

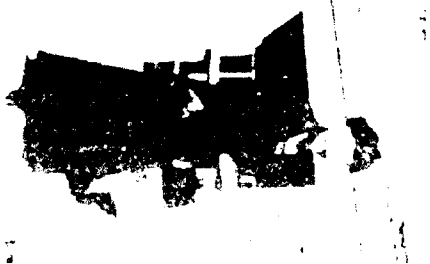
# UTO

**1889 — 1899**

Boer War breaks out...radium discovered by the Curies...first Ford cars in use...Cathedral of St. John the Divine cornerstone laid...first subway opened...beginning of RFD postal service...gold rush in the Klondike.

## UTO

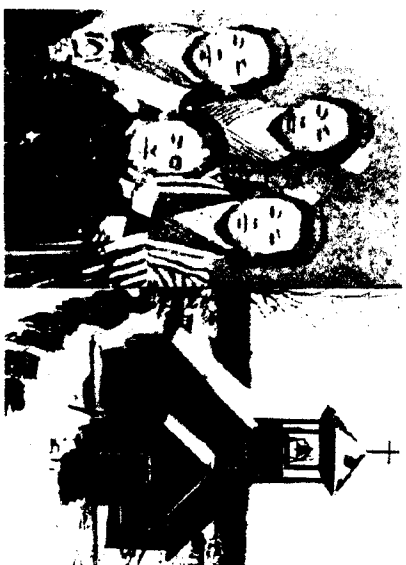
Women's Auxiliary authorized by 1871 General Convention as department of Board of Missions. Started Offering as a way of showing "connection between giving thanks and giving money, uniting in sharing and praying."



United Offering of Women to carry out Christ's mission started by Mrs. Richard H. (Ida) Soule and Miss Julia Emery

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lambeth Conference held in England. 1898. Canon on deaconesses passed, and two training schools built for them. Cornerstone laid for Church Mission House at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York (1892). First revision of the 1789 Book of Common Prayer completed.



First offering, received in 1889, totaled \$2,188.64 and was used to send a missionary teacher, Miss Lisa Lovell, to Japan and to build Christ Church, Anvik, Alaska

**1900 — 1909**

Model-T Fords assembled...Wright brothers take flight...Boxer Rebellion in China...Carré Nation leads hatchet raids on sailboats...Panama Canal under construction...Perry conquers North Pole...first transatlantic wireless message

## UTO

General Convention Ingatherings:  
San Francisco, 1901 — \$107,589.92  
Boston, 1904 — \$150,000.00  
Richmond, 1907 — \$924,251.55

Offering in 1901 divided among "missionary bishops". 1904 Offering goes for "Women's Work in the domestic and foreign fields...to include Brazil, Haiti, Cuba, and Mexico." By 1908 there are 164 women workers supported by the United Offering at home and abroad.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Foreign missions" seen as a means of uniting mankind; ecumenical conference for foreign missions in New York with 160,000 attending. Developing missionary interest with laity, clergy, and bishops.

# & THEN & NOW

**SHARING BLESSINGS  
AND LOVE WITH THANKS**

**1889 - 1999**

United Thank Offering  
Episcopal Church USA

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## 1910 — 1919

U.S. enters World War I...President Wilson's plans for League of Nations...worldwide influenza epidemic kills millions...beginning of women's suffrage and first congresswoman...Girl Scouts inaugurated

### UTO

Miss Grace Lindley succeeds Miss Julia Emery as Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary at "281." United Offering becomes United *Thank Offering*, and gives \$1,371.55 to the Board of Missions. 175 women workers in missions supported by UTO.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Miss Emery asks that women be allowed to do more than raise money in Forward Movement of Laymen. Religious education and social service are emphasized. Every Member Camasses are recommended. Church Pension Fund is created.

### THE UNITED OFFERING

OF 1910

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

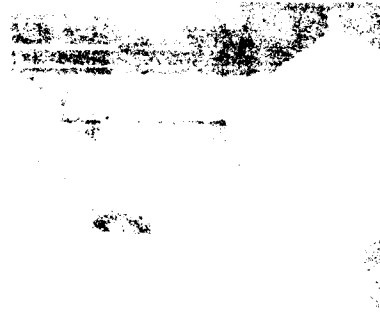


Illustration of a woman in a long dress and hat, possibly a missionary or church worker, standing in a field.

