

**2015 United Thank Offering
Domestic and Overseas Grants – 44**

#15101 Diocese of Alabama **\$36,687.46**
Christ Church Cafe
Christ Episcopal Church
Fairfield, AL

To update the kitchen and dining facilities of the church in order to expand the outreach ministry by offering a free meal to the neighborhood on the fourth Sunday of each month. The neighbors will be fed, not just by the food that is served, but also by the fellowship that is shared.

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#15105 Diocese of Alaska **\$29,750.00**
Good Grief – Working Together to Overcome Grief
Formalized relationship with Diocese of Navajoland

To provide seed money to train indigenous facilitators who can counsel individuals and families who are dealing with grief and to train others who can serve as grief counselors. It is the intent that the Diocese of Navajoland will share the results of the program with Diocese of Alaska to aid Alaska in developing a program of indigenous grief counselors who are culturally sensitive and can adapt the Navajoland program for use within Alaska.

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#15109 Diocese of Albany **\$13,650.00**
Support Group Beginnings and One in 4 Awareness
Healing a Woman’s Soul, Inc., Capital District Area
Albany, NY

To provide seed money for a domestic violence consultant to train local support group facilitators for women recovering from substance abuse and domestic violence. This group would potentially include homeless women veterans. A confidential support group network will be provided for those with both substance abuse and domestic violence problems.

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#15125 Diocese of Atlanta **\$75,000.00**
Early Childhood Program at Rainbow Village
Rainbow Village, Inc. – Diocesan Program
Duluth, GA

To provide start-up positions for the Rainbow Village Early Childhood Development Program that will commence in 2015. The program will provide children, from newborn to four years old, with healthy development and quality early learning activities to ensure they enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. These children are experiencing the crisis of homelessness and often are victims of poverty and/or domestic violence.

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#15157 Diocese of California **\$54,398.00**

Stairway to Greater Learning

*Holy Trinity/La Santisima Trinidad Episcopal Church
Richmond, CA*

To bring the church building up to current safety code requirements in order to serve more low-income neighbors with after-school tutoring for children and English classes for adults.

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#15217 Diocese of Central Florida **\$46,464.00**

Itolwa Water Well Project

*Companion Diocese of Kondoia
Itolwa, Tanzania*

To locate, bore, and establish wells at two church sites and to train the congregations to service and maintain the wells. These wells will bring water to arid locations to facilitate the establishment of agriculture and sustainable communities and to build bridges into the wider community.

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#15233 Diocese of Chicago **\$9,820.00**

Workforce Development Program

*Lawrence Hall Youth Services – Joint Venture with Episcopal Charities
Chicago, IL*

To provide computer upgrades for the Workforce Development Program of Lawrence Hall Youth Services, which prepares youth to obtain and maintain employment. The program provides career counseling and teaches and models job readiness skills.

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#15477 Diocese of Delhi, Province Haryana **\$30,000.00**

Nurses' Hostel, Philadelphia Hospital

Ambala City, North India

To construct 10 rooms of the new Nurses' Hostel for the School of Nursing, which will provide suitable living quarters for nursing students, particularly those in need. Each room is a twin-shared room with attached bathroom and storage room and costs \$3,000.00 to build. In this first phase of the hostel construction, the first 10 of the 120 planned rooms will be completed.

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#15265 Diocese of East Tennessee **\$20,000.00**

Interfaith Congregation Organizing

FISH Hospitality Pantries – Episcopal Led Interfaith Community Organization

Knoxville, TN

To fund professional organizing assistance and training for the leaders who are creating a new kind of citizens' organization in which Christians, Jews, and Muslims will act together to address unjust structures. The goal is to transform systems that keep minorities and marginalized people poor and oppressed.

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#15581 Diocese of Ecuador – Litoral \$62,000.00
Reconstruction of Housing for the Missionary and His Family in the Episcopal Church of San Pablo Quevedo

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Canton Quevedo
Los Rios Province, Ecuador*

To rebuild the missionary's housing at St. Paul's Church, which for several years was held by people outside the church and in legal dispute. The property was finally returned to the church by the courts, but it is in terrible shape. With repair of the house, the missionary will have a home for his family as the new ministry begins.

