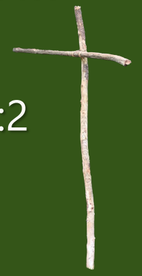
Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will
not be afraid.
– Isaiah 12:2



Lunch

Buffet in lobby, seated in ballroom

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

Judith Gregory, diocesan representative

United Thank Offering (UTO)

- Begun by women in 1883
- Raised more than $146 million
- Used to fund projects, such as water filtration systems in Louisianna to prison support outreach in Ghana
- Raised money by UTO’s yearly ingatherings
- From 1883-2025 the Episcopal Church in Delaware has received 21-40 grants.

Actions Taken

- Email was sent to each parish:
  either priest, administrator, or both
- Requested the following:
  - If the parish held an annual ingathering of donations to UTO
  - When the ingathering was held each year
  - If there was a parish UTO Coordinator and contact information
- Responses were received from 1/3 of parishes
- Contacted Heather Melton, UTO Staff Officer, at The Episcopal Church

UTO Provides

- Training Opportunities
- Materials required to conduct ingathering, including website suggestions, Blue Boxes, envelopes, and handouts.
- New grant opportunities each year

DIOCESAN GRANTS

- KENT COUNTY — $13,746
- NEW CASTLE — $222,268
- SUSSEX — $103,500
- TOTAL RECEIVED — $339,514

Diocesan Wide Ingathering

- Beginning this convention, and going forward, we are offering a diocesan wide ingathering.
- Parishes would bring their donation to this annual event.
- Parishes can continue to hold their ingathering at the time they use now or make changes.
- It is expected to take a few years for all to adjust to this timeline.

2027 UTO GRANTS PROCESS

Focus on projects that seek to connect parishes, dioceses, and provinces with the unique needs of their local communities

- **First Deadline — December 5, by 5 p.m. ET**
  - Submit proposal and audit to your bishop.
- **Second Deadline – January 8, by 5 p.m. ET**
  - Must submit all draft documents to proceed further. They will be reviewed and feedback provided before the final submission deadline.
- **Third/Final Deadline – February 5, 5 p.m. ET**
  - All completed documents must be turned in by this date and time. No exceptions.
  - All application materials, criteria and other resources are online in English and Spanish.

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Thank You

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