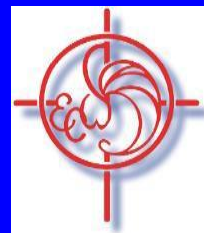




The Episcopal Diocese of New York Newsletter

*"Growing Deeper into Service and
Ministry"*



AN INVITATION to BE

June 10, 2018

Dear Sisters,

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to the Board of the ECW in the Diocese of NY. Thanks to Dianne, Marie, and June, and Joanne, to mention just a few, and all of you who have always included and invited me to be a part of this great organization. I am pleased to say that the ECW has always been open and gracious to many of our programs for Global Mission.

We know that many of our sisters in the Episcopal Church Women in the United States are the forces behind



Mo. Yamily at 2017 Stony Point

many programs, not only for women, but also for all in the Church.

I first became involved with the ECW in Mississippi. They were the women who supported my call to ministry, lifted me up and encouraged me. They were inspiring examples of love and generosity. The ECW's seal of ministry is A CALL to COMMUNITY and SERVICE.

The ECW Board is the organizing vehicle for ministry. So, we should never forget that we are all Episcopal Church Women. Yes, you read it correctly!! We are all women of the Episcopal Church. We are all members and contributors of the amazing work done in the world. There are ECW local organizations in churches, towns, cities, and Dioceses. I invite you to check out your local ECW.

I am proud to be an Episcopal Church Woman!!

Meet our new Devotional Life Chairperson:

On Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the EDNY ECW Annual Meeting and Spring Ingathering which was held at St. Joseph of Arimathea in White Plains, NY, Reverend Yamily Bass-Choate was unanimously elected as the Episcopal Church Women Devotional Life Chairperson. In recent history, she is the first priest who has been elected to the Board. Within our Diocese, Mother Bass-Choate serves as the liaison for Global Mission. In addition, she assists the bishops in oversight of the diocese's global mission connections and relationships. She also works with local communities of the diocese to foster and develop their ministry partnerships at home and abroad. Mother Bass-Choate succeeds Mrs. June Beckett of Church of Intercession in Harlem, NY. Mrs. Beckett has faithfully served on the Board in the capacity of Devotional Life Chairperson for six years. In addition, she continues to serve as Manhattan North's ECW representative.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dianne Roberts

In the face of Mother Nature's fury – freezing temperatures, rain storms and snow storms, we persevered, held our board meetings and strived to continue to provide uplifting programs.

On Saturday, May 19th, we held our ECW Annual Meeting and Spring UTO Ingathering at St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church, The Right Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of New York, presided with the assistance of The Rev. Deacon Shiane Lee. Our luncheon speaker was The Rev. Canon Charles W. Simmons. Despite the pouring rain, it was a success with a very large turnout.

Our School of Worship service was scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, with The Rev. Victoria Sirota, scheduled to be the Celebrant and Speaker. Unfortunately, this session fell victim to Mother Nature's raging snow storm and was cancelled; we were unable to reschedule due to many conflicts.

The ECW Semi-Annual Meeting and Fall UTO Ingathering were held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on November 15, 2017, our Celebrant was Rev. Canon Patrick Malloy, PhD and the Rev. Heather Melton was our Speaker.

Last year's Stony Point Conference focused on celebrating the progress women have made both within the Church and in the world at large. Based on our theme, **GO! Share the**

Word: Every Day, Comunicamos, Every Where – Women of Power Share Their Truths, we were immersed in a profound experience with three powerful Episcopal/Anglican women who were part of a three-panel discussion. Her Excellency **Penelope Beckles**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations, **Honorable Janet C. Malone**, Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Westchester Family Court, and **Reverend Yamily Bass-Choate**, Vicar of San Andres Episcopal Church, Yonkers, New York shared their stories; they candidly informed us what it is like being a woman in power, how they achieved their status and how they continue to thrive. One common denominator amongst them is their love and reverence to God. In addition, we learned that their mentors were every-day persons who had lit a spark in them. Their humble backgrounds gave them the motivation to succeed and the wisdom to realize the necessity of giving back to their community. Ms. Easlyn Orr, our guest artist, displayed her powerful musical gift and delivered an uplifting performance.



Like the challenging weather that we faced this past year, the ECW (parish and national level) has faced many challenges in the past and we have persevered. We continue to be the life blood of the church. Whether we consider ourselves part of an ECW group, each woman in the Episcopal Church is an Episcopal Church Woman and we are part of a proud and amazing history. Today, seeing a female priest or bishop on the altar is very commonplace that it is easy to forget or dismiss the

struggles that preceded this progress. During my tenure as President, our Board, parish and Province II members who have attended our events have been blessed and have experienced the wisdom of the women on the altar who have included The Rt. Rev. Catherine Roskam, The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool, The Rev. Audrey Bailey, The Rev. Theodora Brooks, The Rev. Canon Altagracia Perez-Bullard, The Rev. Yamily Choate, The Rev. Maxine Cleghorn, The Rev. Deacon Hyacinth Lee, The Rev. Canon Jeanne Person, The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, The Rev. Rhoda M. Treherne-Thomas, The Rev. Victoria Sirota, The Rt. Rev. Shiane Lee and graciously, we thank them ALL. We also remember ECW's contribution in this significant change in our beloved *Church*.