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#15285 Diocese of El Camino Real \$75,000.00
Expansion of Los Puentecitos/Little Bridges Bilingual Preschool

*St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Hollister, CA*

To upgrade the facility, supply furnishings and equipment including toys, and provide for an additional teacher and an aide to develop a community youth group, which will be an extension of the existing after-school program for elementary students. The youth group will focus on the students' school experiences, their family life, and the challenges they face in the area. It is the hope that the youth will learn a new set of skills – one that avoids violence as a solution.

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#15249 The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe \$22,800.00
Navigating New Life, a Project of the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center (JNRC)

*St. Paul's Within the Walls Episcopal Church
Rome, Italy*

To help refugees of the JNRC navigate the spectrum of challenges they face, ranging from the holistic to legal to housing. This will be done by hiring a part-time volunteer coordinator and JNRC navigator, who will act as a cultural mediator and will accompany highly vulnerable refugees to various legal and medical appointments. This person also will be a guide to those navigating the highly bureaucratic system. Ten computers and wiring for Wi-Fi will be provided for use in the registration system and for language and learning programs.

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#15297 Diocese of Fond du Lac \$34,000.00
Organizing for Justice in North Central Wisconsin

*John the Baptist Episcopal Church
Wausau, WI*

To fund a community organizer to work with congregations throughout the North Central Wisconsin area to build an effective regional faith-based social justice organization. The organization will target justice issues ranging from criminal justice reform to defense of public transit in local and state budgets. The project will be interfaith in nature.

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#15305 Diocese of Georgia **\$19,660.00**

The Community of St. Joseph
The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia
Savannah, GA

To provide the salary for a priest and a musician to start a missionary outreach to homeless persons who live in various transient communities in Savannah. A small trailer, chairs, and altarpieces for Eucharist will also be provided. The purpose of the project is to reach out to those who are often overlooked by the church when it comes to worship.

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#15321 Diocese of Idaho **\$20,000.00**

The House Next Door: Mentor
Grace Episcopal Church
Nampa, ID

To fund the half-time salary for a mentor who will provide encouragement and assistance for bright, ambitious young mothers who are low-income students at risk of falling through the cracks. These young women have trouble succeeding because their family and friends have no experience with higher education and are unable to provide meaningful support or assistance to enable them to significantly improve their lives.

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#15329 Diocese of Indianapolis **\$16,151.77**

Swords to Plow Shares Community Farm
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Indianapolis, IN

To provide a start-up farm manager who will supervise the planting and cultivating of a community farm that grows in a field of crosses on the church grounds. The crosses have names of each murder victim in Indianapolis in 2014. Volunteers from the congregation, neighboring churches, youth groups, and two neighborhood associations will tend the farm. The harvested fresh produce will be distributed to the urban poor. Having a farm that grows in a field of crosses will demonstrate the power of a community united for good. Opportunities will be provided for community members, victims' families, inner-city youth, and even police officers to work side by side toward a common purpose.

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#15333 Diocese of Iowa **\$40,000.00**

Luyengo Farm for Food Equity and Self-Determination

Companion Diocese of Swaziland

Luyengo, Kingdom of Swaziland

To construct a piggery on the successful Luyengo Fresh Produce Farm in a modular fashion, with each unit to hold 15 sows. This expansion of the farm provides opportunity for further development of local farmers, from subsistence farming to small commercial farming, to aid in combating hunger and malnutrition, problems that greatly afflict Swaziland.

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#15345 Diocese of Jerusalem **\$136,750.00**

Renovating and Equipping St. Luke's Hospital Intensive Therapy Units for Improved Quality Services

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Nablus, Palestine

To renovate critical service departments, including the intensive care unit (ICU), the neonatal and pediatrics departments, and the pharmacy. The grant will also provide funding for one-half of the equipment requested. The equipment includes ICU monitors, beds, ventilators, and closed-system incubators. These programs are critically important for providing efficient and effective service to the many poor and marginalized communities surrounding the hospital.

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#15365 Diocese of Lexington **\$24,000.00**

Hazard Episcopal Ministries

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Hazard, KY

To sponsor four young adults to live and serve in an intentional spiritual community among the poor of Hazard and Perry County. They will spend their days working with local service agencies with which the church is involved. Equally important, the young adults will be brought into life-changing relationships and partnerships with residents of rural Appalachia.

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#15704 Diocese of Liberia **\$40,040.00**

Portable Science Laboratory Project

Monrovia, Liberia

To provide a foundation for science studies in the Episcopal secondary schools by creating mobile laboratories. In Liberia, the majority of high school teachers have no formal training, and less than one percent of high schools have functioning science labs.

