



Lent 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>For every item I have on this list, I commit to placing:</p> <p>In my UTO Blue Box.</p>		<p>Feb 26 Ash Wednesday Give thanks today for the journey of Lent.</p>	<p>27 Jerusalem # of times you exercise per week</p>	<p>28 Kenya, Mumias # of water faucets in your house</p>	<p>29 Pakistan, Raiwind # of non-"American" restaurants in your town (eg. Mexican, Hungarian, Italian)</p>	<p>Mar 1 1st Sunday of Lent Give thanks today for the ways your church community has blessed you.</p>
<p>2 South Africa, Grahamstown # of jobs you've held</p>	<p>3 Spain # of houses you've lived in as an adult</p>	<p>4 Alabama # of camps/retreats you've attended in your lifetime</p>	<p>5 Alaska # of jobs you've held</p>	<p>6 Central New York # of refrigerators and/or freezers in your home</p>	<p>7 El Camino Real # of bridges in your town</p>	<p>8 2nd Sunday of Lent Give thanks today for the ways your home blesses you.</p>
<p>9 EMM # of schools in your town</p>	<p>10 Hawaii # of faith groups in your town</p>	<p>11 Indianapolis # of rooms in your house</p>	<p>12 Iowa # of cleaning products in your house</p>	<p>13 Iowa COMP Nzara # of performances (theater, concerts) you've attended in the last 6 months</p>	<p>14 Louisiana # of locks on your house</p>	<p>15 3rd Sunday of Lent Give thanks today for the ways your family bless you.</p>
<p>16 Maine # of people who can fit around your table</p>	<p>17 Massachusetts # of years you attended school</p>	<p>18 Michigan # of Christian churches in your town</p>	<p>19 Miss. COMP Honduras # of vehicles you own</p>	<p>20 North Dakota # of podcasts or radio stations you listen to</p>	<p>21 Northern Indiana # of lights in your house</p>	<p>22 4th Sunday of Lent Give thanks today for the ways your friends bless you</p>
<p>23 Northwest Texas # of appliances in your kitchen</p>	<p>24 Olympia COMP Jerusalem # of books you own in your native language</p>	<p>25 Pittsburgh COMP Uganda # of outreach ministries you support</p>	<p>26 Rio Grande # of community centers in your town (library, town hall, aquatic center)</p>	<p>27 Rochester # of varieties of vegetables in your fridge</p>	<p>28 San Joaquin # of young people in your life</p>	<p>29 5th Sunday of Lent Give thanks today for the meaningful work you have in your life.</p>
<p>30 Southern Ohio # of pairs of shoes you own</p>	<p>31 Western Mass. # of bathrooms in your house</p>	<p>April 1 Global Partnerships # of loved ones who have died in the last year & give thanks for the ways their life blessed yours</p>	<p>2 UTO Intern # of friends who attend a different church than yours</p>	<p>3 Upper SC & Voorhees # of times you've gone to church this year</p>	<p>4 Taylor Devine # of peace poles or parks in your town</p>	<p>5 Palm Sunday Give thanks today for your life, and your journey.</p>
<p>6 Victoria Hoppes # of National Parks you've visited in the last five years</p>	<p>7 Columba Maynus # of garden beds or pots in your yard</p>	<p>8 Courtney Watson # of people you'll invite to church on Easter</p>	<p>9 Maundy Thursday Megan Cox # of faith formation groups at your church</p>	<p>10 Good Friday Angela Lerena # of tables in your house</p>	<p>11 UTO Pilgrims on the Camino pilgrimage # of musical instruments or speakers in your house</p>	<p>12 Easter Day</p>

2020 United Thank Offering (UTO) Lenten Devotional Calendar

*The United Thank Offering Invites Every Episcopalian to:
Notice the Good Things That Happen Each Day.
Give Thanks to God for Your Blessings.
Make an Offering for Each Blessing.
Through UTO, Your Blessings Become Blessings for Others.*

Welcome!

