two webinars. In November, we heard from Indigenous leaders about gratitude and their UTO grant sites, and in May we heard from leaders who use gratitude as a part of their ongoing work with mental health and wellbeing. [You can watch recordings of both webinars here.](#)

# 2023 United Thank Offering Virtual Training Day Saturday, August 26

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10:30a  
Eastern

Welcome &  
Gathering

UTO:  
Back to Basics

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What's New  
in UTO?

Navigating the  
Grant Process

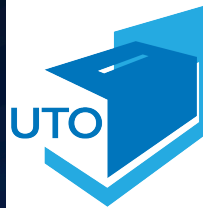
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3p  
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Screening of  
Gratitude Revealed

Gratitude Revealed  
Q&A

4:30-5p  
Eastern



**Be sure to register by  
August 7th  
in order to receive  
your swag bag mailer!**

[Click here to register for the Training Day or Film Screening.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the training day or to watch the recording afterwards.](#)

[Click here To learn more about the film: Gratitude Revealed.](#)

## UTO Workshop Descriptions

Come for one or all!

### Workshop UTO: Back to Basics

This workshop will help you gain foundational knowledge on the ins and outs of UTO. We will cover best financial practices for parishes and dioceses, ideas for Ingatherings, and resources available online to deepen your personal practice of gratitude and help others do the same.

### What New In UTO?

We are always listening to our coordinators and member-participants to learn what you need and want to help spread the good news of gratitude through The Episcopal Church and beyond. This workshop will tell

you about our latest resources, where to find them, and how to use them to help people understand how to incorporate gratitude into all parts of their lives and faith.

### Navigating the Grant Process

This workshop, led by the grants committee, is designed to help grant applicants, and anyone providing support to applicants, submit the best possible application. You will learn about the new 2024 grants focus and criteria as well as ways to assist members of your diocese. Additionally, ideas will be shared on how best to promote UTO and the practice of gratitude utilizing awarded grants.