Currently, science is taught through lecture and memorization, and students who graduate from high school are severely deficient in the sciences. The cost of equipping all schools with the equipment, materials, and supplies is prohibitive. The Portable Science Laboratory Project will address this problem by providing mobile practical laboratories for biology, physics, and chemistry. The mobile laboratories will be equipped with instruments and instructors who will travel initially to Episcopal high schools around the country.

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#15377 Diocese of Louisiana **\$16,260.00**
A Safe Place: Ensuring Fire Safety for Our Children
St. Anna's Episcopal Church
New Orleans, LA

To provide fire safety enhancements so that the church building can be used for Anna's Place programs, a new ministry in this community characterized by high poverty, limited education options, and ongoing crime and violence. The church will offer education and enrichment for at-risk children four afternoons each week and all day Saturday, mental health counseling, health services, religious classes, and community events.

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#15409 Diocese of Michigan **\$32,430.00**
Kids in the Kitchen
All Saints' Episcopal Church
Pontiac, MI

To upgrade the physical structure of the kitchen so that the church can acquire health department certification in order to initiate the Kids in the Kitchen program. This program will enable neighborhood children to learn how to make healthy food choices and to prepare healthy food in a safe, clean, supportive, and peaceful environment.

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#15425 Diocese of Missouri **\$31,804.00**
St. Stephen's Industrial Kitchen
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Ferguson, MO

To update the church kitchen in order to achieve health code certification, which will allow the church to continue being highly engaged in the community through its ministries and to become a partner with local organizations by providing a place where food can be prepared. The updated kitchen will allow St. Stephen's to partner with several community organizations that would benefit Ferguson, a community that has had extremely difficult times, especially since the summer of 2014.

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#15429 Diocese of Montana **\$8,000.00**
"Keeping the Feast": A Nutrition Education Program

*Camp Marshall
Polson, MT*

To provide the salary for two kitchen staff, the material for a small garden and a bear-proof composting plot, a cold food bar/salad bar to serve the nourishing produce, and a videographer to capture what the campers and staff learned through Keeping the Feast. The campers, many of whom live in economically disadvantaged families with typically unhealthy diets, are given the opportunity to open themselves to reconciled relationships with one another as they practice table fellowship. They will grow, prepare, serve, and share a nutritious meal with other campers.

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#15433 Diocese of Navajoland Area Mission **\$97,400.00**
Blue Corn Meal Project

*St. Christopher's Mission and Good Shepherd Mission
Bluff, UT and Fort Defiance, AZ*

To construct a building and provide all the necessary items to make corn grown in the area into blue cornmeal, including a tractor, seed hopper, drying racks, and milling machines. The cornmeal will be sold to help move the Navajoland Area Mission toward self-sustainability. A staff salary will also be paid to run and teach the process. The project will provide training, education, revenue, and healthy food options to the Navajo. The deeper purpose is to strengthen – individually, collectively, and culturally – the Navajos' inherent sense of dignity and self-worth. This project will teach the current and future generations of Navajo how to grow and fix traditional meals using traditional ingredients with much healthier options than are currently available.

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#15437 Diocese of Nebraska **\$33,300.00**
Friends of Tamar – A Ministry of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

*Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Omaha, NB*

To create a part-time staff position to coordinate the administration of a new initiative that is designed to challenge violence against women and to pursue peace and reconciliation. This will be done while undertaking strategic long-term planning with community partners and donors. There are significant gaps in services in the area for these issues. Two of the efforts, New Beginnings Bags and Tamar's Place, will offer support to survivors of sexual and domestic violence as they embark on new path in the aftermath of these devastating experiences. The third effort will offer a means to pursue peace and reconciliation through educational initiatives and a support group for abusers. A fourth effort will explore establishment of a residential program to confront sex trafficking in Omaha.

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#15441 Diocese of Nevada **\$25,000.00**
Community Immigrant Legal Services Project

Christ Church Episcopal

Las Vegas, NV

To train clergy and lay leaders to organize community workshops that will enable immigrants to avoid deportation and will help them integrate into the local community. The clergy and lay leaders will work with existing nonprofits organizations and pro bono lawyers who will provide legal advice for complicated cases. The workshops will be free of charge. The project will assist immigrants in applying for immigration relief and will begin to build an infrastructure of services in the immigrant community.