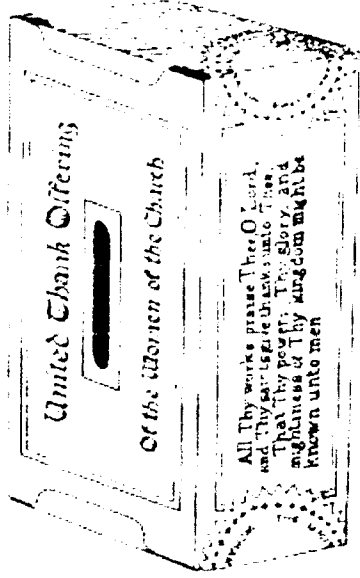
Interpretive materials that allow you to spread the word of UTO's work.

## 1930 — 1939

The Great Depression: 15 million unemployed. FDR, WPA, and Social Security...Spanish Civil War erupts...Edward VIII of England abdicates...Germany invades Poland, Russia invades Finland...Britain and France declare war on Germany

### UTO

In 1934, first-time use of Offering not predestinated for next Triennial In-gathering. Churchwide income drops 50 percent but UTO only 25 percent. Pension fund for retired women missionaries named for Ida W. Soule. Triennial votes only excess of \$900,000 to go for buildings.



An early version of the Blue Box circa 1929

## 1920 — 1929

Congress passes 19th Amendment allowing women's vote. Stock market crashes October, 1929, television demonstrated. Scopes "Monkey Trial" in Tennessee. Native American Indians declared citizens. Prohibition begins.

### UTO

Establishment of Trust Fund for retired UTO missionaries workers. Encouragement of diocesan UTO treasurers. Three-year 1928 Offering of \$1,101,450.10 with increase going for buildings including Windham House, New York City, for training women

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society celebrates 100th anniversary — and Women's Auxiliary their 50th — in 1921. 1928 General Convention revises Prayer Book and opens study classes to women in 1925.

### THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

BY IDA W. SOULE



IDA W. SOULE  
1864-1944

The national publication 1935

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Forward Movement called to integrate church life at all levels. *Forward Day by Day* appears in 1935. 1937 Convention senses a keen missionary spirit and budgets an advance in mission work. Deaconsesses lead worship and eventually make addresses when licensed by a bishop. First women on National Council elected by Triennial.



San Cristobal School Panama City, 1968

## 1970 — 1979

End of Vietnam War... "Watergate" scandal rocks Washington... U.S. Bicentennial celebration... call for Equal Rights Amendment... first test-tube baby... energy crisis... nuclear power.

### UTO

1970 Triennial votes for much-needed UTO Committee and Lay Ministries Committee to replace "Committee for Women." 1978 Offering — 1,694,152.24 for 91 grants. Goals, guidelines, and criteria for grants published.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Executive Council staff reduced to half. Final vote for women deputies, deaconesses within diaconate. Ordination of women to the priesthood, and adoption of revised Prayer Book. "Partners in Mission" and "Venture in Mission" initiated — both helped by UTO participation.

## 1980 — 1989

Space Shuttle launched by U.S. ... Olympic boycotts by U.S. and Soviet Union... first woman Supreme Court Justice... AIDS virus breaks out worldwide... computers common in homes and offices... Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster... homeless persons enter parish and national agendas... Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women begins.

### UTO

1988 General Convention and Triennial Meeting of Women celebrate the kickoff of UTO's second century beginning 1989... UTO grants top 3 million dollars for the first time... \$1,500 Seed Money grants given to every ECUUSA diocese... United Thank Offering Memorial and Gift Fund #852 created to supplement legacies and increase the power of Blue Box Offering to extend mission.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal Church women by-laws changed to establish a national board. Service, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Prayer, and Peace SWEEP the Church. Edmond Browning elected Presiding bishop declares there will be no outcasts. Barbara Harris is elected suffragan bishop in Massachusetts.



