

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING-2007 Annual Report

United Thank Offering is just what its name implies, an prayerful offering of thanks to God for our blessings in life through the use of blue boxes. These offerings are then collected in the Fall and Spring by church coordinators who forward their offerings to the Diocesan UTO coordinator. All offerings are then sent to the national United Thank Offering Committee for considerations for Grants in the U.S. and international projects in the Anglican Communion. 100% UTO monies are granted each year. All UTO expenses are paid from the UTO Memorial & Gift Fund. We only have to look in our own Diocese to see what our “thankful blessings” have brought about.

In 2007 the diocese received a UTO Grant for Pyramid Professional Services Technology Readiness located at Christ Church, Lexington. Their grant of \$9,360 will help them to hire an instructor and purchase computer equipment to expand an existing job search program serving homeless men and women. This is our 7th grant since 2001 and 25th since 1958.

Anyone interested in applying for a grant can request an application from the Diocesan office or print one from the UTO website. Grant applications are available Oct. 1st each year at either place. All Grant submissions must be at the Diocesan office by Dec.31st. Our Bishop is allowed to submit two grant applications per calendar year. A committee reviews them with the Bishop for submission. These are submitted to New York no later than January 31 of each year.

The following congregations contributed in the Spring/Fall Ingathering in 2007:

Clark County, St. Hubert's

Corbin, St. John's

Covington, Trinity

Cynthiana, Advent

Danville, Trinity

ECW Retreat

Ft. Thomas, St. Andrew's

Harrodsburg, St. Philip's

Jessamine Co., Resurrection

Lexington, St. Andrew's

Lexington, Christ Church

Lexington, Martha's Place

Lexington, St. Michael's

Lexington, St. Raphael's

Somerset, St. Patrick's

With the offering of these congregations "thankful" coins we were enabled to send in a contribution of 11886.47 to the National United Thank Offering in 2007. Any contributions after Dec. 20th will be counted in the 2008 Spring Ingathering.

As diocesan coordinator for UTO it has been such a blessing to work with the parish coordinators (yes, I put in some "thankful coins") in this ministry. A ministry started in 1889. I am willing to help any UTO coordinator at any time. If you would like for me to come and talk to a group about UTO just contact me. It is my prayer and hope many more churches will come on board in 2008. I can be reached via:

Email: fbennett05@alltel.net

Home phone 859-272-5778 or cell 859-806-7928

Mail: 4154 Crawley Lane

Lexington, Ky. 40515

With Blessings and thankfulness

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Bennett (Mrs. James E.)

Diocesan UTO Coordinator