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#15461 Diocese of Newark \$48,000.00

Vehicle Replacement for Bishop of Liberia

*Companion Diocese of Liberia
Monrovia, Liberia*

To provide the bishop of Liberia with safe and reliable ground transportation so that he can effectively carry on his duties and responsibilities. There is no internal rail or air transportation, the roads are in disrepair, and during certain seasons, travel is all but impossible. The vehicle will have four-wheel drive and the capacity to carry heavy loads.

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#15469 Diocese of North Carolina \$5,000.00

St. Cyprian's Afterschool Literacy Center

*St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
Oxford, NC*

To pay for a professional director to oversee the Afterschool Literacy Center, which was established in October 2014. The goal of the center is to serve up to 15 first through fifth graders of a nearby elementary school, where the majority of students are African-American and come from homes with few financial or education-related resources.

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#15473 Diocese of North Dakota \$43,500.00

Tiny Houses Building Life Capacity

*St. James' Episcopal Church
Cannon Ball, ND*

To pay for the construction of six "tiny houses" on the property of St. James' Church in Cannon Ball on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation. The homes will form the nucleus of a program that gathers half a dozen young adult Native American men (18-30) as a means to restore the promise of their lives. The young men often lack a place to live that is drug and alcohol free, and it is hard for them to develop mature footing as men. This project will employ a strategy of adapting the Sources of Strength model, in which each person learns to develop and wrap around himself what he has to do to create a stable life. More systems appear to conspire against young men on the Standing Rock Reservation than young women.

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#15485 Diocese of Northern Indiana **\$5,360.00**
Camp New Happenings
Camp Alexander Mack
Milford, IN

To fund an art teacher and to purchase camp equipment, including camp bedding and sleeping bags, for special camp sessions for children of incarcerated parents. The children will experience camp with others who have incarcerated parents, and together they will learn and practice coping skills to take home with them. They will share experiences with each other, receive a hot breakfast every morning, be in the company of all varieties of groups who share the camp space, participate in waterfront activities, enjoy God's gift of nature, and just plain have fun.

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#15509 Diocese of Olympia **\$15,000.00**
Sports for Peace
Companion Diocese of Aweil
South Sudan

To fund mentors and trainers who will select, mentor, and train South Sudanese youth who live in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, to participate in mix-tribal teams for soccer (boys) and volleyball (girls). The preparation of the youth will include training in peace and reconciliation skills before and after the games and team-building among the players. This project will be a venue for promoting peace and reconciliation and for enlisting other young people to be trained and mentored as peacemakers. The Diocese of El Camino is also in partnership with the Diocese of Olympia and the Diocese of Aweil.

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#15513 Diocese of Oregon **\$27,813.46**
St. Michael/San Miguel Playground Equipment
St. Michael/San Miguel Episcopal Church
Newberg, OR

To install a playground on the church property that will provide a safe place to play for children in the neighborhood and children of the church. Currently, there is no place for the children to play in the neighborhood except on the church's lawn, which is where the playground will be installed. The play structure has a capacity of 55-60 children ages 5-12.

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#15525 Diocese of Pennsylvania **\$12,050.00**
The Darby Project
Collaboration between the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, Episcopal Community Services, and the leadership of Darby Borough

Darby Borough, PA

To purchase computers for use in the following programs: after-school programs, summer camp, adult computer literacy classes, and GED classes. The computers will also allow the Darby Project to supplement the limited computer and Internet access provided by the Darby library. The Darby Project is a collaborative effort between the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, Episcopal Community Services, and the leadership of Darby Borough, PA, in order to make life better for the residents of Darby Borough.

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#15564 Diocese of Rorya – Province of Tanzania \$28,200.00

Community Vehicle

Rorya District

Tanzania

To provide a vehicle for the new Anglican diocese. This vehicle will replace the 1992 vehicle that has been used since the diocese began in 2010. The new vehicle will be used for daily community outreach, daily diocesan activities, and the diocesan bishop's travels throughout the vast area of the diocese. The diocese has grown from 26 to 32 parishes in five years.

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#15593 Diocese of South Dakota \$54,800.00

The Dakota Territory Human Trafficking Project

Formalized relationship with Diocese of North Dakota

To design the educational materials on human trafficking to be distributed throughout both North and South Dakota. Age-appropriate information packets geared toward prevention will be made available to the vulnerable populations in the Dakotas. Creating an awareness in the various communities in the Dakotas will help people understand what they are seeing when they come into contact with human trafficking. The members of the congregations will be prepared to safely intervene to help prevent and expose human trafficking and to help victims escape.