Welcome to our third year of the UTO Lenten Devotional Calendar! This calendar will help introduce you to the recipients of the 2019 UTO Grants and 2019 Young Adult and Seminarian Grants. This year, some of the items for you to count have expanded out to include your town. We hope that this will be a fun internet search or scavenger hunt to help you get to know your community better. Just like last year, we invite you to prayerfully consider how much you will donate for each item that you count in your house or in your community. It is like making a pledge for each mile walked in a fundraiser. Consider giving a dime or dollar for each item, and write this amount at the top of the calendar. Beginning on the day after Ash Wednesday, you are invited to read daily about one 2019 UTO Grant site and maybe explore its webpage to learn more. Then, you are asked to look around your house or community to count the specified items, which are related to the request being met by that day's grant. After you've counted, you can write the number on the calendar so you can make one thank offering at the end of Lent, or simply place the number of coins (or dollars) you committed to into your Blue Box. On Ash Wednesday and on Sundays, we simply invite

you to consider an area of your life and reflect on how it blesses you. We hope you see this as a weekly reminder of the blessing of hope found when our community gathers together to celebrate the Eucharist to remember the promises of our faith.

I hope you enjoy this Lenten Devotional opportunity. Please let me know that you've used it, and feel free to share ideas you might have to help deepen our spiritual discipline of gratitude during Lent.

Wishing you all the best for a Holy and Sacred Lent,

The Rev. Canon Michelle I Walker
Associate Staff Officer, the United Thank Offering of
The Episcopal Church

Helpful Links:

If you need to order UTO materials, please visit shima-of-navajoland.myshopify.com/collections/united-thank-offering

To learn more about the United Thank Offering, please visit www.episcopalchurch.orguto

2020 UTO Lenten Devotional Grant Sites by Date with Website Links

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Jerusalem and the Middle East

Improve Education by Introducing a New, Unified, Interactive Teaching Methodology at Educational Institutions

\$80,000

This project aims to cross boundaries by improving the quality of education of Christian and Muslim students and by adopting active learning techniques based on a creative and interactive teaching methodology. It will raise students' self-learning and creative thinking while connecting students throughout the Middle East and beyond.

www.j-diocese.org

Friday, February 28, 2020

Kenya, Diocese of Mumias

ACK Ebenezer Street Children's Rehabilitation Center

\$89,145

ACK Ebenezer Street Children's Rehabilitation program is an urgent intervention in the Diocese of Mumias in Kenya. We envision holistic transformation of destitute children who are living in deplorable conditions. We will offer education, pastoral care, skills training, and psychosocial support. We are seeking funding for constructing the facility.

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMumiasDiocese/

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Pakistan, Diocese of Raiwind

Community Health & Training Project

\$65,383

Christians are the minority in Pakistan and face discrimination, harassment, violence, and challenges in education and employment. In the Diocese of Raiwind, 80% of parishes are situated in slums and rural areas. Parishioners live in shabby, muddy houses and are deprived of basic needs such as water and sanitation. This project will cross the social and economic barriers our small Christian communities face due to a lack of clean water and sanitation by building bathrooms for community use and providing health education programs to empower women to make better choices to support the health and development of their families to overcome poverty and marginalization.

dorcop.org

Monday, March 2, 2020

South Africa, Diocese of Grahamstown

Breaking Barriers: Opening Opportunity Through Technology

\$39,209.17

To start a new technology education program providing ICT training and computers to disadvantaged South African students. With these resources and the cooperation of two historically advantaged Anglican schools, students will be able to access information, opportunities, and resources otherwise denied to them because of their race and socioeconomic background.

grahamstowndiocese.org.za/

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Spain

Café Cabrera at El Buen Samaritan

\$98,000

The Good Samaritan is a beloved parable about the need to cross boundaries. By creating the Good Samaritan Center, we will be able to welcome people in the recovery process or while on pilgrimage and bring them into relationship with Anglicans/Spaniards to form one community of love and care.

anglicanos.es

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Alabama

Start-Up Funds for Latino Ministry: Todos Santos@All Saints,

Montgomery

\$14,450

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

allsaintsmontgomery.dioala.org

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Central Gulf Coast

Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry

\$30,000

Grounded in Micah 6:8, 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, and criminalization of childhood) and holds decision-makers accountable for implementing researched and effective solutions for solving them.

www.diocgc.org

Friday, March 6, 2020

Central New York

Building United Communities

\$69,800

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 the embrace of new American members while maintaining the beauty of both cultures.