We are grateful for all the support from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine's staff. The continued support of the members who attend our events does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. You mean a lot to us. To the ECW Board members, who work with me, thank you for all the sacrifices you make in order to attend our meetings and do the great work you do. As our delegation prepares to depart for Austin, Texas, to celebrate the 49th Triennial, we look forward to sharing with you our experiences upon our return. **Congratulations to June Beckett, our Distinguished Woman.**



Every year the various Diocesan Episcopal Church Women representatives who comprise Province II meet. The Province II meeting before Triennial Meeting is of special interest because it is at time that we all receive a purview of what to expect at the Triennial meeting. This year The VP of Administration, Ms. Francilla Moore, and others attended the meeting. Below is her account of the meeting.

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The Province II Meeting was hosted by the Diocese of New Jersey. It was held on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, 2018 at the Convent of St. John the Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey. In attendance were officers and delegates from Albany, New York, Long Island and New Jersey. The Reverend Jennifer Kenna (Central New York) who is also Province II's representative to National ECW presided at the Eucharist.

Lisa H. Towle President of the National Board of Episcopal Church Women was the keynote speaker on Friday, April 13, 2018. Her presentation, "*ECW is a Verb*", was about taking action to move Episcopal Church Women forward. "We must find a new way for a new day. **ECW is still relevant today**".

## "ECW is a VERB"

**WELCOME**--- ECW must be the "Welcome Wagon. The ECW must be the gracious host. We must continue to ask people to join us, ECW.

**ACCEPT**---ECW must accept people as they are. Be accepting. Nurture others. This is what God is calling ECW to do.

**CHANGE**---Change is coming. Embrace it. Partner with other churches. Let our actions speak louder than words. Women of faith approach change with a positive outlook.

**LOVE**---Express love to others. If it's not about love it's not about God.

These are the four verbs: **Welcome--Accept--Change--Love**. They are the current challenges for the ECW to move forward in today's world. In addition, Lisa provided a purview of what will transpire at Triennial 2018.

Elected as CPC Alternate---Francilla Moore, Diocese of New York.

*Congratulations, Francilla!*

Francilla worships at St. Lukes in The Bronx.

COME! Energize, Conectamos, Stay Woke



In addition to elections of the Executive Board of the National Episcopal Church Women, there are two keynote speakers scheduled for the TM. The Canon Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation which in short means she helps Episcopalians share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. The other keynoter presenting will be Bishop Steven Charleston, a retired Bishop of Alaska. Community First! Village, a ministry of Mobile Loaves and Fishes in Austin, Texas, has been selected by as the recipient of the Unified Gift, which will be presented at Triennial Meeting in 2018. The Trinity Center Shower Ministry, housed at St. David's Episcopal Church in downtown Austin, has been designated the recipient of the Community Connection Gift. On Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, it is being encouraged that both GC and ECW TM attendees and visitors select local parishes for worship.



## June's EPISCOPALIAN

My faith is obeying the truth through the Spirit and to love with a general concern i.e. with a pure heart and without hypocrisy. This should be the motto for which everyone strives to live.

Born and reared an Episcopalian, my church life began at St. Martin's Church in Harlem. After marriage, my family moved to Washington Heights and we began worshipping and ultimately becoming members of The Church of the Intercession, Manhattan. Naturally, I embraced the Episcopal Church Women. During the early stages, I served for many years as an acolyte and chalice bearer. In addition, I obtained certification from the Bishop of New York to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor/Minister. During my later years, I joined the vestry and became the President of our parish ECW. Some time later, I was approached about representing the District of Manhattan North at the Diocesan level. Soon the position of Devotional Chairperson became available and I decided to accept the challenge. What an exciting challenge it has been! Under the tutelage of both Ginger and Dianne I have coordinated and planned many School of Worship events at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and have also assisted in the travelling arrangements for United Thank Offering Ingatherings and the Fall Conferences at Stony Point.

I am an avid knitter; knitting prayers shawls for the sick and shut in is how I spend my time when I am not at church. In addition, I have begun knitting pocket prayer shawls/squares for anyone who desires one. My heart is truly warmed when at Christmastime I am able to deliver hand knitted caps and sweaters to children in need. This ministry brings joy and healing. My last donation yielded twenty five hand knitted products which were sent to the Episcopal Social Services.

