

ERD & UTO Side-by-Side

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and the United Thank Offering (UTO) are two important organizations of The Episcopal Church. They work in complementary ways to reach out to help those in need throughout the world.



EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT



UNITED THANK OFFERING

MISSION STATEMENT

Episcopal Relief and Development is a compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief and Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world. Episcopal Relief and Development faithfully administers the funds that are received from the Church and raised from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root cause of suffering.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Our core values are Thanksgiving (for joys, blessings, and challenges), Generosity (all offerings are granted), Mission (expand the church), and Ministry (meet compelling human needs). The United Thank Offering is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of The Episcopal Church. The United Thank Offering Committee prayerfully studies, researches and responds to grant applications from throughout the Anglican Communion.

HISTORY

Episcopal Relief and Development was established in 1940 by the Episcopal Church in the United States as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The mission was to assist refugees fleeing Europe during World War II. Over the years, the focus has expanded. In 2000, the name was changed to Episcopal Relief and Development to emphasize the ongoing emergency relief work and the growing focus on long-term development and rehabilitation programs.

HISTORY

The United Thank Offering originated in 1889 as part of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of DFMS. Emphasis was on mission work in the U.S. and overseas, and support and training for women working in the church. The UTO Committee was established in 1970 by the Executive Council to administer the offering. While still working closely with the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), the United Thank Offering has grown into a ministry of the whole church.

GOVERNANCE

As a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, ERD is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors. They maintain a close affiliation with the General Convention and Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

GOVERNANCE

The United Thank Offering Committee is made up of 12 members, 9 selected from the 9 Provinces of ECUSA, plus 3 Members at Large. The Committee reports to Executive Council and informs the ECW of its work.

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS | SOURCE OF FUNDS |
| Individuals, parishes, and dioceses contribute to Episcopal Relief and Development. Special appeals allow donors to direct their gifts to specific projects. | Offerings given in thanksgiving are received at UTO ingatherings in parishes and dioceses. There is no individual solicitation, and offerings are not designated. |
| NETWORK | NETWORK |
| The Network of ERD volunteers actively advocates, supports, and promotes its ministry throughout Episcopal parishes, dioceses and seminaries. | The UTO network of volunteers includes the Committee members, Diocesan UTO Coordinators in each Diocese of ECUSA, and Local Church Coordinators. |
| PROGRAM FUNDING | PROGRAM FUNDING |
| Episcopal Relief and Development transforms communities around the world and works in the areas of emergency relief and rebuilding, food security, primary health, HIV/AIDS and malaria. Episcopal Relief and Development provides emergency assistance, such as food, shelter, and medicine, after natural and human-made disasters. ERD partners with local Episcopal and Anglican churches or ecumenical organizations to deliver critical assistance to people in need. ERD works internationally through long-term partnerships with local organizations in the Anglican Communion to ensure vulnerable people have healthy food to eat and get proper health care. | Each year invitations to apply for up to two grants are sent to each diocese of ECUSA and to overseas Anglican Provinces. Diocesan or provincial endorsement is required. Grants support the identified mission of the diocese/province and address compelling human needs and/or expand mission and ministry. Infrastructure grants are permitted, including buildings and vehicles. UTO makes no emergency grants. Criteria are listed on the website and in the grants booklet. |
| REPORTS TO DONORS | REPORTS TO DONORS |
| ERD publishes an Annual Report, <i>FaithWorks</i> newsletter, and <i>ERD Now</i> . These publications, along with the most recent financial statement, are available online at www.er-d.org . | UTO publishes a grants list booklet every year, which is sent to every parish and is available free from EPS. <i>The Daily Thanks</i> newsletter and the grants list are on the website at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto . |
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