cnyepiscopal.org

Saturday, March 7, 2020

El Camino Real

San Pablo Tutoring Program

\$22,300

San Pablo Apostol Mission, a Spanish-speaking congregation in Seaside, California, is seeking to support a new tutoring program where English-speaking tutors from neighboring Episcopal congregations address student learning and language barriers. The educational attainment rate for the Latino population in Seaside is 55%, one of the worst in the United States.

www.realepiscopal.org

Monday, March 9, 2020

Episcopal Migration Ministries

Refugees as Advocates (RA)

\$49,722.30

Refugees as Advocates (RA) will build refugees' skills to advocate for their rights and advance their standing in and understanding of the community. As participants learn leadership skills and put them into practice, they will deepen their ties to the community, becoming stronger advocates for themselves and other vulnerable populations.

episcopalmigrationministries.org

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Hawaii

Wallyhouse Peace Garden

\$9,900

To fund a Peace Garden at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in the diverse community of Kalihi-Paloma, Honolulu, whose population is an ethnic mix from Asia, the Pacific, and the Americas, both housed and unhoused. We seek to replace the "misguided 'warrior' energy" of protecting turf with the meaningful work of digging dirt and sharing its bounty.

stelizabeth720.wordpress

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Indianapolis

Trinity Haven Furnishings Project

\$63,575

Trinity Haven, a new cooperating ministry of the Diocese of Indianapolis, will be Indiana's first dedicated residence for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer/questioning (LGBTQ) homeless youth. The Trinity Haven Furnishings Project will create a home environment for our young residents that is safe, soothing, durable, and welcoming.

www.trinityhavenindy.org

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Iowa

Faith and Grace Garden Greenhouse

\$10,604.67

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

sttimothyiowa.orghome/faith-grace-garden

Friday, March 13, 2020

Iowa, Companion with Nzara, South Sudan

Nzara Pre-Natal and Birth Clinic

\$28,520

The Diocese of Iowa wants to help its partner, the Diocese of Nzara, South Sudan, create a birthing/prenatal center inside the existing Primary Care Clinic. Currently, mothers are seen in unsanitary rooms by unpaid midwives and birthing assistants without the benefit of any equipment beyond a blood pressure cuff and stethoscope.

www.facebook.com/ecss.nzara

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Louisiana

DAWN – Developing Adolescents for Workforce Navigation

\$19,460

DAWN offers youth the knowledge and skills needed to enter the workforce and maintain employment in order to improve their future economic security. It includes work-related social skills (work ethic, leadership), basic skills (completing forms, interviewing, writing résumés, managing finances), options (college, trade school, careers), and mentoring through a first job.

annasplacenola.org

Monday, March 16, 2020

Maine

Sophia's House: Start-Up Costs

\$39,000

After three years of intense planning, Sophia's House is becoming a reality. As a project of The Center for Wisdom's Women (CWW) and modeled on Thistle Farms in Nashville, Tennessee, Sophia's House will provide a unique and much-needed residential community of healing for women, rooted in love.

wisdomswomen.orgsophias-house

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Massachusetts

Orientation to American Culture

\$26,350

An ecumenical coalition of Brazilian immigrant and American churches will launch a new educational effort to complement a well-received English instruction program. ProGente Connections (PGC) will launch Orientation to American Culture, bringing American volunteers into community with immigrants and providing high-quality educational resources to enhance economic opportunity and cultural exchange.

www.pgcmetrowest.orgmission

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Michigan

Corner Shower Laundry at St. Peter's

\$70,000

The basement of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan, will be renovated so that Manna Community Meal Soup Kitchen homeless guests can shower and have clean clothes after eating at the soup kitchen.

