### Lent 2020

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<td>For every item I have on this list, I commit to placing:</td>
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<td>In my UTO Blue Box.</td>
<td>Ash Wednesday</td>
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<td>Kenya, Mumias</td>
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<td>Give thanks today for the journey of Lent.</td>
<td># of times you exercise per week</td>
<td># of water faucets in your house</td>
<td># of non-&quot;American&quot; restaurants in your town (eg. Mexican, Hungarian, Italian)</td>
<td>Give thanks today for the ways your church community has blessed you.</td>
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<td>2 South Africa, Grahamstown</td>
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<td># of refrigerators and/or freezers in your home</td>
<td>Give thanks today for the ways your home blesses you.</td>
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<td>9 EMM</td>
<td>10 Hawaii</td>
<td>11 Indianapolis</td>
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<td>13 Iowa COMP Nzara</td>
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<td># of schools in your town</td>
<td># of faith groups in your town</td>
<td># of rooms in your house</td>
<td># of cleaning products in your house</td>
<td># of performances (theater, concerts) you’ve attended in the last 6 months</td>
<td>Give thanks today for the ways your family bless you.</td>
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<td>16 Maine</td>
<td>17 Massachusetts</td>
<td>18 Michigan</td>
<td>19 Miss. COMP Honduras</td>
<td>20 North Dakota</td>
<td>4th Sunday of Lent</td>
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<td># of people who can fit around your table</td>
<td># of years you attended school</td>
<td># of Christian churches in your town</td>
<td># of vehicles you own</td>
<td># of podcasts or radio stations you listen to</td>
<td>Give thanks today for the ways your friends bless you.</td>
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<td># of appliances in your kitchen</td>
<td># of books you own in your native language</td>
<td># of outreach ministries you support</td>
<td># of community centers in your town (library, town hall, aquatic center)</td>
<td># of varieties of vegetables in your fridge</td>
<td>Give thanks today for the meaningful work you have in your life.</td>
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<td>30 Southern Ohio</td>
<td>31 Western Mass.</td>
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<td>2 UTO Intern</td>
<td>3 Upper SC &amp; Voorhees</td>
<td>Palm Sunday</td>
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<td># of pairs of shoes you own</td>
<td># of bathrooms in your house</td>
<td>Global Partnerships # of loved ones who have died in the last year &amp; give thanks for the ways their life blessed yours</td>
<td># of friends who attend a different church then yours</td>
<td># of times you’ve gone to church this year</td>
<td>Give thanks today for your life, and your journey.</td>
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<td># of National Parks you’ve visited in the last five years</td>
<td># of garden beds or pots in your yard</td>
<td># of people you’ll invite to church on Easter</td>
<td># of faith formation groups at your church</td>
<td># of musical instruments or speakers in your house</td>
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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 episcopalchurch.org/uto
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 Cabrerera 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.org](http://stelizabeth720.org)
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

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.

sttimothysiowa.org/home/faith-grace-garden

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

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

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.org/mission
**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.org/ministries](http://www.gethsemanemarion.org/ministries)

**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](http://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](http://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 Lopéz Lozano of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church or to walk 117 kilometers of the Camino from Sarria 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