

# UNITED THANK OFFERING BOARD

## Members

Ms. Sherri Dietrich, President	Maine, I	2024
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Ms. Julia Ayala Harris, Ex Officio	Oklahoma, VII	
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Ex Officio	North Carolina, IV	

## Changes in Membership

Ms. Rosamond Daniels' term expired; she was replaced by Ms. Mathy Milling Downing, Maryland, III

The Rev. Caitlyn Darnell's term expired; she was replaced by Ms. Erin Sample, Indiana, IV

Ms. Kate Mietus resigned; she was replaced by Ms. Sedona Jacobson, Navajoland, VIII

Ms. Maggie Noland was elected secretary; she was replaced by Ms. Linda Kennedy, Alabama, IV

Ms. Molly Minnerath, Massachusetts, I, joined as our second young adult member

Ms. Laura Jackson, Illinois, V, joined as our second appointed member

Mr. Joe McDaniel, Jr., Florida, IV, was appointed as our Executive Council liaison in 2022

Karin Elsen is the president-elect and Rowan Larson is the vice-president-elect; they will take office at the end of General Convention in 2024

## Representation at General Convention

Sherri Dietrich and Joyce Landers are authorized to receive amendments to this report at GC.

## Mandate

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

## Summary of Work

UTO's ministry of gratitude is 130 years old and our familiar Blue Boxes are nearly that old, but UTO's work continues to change as the Church and the world change. When UTO was founded in 1898 it was safe to assume that Episcopalians attended church regularly and contributed financially to their parishes and beyond. As we know, that had been changing for decades and the COVID pandemic dramatically accelerated that change in our parishes and in patterns of Episcopal financial contributions. Although UTO still encourages and promotes parish- and diocese-level gatherings, we have broadened our messaging to support and enable gratitude practices and gatherings on the individual level so that we include all of those people who don't attend services regularly but still love and serve God. UTO believes that gratitude goes with everything, so we partner with many other Episcopal Church groups and ministries to promote both groups because what strengthens one part of the Church strengthens the whole Church.

In the past triennium UTO has offered many well-attended webinars, training days for members and leaders, promoted The Great EpisGOPal Race, lead book study groups, strengthened the UTO community of grateful people, and collected millions of dollars in gathering donations and distributed that money in grants throughout the Episcopal Church and Anglican communion. Because UTO values knowledge, accountability, and transparency around our work, we began publishing annual reports in 2018 that cover our work in greater depth. Please go to <https://unitedthankoffering.com/annualreport/> to read our latest annual reports and discover more about UTO's work over the past several years.