The homeless will have supportive employment by providing laundry service to the local Corktown restaurants, which will sustain the project.

cornershowerandlaundry.com/new-index

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Mississippi, Companion with Honduras

Teach Them to Fish: Microindustry Mission

\$36,000

The Diocese of Mississippi will provide a project manager to teach fused-glass crafts, as well as business skills to members of Honduran churches so they are able to manage, market, and sell the crafts they make in the tourist region of Roatan, Honduras. The Mississippi Diocese also will provide supplies and promote the ministry locally. The Diocese of Honduras will provide a liaison to the project manager. The liaison will act as a translator, facilitator, and cultural adviser to advance the work of this project in the churches of Honduras and will keep the Bishop of Honduras advised of the work progress.

www.episcopalchurchhonduras.org

Friday, March 20, 2020

North Dakota

Star Lodge Interpretive Center

\$58,418

We are constructing a 2,700-square-foot Interpretive Center that will use sustainable and renewable energy to make this facility available and affordable year-round. It will be a self-contained lodge with bedrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen, and a 1,300-square-foot open room for meetings and reconciliation group activities.

www.ndepiscopal.org

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Northern Indiana

Gethsemane Center for Reconciliation's Leadership Development Initiative

\$35,314.81

The Gethsemane Center for Reconciliation works to further the Church's priority of racial reconciliation and justice. Building on our decade-plus of reconciliation work and established community relationships, the staffing, technological improvements, and marketing development funded will allow us to develop new leaders and an infrastructure for reconciliation efforts.

www.gethsemanemarion.orgministries

Monday, March 23, 2020

Northwest Texas

Swahili Worship Materials to Remove Boundaries

\$4,884.60

For the past five years, Heavenly Rest in Abilene, Texas has supported a growing refugee African congregation. The members of the congregation wish to worship in their native language of Swahili. This grant will provide the funds to provide worship and faith formation materials in Swahili and will assist with the first step of worshipping together.

www.heavenlyrestabilene.org

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Olympia, Companion with Jerusalem

Developing the Mother's Empowerment Program at the Princess Basma Centre

\$142,335

The Mother's Empowerment Program (MEP) is designed to support mothers of children with disabilities (CWD) as the primary caregivers of their children by teaching the mothers to become shadow therapists and by providing them with psychosocial support and educational awareness about children's rights.

www.basma-centre.org

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Pittsburgh, Companion with Uganda

**St. Andrew's Senior Secondary School Physical Plant Development
\$85,655**

St. Andrew's Secondary School in Uganda provides an inclusive full high school education for blind, orphaned, disabled, and non-disabled students. The school needs a second finished permanent classroom building, main hall, security fencing, and four additional pit latrines for students and staff, which will save students from having to walk many kilometers to access government-certified secondary education.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Rio Grande

**Bilingual Borderlands Youth Ministry with St. Paul's in Marfa, Texas
\$38,000**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Young Life Big Bend are prayerfully obeying God's call to reach every un-churched and spiritually disinterested young person residing in the West Texas borderlands with the Gospel of Christ. Our start-up ministry will serve, love, and minister to youth and families on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border.

www.dioceserg.org/Ministries/borderland-ministries

Friday, March 27, 2020

Rochester

**Crossroads of Caring
\$36,914**

Crossroads of Caring will fund a program to develop spiritual caregivers in the Rochester, New York area. The program includes classroom instruction and clinical internship experience using the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) model. We will train eight qualified adult candidates who, as graduates, will serve parish mission programs and community agencies that work with marginalized populations.

www.episcopalrochester.org

Saturday, March 28, 2020

San Joaquin

**Latino Missioner and Church Planter
\$50,000**

We propose to hire a Latino Missioner who would establish a Spanish-speaking congregation at St. James Cathedral in Fresno, help congregations to discern their call to Latino ministry, and work with Faith in the Valley to strengthen our commitment and response to the needs of immigrants and refugees in the diocese.

diosanjoaquin.org

Monday, March 30, 2020

Southern Ohio

**A Learning Journey: A Path to Crossing Boundaries Together
\$25,000**

We will create a Learning Journey Community focused on training leaders to facilitate cross-racial and cross-cultural relationships and just communities. We will hire a Coordinator to develop training materials and an online toolbox for the diocese to mobilize our churches to foster the creation of just communities.

diosohio.org

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Western Massachusetts

**St. Mark's Afterschool Program in Worcester
\$39,500**

St. Mark's Afterschool Program in Worcester, Massachusetts, will serve vulnerable inner-city middle school children who presently have no productive, safe place to go at day's end. Serving this markedly diverse community comprised of Latino, African American, Middle Eastern, and African refugee populations promises to receive and bear witness to the unifying love of Jesus.