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#15625 Diocese of Southwest Virginia \$3,795.00

New Music Program at St. Paul's, Martinsville, VA

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Martinsville, VA

To purchase equipment necessary to develop a new computerized program of liturgical music for sharing the Gospel message of Christ Jesus in congregational worship and mission outreach.

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#15629 Diocese of Spain – Extra-provincial jurisdiction \$60,000.00

Pilgrim Center for the Anglican Communion in Pontevedra, Spain

Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church/Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal

Pontevedra, Spain

To purchase the ground floor of a building in Pontevedra for establishing a pilgrim center on the Camino de Santiago. The center will represent the Anglican Communion and give support to the Christian pilgrims that walk the Camino. The center will seek to reconcile and unite the two branches of the Anglican Church in Spain.

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#15674 Diocese of Utah **\$25,000.00**

Ministry through Journey of Hope

Journey of Hope, Inc.

Salt Lake City, UT

To fund a project developer to work with Journey of Hope, a recently formed nonprofit organization that will be the first agency in Utah to serve women in transition from incarceration to community. It will provide mentoring, case management, and advocacy for women leaving incarcerated settings and for those at risk for incarceration.

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#15682 Diocese of Virginia **\$14,996.16**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Community Kitchen Upgrade

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Port Royal, VA

To upgrade the church's kitchen in order to expand the food ministry. Hot meals will be prepared in the kitchen to be delivered to impoverished parts of the county. The program will also create new bridges from the church into the community – a small village in rural Virginia. The community is an economically depressed area of Caroline County. Fresh, healthy food is not readily available to many of the residents who lack transportation and live on fixed incomes below the poverty level.

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#15683 Diocese of Virginia **\$46,290.00**

Vehicle for the Rt. Rev. Wilson Kamani, Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan

Companion Diocese of Ibba

Ibba, South Sudan

To purchase a vehicle for use by the bishop of the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan. The diocese is large in geography and is situated in a rural part of South Sudan. Since the bishop has been without a vehicle, he has had to make his visitations by public transportation, by hired vehicle (which is very expensive), or on foot. A vehicle will make his daily life better, so he can spend more time with his people and less time getting there to see them.

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#15716 Diocese of West Tennessee **\$22,591.00**

Friends of Thistle Farms

*Calvary Episcopal Church and Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
Memphis, TN and Cordova, TN*

To provide half of the start-up costs for a two-acre herb garden and the salary for one part-time employee – a project manager of Friends of Thistle Farms. This individual will design and oversee the construction of the garden, manage the garden, tend the one-year-old apiary, and supervise volunteers. An important part of the project is helping to develop consumer products that are produced by the garden and apiary, which will benefit women who have survived prostitution, trafficking, addiction, and life on the streets.

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#15737 Diocese of Western Massachusetts **\$30,000.00**
Mission de Gracia/Mission of Grace
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Holyoke, MA

To provide part of the base salary for a missionary who will establish a new mission-oriented ministry focused on a growing population in the working-class community of Holyoke, MA. This ministry will be jointly developed and funded by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Mission de Gracia will be a faith community intentionally serving the underserved, unconnected, and marginalized Latino population of Holyoke and surrounding areas.

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#15741 Diocese of Western Michigan **\$35,800.00**
Durable Medical Goods Lending Pantry
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Cadillac, MI

To build a place in the community where the poor and the sick will have free access to durable medical goods. There is a large supply of this equipment scattered throughout the community, but there is no one place where people can go to find what they need. This makes it very difficult for someone who is facing an emergency or unsafe condition to get help quickly. All equipment will be donated and no funds will be exchanged for taking, storing, or giving equipment.

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Episcopal Church Department of Mission **\$40,000.00**
The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society

To provide monetary gifts for discretionary use by women and men who serve overseas (outside the United States) as Episcopal Missionary Personnel, as well as individuals in religious orders outside the United States. These gifts will be sent to the recipients at the same time as all other United Thank Offering grant awards.

Episcopal Church Department of Mission
The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society

\$35,000.00

To provide for the continuation of the Julia Chester Emery, Young Adult Service Corps/United Thank Offering intern.