Like many UTO grants, 1980 and 1985 grants to Grace Hill programs, Diocese of Missouri, foster healthy families.

## 1990 — 1999

United States centers on giving state governments responsibility for policies and programs... Union of Soviet Socialist Republics becomes a community of independent states... Yugoslavia divides and wars among itself... European Union forms... Hong Kong and China unite... United Nations celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.



UTO Committee women from the Philippines share gifts and experience with the ECUSA UTO Committee.

### UTO

Offerings for grants are supplemented by surplus from UTO Memorial and Gift Trust fund income... Women of the Philippines and Province IX find ways to keep up Blue Box giving in autonomous provinces... Increasing numbers of UTO coordinators take leadership in screening requests from their dioceses.

The Episcopal Church of the Philippines and the Anglican Church of Mexico become autonomous provinces, separating from ECUSA, while other dioceses of Province IX pursue the same goal... The Episcopal Council for Global Mission and the Global Episcopal Mission Network strive to strengthen overseas relationships of ECUSA... The Decade of Evangelism continues... Dioceses assume stronger leadership roles and develop provincial structures to support them.



Teenage volunteers at 1948 UTO presentation, the Triennial Meeting, Kansas City

## 1940 — 1949

U.S. enters World War II... Women's Army Corps (WACS) established... dedication of National Gallery of Art... withholding tax introduced... nation of Israel proclaimed... first round-the-world flight.

### UTO

1940 — "UTO Yearly Share" to National Council was \$231,049.80. 1943 — Offering again over \$1 million for three years, with \$800,000 to budget of National Council for mission work. Ecumenical projects supported. UTO leaflet "The World Is My Community". By 1949, Offering of \$1,954,544 with half going to program of National Council, a small sum for administering the Offering, and the rest to pension funds. Mrs. Oreta Culp Hobby, director of WACS, serves as parliamentarian for '48 Triennial.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal Church one of the founders of World Council of Churches, and member of National Council of Churches. Church supports United Nations, Planned Parenthood, and in 1949 invites three women Convention Deputies to seats *without* voice or vote; the women decline.

## 1950 — 1959

Korean War fought... Supreme Court bans racial segregation in schools... first U.S. earth satellite... atomic-powered submarine launched... coronation of Queen Elizabeth II... Dr. Jonas Salk inoculates children against polio.



Left: Windhart House, Women's Training Center, New York, with 1950 addition. Right: Bishop Gardor, with the first "Blue Box", 1953.

### UTO

Offering continues to grow; total for 1952-55 is \$3,149,197.83. UTO Loan Fund established; \$1,000,000 given to General Church Program to support women missionaries. "Blue Box" airplane for Bishop Gardor in Alaska; special support designated for the Anglican Communion.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parishes experience post-war building boom; desegregation emphasized. Parish Life Conferences held. Women on vestries and as delegates to Diocesan Councils. First Anglican Congress held in U.S.

## 1960 — 1969

"Military action" in Vietnam escalates to war... Peace Corps created... Headstart programs appear... rock concert in Woodstock, N.Y.; climaxes era of the "hippies"... flight of John Glenn, first American in orbit... assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.... Apollo landing on the Moon... urban rioting in Los Angeles and Detroit.

### UTO

UTO Offering of the *whole* Church, men, women, and children alike. 1961-64 grants 51 percent special "extrabudgetary"; 28 percent General Church budget, and 21 percent to be allocated by General Division of Women's Work during triennium. 1967 Offering — \$4,917,772.93. UTO votes funds and takes the lead in responding to Presiding Bishop's challenge to address the urban crisis. Triennial votes granting of Offering yearly, as the only large extrabudgetary fund available for emerging program and critical needs.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Urban crises prompt call for identity with oppressed; 1961 Convention declares race prejudice "inconsistent with the Gospel." Beginning of Prayer Book revision process. MRI — Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence — sounded as a call to mission, service, and "50/50 giving." "General Division of Women's Work" becomes "Committee for Women." Women admitted to seminaries; canonicalizing women deputies, women layreaders. Discussions with Methodists, Presbyterians, and UCC leads to participation in Consultation on Church Union. "Special Convention" in 1969.