Historical Grants

Each year the UTO Board awards grants which fall outside of the regular parameters of our granting process but within the historical practices of UTO. When UTO was founded, the Ingathering Funds were used to support UTO Missionaries. In 1923, the Emery Trust (335) was created to care for the Emery Lounge and Rooms and the items contained therein, with additional support from the Emery Trust being utilized. In 1983, the Emery Trust funded the Gifts to Missionary grant until 2006 when it stopped being utilized.

Beginning in 2018, with thanks to the Executive Council, Archives and Global Partnerships team, the UTO Board was able to award the trust to support missionaries or the upkeep of archival UTO materials. We will always list this grant along with the annual awards, just as was done in the past, however, we will be certain to demarcate the award as being from the trust. Additionally, in the spirit of the early UTO missionaries, the UTO Board continues to support young women through our internship program.

The final grant listed below is a practice the UTO Board received over $4 million dollars in the past, however, we will be certain to demarcate the grant award until 2006 when it stopped being utilized.

Emery Trust (335) Award

$63,575

This proposal is for the Julia Chuter Emery Intern to serve at the Residential Services Intern at Jasmine Road, providing education, planning, transportation, crisis intervention, and support for residents, assisting the Residential Services Coordinator, and ensuring all activities promote the residents’ recovery and the overall mission of Jasmine Road.

Upper South Carolina & Voorhees College Presiding Bishop’s Award: Voorhees College Campus Community Initiative, $73,700

This project will empower Voorhees College Campus Community Initiative (VCCCI) to renovate a building to serve as an Admissions Center and to open Wellness and Fitness Complex. This two-part project allows Voorhees to meet the needs of students and community by providing access to education and wellness located in rural South Carolina.

2019 Annual Grants

This year the UTO Board received 75 applications and were able to fund 33 grants (including the three above). One grant supports a disease which receives block grants from General Convention. Five grants fund projects in the Anglican Communion.

Four grants are companion projects, meaning two diseases that have a relationship with one another, working together on a grant project. This year, the Board has also welcomed Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) affiliates to apply through the EMM Office, similar to how congregations are invited to apply through their diocese for screenings, so that UTO can better respond to the oversight experience of EMM affiliates and our historic relationship with EMM. This does not mean that EMM will be funded every year, but they happen to have received a grant in the inaugural year of this offering.

Episcopal Church Awards

Alabama, Start Up Funds for Latino Ministry: Todos Santos All Saints, Montgomery, $14,450

This grant will allow Sancha, a historically white congregation, to welcome, partner and integrate a Latino congregation recently displaced. This project will allow us to cross ethnic, language and age boundaries that divide us in worship and faith formation to be one community, learning to live like Jesus.

Central Gulf Coast, Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry, $30,000

Central Gulf Coast is dedicated to the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry brings together a broad cross-section of the faith community to tackle serious community problems (such as affordable housing, failing schools, criminalization of childhood), and holds decision-makers accountable for implementing researched and effective solutions for solving them.

Central New York, Building United Communities, $56,000

Building United Communities integrates New Americans/ refugees with traditionally white churches. It utilizes sustained dialogues, an integration framework, learning communities, and a national conference. A replicable model to seed new iterations of Christian worship and shared life allows for entry of New American members, maintaining the beauty of both cultures.

El Camino Real, San Pablo Tutoring Program, $22,300

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Episcopal Migration Ministries, Refugees as Advocates (RA), $49,722

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Hawaii, Wailuku House Peace Garden, $9,900

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Indianapolis, Trinity Haven Furnishings Project, $43,575

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Iowa, Faith and Grace Garden Greenhouse, $10,604

This project adds a greenhouse to share plants with our neighbors across the meter area, allowing those who are food-insecure or wanting a new life chapter to participate in the process of planning and growing food. We learn from one another and we build common community through our efforts.

Iowa, Companion with Nazara, South Sudan Meza Pri-Natal and Birth Clinic, $30,000

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YAS! 2018 Ingathering, $75,000

BITD Young Adult Intentional Community to the Diocese of Nebraska, Developing Benedictine (BITD), $5,000

WNC Episcopal Service Corps, $4,500

Northwest Texas, Swahili Worship Materials to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Messy Church. The Diocese of Upper South Wisconsin will host our annual Seeker Weekend May 14-16 to train creative leaders in the creation of just communities.

We propose to hire a Latino Missioner who would establish a Coordinator to develop training materials and an online curriculum on training leaders to facilitate cross-racial and cross-cultural community along with service at local nonprofits. Our project proposal is to develop both an Orientation Retreat for the faithful and those living on the margins. Expanding our physical space through the construction of a 2700 sq ft Interpretive Center that will provide an educational facility with programs and services.

For the past five years, Heavenly Rest has supported a growing project called Remove Boundaries, $4,884.60

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