stmarksworcester.webnode.com

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Global Partnerships

Emery Trust #335 Award

\$21,500

Bringing together Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) alumni, we seek to listen to their stories of mission service and the impact going to another part of the world to serve had on them personally and professionally, and to develop more intentional ways of sharing the YASC story with the wider Church and young adults in particular.

www.episcopalchurch.org/global-partnerships/young-adult-service-corps

Thursday, April 2, 2020

UTO in Partnership with Jasmine Road &

Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Julia Chester Emery Internship

\$35,000

This proposal is for the Julia Chester Emery Intern to serve as 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.

www.jasmineroad.org

Friday, April 3, 2020

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 upfit a wellness and fitness complex. This two-part project allows Voorhees to meet the needs of students and the community by providing access to education and wellness, which are limited in rural South Carolina.

www.voorhees.edu/news/voorhees-receives-a-73700-united-thank-offering-grant

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Taylor Devine

Diocese of Arizona –

Beloved in the Desert Young Adult Intentional Community

\$5,000

An intergenerational Episcopal church will welcome the Beloved in the Desert (BITD) Young Adult Intentional Community to the Borderlands to discern vocation and serve the community by seeking and serving Christ in Tucson and in one another through prayer, work, and study, walking toward fuller life of the Beloved Community.

www.azdiocese.org

Monday, April 6, 2020

Victoria Hoppes

Diocese of Indianapolis –

Young Adult Community Discernment Retreats

\$5,000

This project will host two retreats designed to help develop a year-round residential community for young adults at Waycross Camp and Conference Center. This program will include training in conflict transformation, reconciliation, and vocational discernment. Community members will also implement year-round programming and provide operational support to Waycross staff.

indydio.org

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Columba Maynus & Abigail Zimmerman

Diocese of Nebraska – Developing Benedictine Community for

Discernment and Ministry

\$5,000

The Benedictine Way is a place of prayer and hospitality for those desiring a deeper life in Christ, especially young adults and those living on the margins. Expanding our physical space and programming will allow us to expand our service to those discerning their myriad vocations in life.

www.episcopal-ne.org

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Courtney Watson

**Diocese of Upper South Carolina – Textile Village Servant Corps
\$4,000**

This grant will support the creation of the Textile Village Servant Corps, which is a service-based intentional community in Greenville, South Carolina, for 21- to 29-year-olds looking for a year of personal discernment, community immersion, and spiritual formation.

textilevillageservants.com

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Megan Cox

**Diocese of Western North Carolina – Episcopal Service Corps
\$4,500**

The Diocese of Western North Carolina Episcopal Service Corps has recently been accepted into the larger network of Episcopal Service Corps (ESC). We are a new program site that officially launched in Fall 2019. We will be hosting up to five young adults who will participate in a year of living in intentional Christian community and provide service to local nonprofits. Our project proposal is to develop both an Orientation Retreat for the incoming corps members and ongoing Learning Modules that build on the Baptismal Covenant and the objectives of Beloved Community.

www.diocesewnc.org

Friday, April 10, 2020

Angela Lerena

**Diocese of Idaho & Church Divinity School of the Pacific –
Messy Church Congregation
\$4,600**

This project will develop a Messy Church congregation at Grace Episcopal Church, Nampa, Idaho. Messy Church, a hands-on program of story, interactive experience, and worship, will be ecumenical and oriented to young families and children. It will offer a weekday opportunity for hospitality, community, study, and worship.

cdsp.edu

Saturday, April 11, 2020

UTO Pilgrims on the Camino Pilgrimage

In October 2019, 35 pilgrims from around the United States gathered in Madrid, Spain, for a unique pilgrimage opportunity. Members of the group chose either to visit UTO Grant sites in Northwest Spain with Bishop Carlos López Lozano of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church or to walk 117 kilometers of the Camino from Sarría to Santiago de Compostela with Bishop Doug Sparks of the Diocese of Northern Indiana. It was a holy pilgrimage for all – with many wonderful experiences, meals, friends, and sights. It was also an opportunity to witness and bring attention to the amazing work the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church has done with help from the United Thank Offering. This pilgrimage was accompanied by a matching grant. This grant is designated for establishing an Anglican Centre in Santiago and consists of matching funds up to \$60,000! By publication of this calendar, we will know whether the full amount was raised! Stay tuned.

unitedthankoffering.com/camino and [Facebook Photo Album](#)