Obeying truth through the Holy Spirit and loving with a pure heart sums up my FAITH! I trust the Lord!

Being selected by the Diocesan Board as its distinguished Woman is truly an honor for which I say Thank you, but it is God's Work that is being recognized. I will continue to trust him as I allow him to work through me.

## Glimpses of Events at Triennial Meeting

As this newsletter is being prepared, National ECW is finalizing its preparation for the Triennial Meeting 2018. Registration begins on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the closing Eucharist will be on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>; this meeting runs concurrent with the General Convention; we will have opportunities to interact with other members from our Diocese at various events like the Worship and UTO Ingathering. The EDNY delegation is comprised of Dianne Roberts, President, Margaret Moses, UTO Chair, Marie McCullough, CPC Chair, Shirley Thompson-Nelson, Acting Treasurer, Stephanie Harris-Ash, Acting VP of Communications and June Beckett, EDNY 2018 Distinguished Woman.

Opening ceremony, where traditionally the Presiding Bishop distributes crosses to each registrant is one of the many favorite events. The timing is often challenging because the Bishop is usually at a General Convention session. It is always special even if the Bishop isn't able to spend a long time with us; we still revel in awe.

Distinguished Woman recognition is given at every ECW Triennial Meeting. The Distinguished Women for the 2015-2018 Triennium will be recognized at a luncheon to be held on July 8, 2018 in conjunction with the General Convention in Austin, Texas. At the Distinguished Women Luncheon, Bishop Dietsche will be our delegation's guest.

In addition to the various workshops which the delegates attend, there is a rigorous schedule of various meetings. The National ECW Board has generously considered our health with its planning; we will be able to attend yoga body prayer sessions at the start of the day.



On Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Texas invites all to Texas Night at General Convention with a back yard barbecue.



## DIOCESAN PLEDGE FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish, City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ECW contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ which is to be applied in the

following way:

a. DIOCESAN EXPENSE AND PROVINCIAL FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS -PROJECTS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

d. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS SCHOLARSHIPS  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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As your Diocesan ECW leadership we would like to hear from you. You may contact us by email: [ecw@diocesenv.org](mailto:ecw@diocesenv.org) or simply check us out on EDNY website. Once there you may access our webpage via the Christian Life tab. There you have access to all applicable forms and previously printed newsletters.

We are interested in what YOU are doing on the parish levels; send us pictures of your events, let us know when someone in your ECW is sick, in need of prayer or has died. We would like to begin an ECW Prayer List for this Diocese.

Thank you for your continued support. Look out for us on FACEBOOK soon...

HAPPY SUMMER!!!

## SUMMER 2018 – SPRING 2019

July 4 (Wednesday) – July 11 (Wednesday)

EDNY ECW Delegation at 2018 Triennial Meeting

September 18 (Tuesday)

6:00 pm Board Meeting  
Diocesan House - Donegan Hall

October 15 (Monday)

Christian Social Concerns Fall Deadline for Submission of Scholarship and Project Requests

October 19 (Friday) – October 20 (Saturday)

3:00 pm Friday – 4:00 pm Saturday  
55<sup>th</sup> Fall ECW Stony Point Conference  
Stony Point Center, Stony Point NY

November 14 (Wednesday)

ECW Semi Annual Meeting and Fall UTO  
Ingathering and Eucharist

10:30am St. James' Chapel,  
Cathedral of St. John the Divine  
The Right Reverend Clifton (Dan) Daniel,  
Preacher and Celebrant, Interim Dean

12pm [Bring your own brown bag]  
Luncheon meeting

December

No Board Meeting

January 15, 2019 (Tuesday)

6:00 pm Board Meeting  
Diocesan House - Donegan Hall

February 19, 2019 (Tuesday)

6:00 pm Board Meeting  
Diocesan House - Donegan Hall

March 2019

School of Worship (TBA)

April 16, 2019 (Tuesday)

6:00 pm Board Meeting  
Diocesan House - Donegan Hall

May 28, 2019 (Tuesday)

6:00 pm Board Meeting  
Diocesan House - Donegan Hall



EVERY NEW BEGINNING  
COMES FROM SOME OTHER  
BEGINNING'S END

## The END of an ERA? How do you see it?

The alarms must **SOUND** for the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of New York and Province II. Rumor has it that the organization is in its death throws. Can that be true? The younger women do not want to join; do not feel they are old enough; and even more disturbing that it has no relevance to issues of the day. What has happened?

The organization has a long and noble existence of giving women an active role within the Church primarily in the raising of funds for things needed within the parish. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century other areas were closed to women in the male dominated world of the church, which was reflective of society as a whole at the time; some of those aspects are still with us today. Over the years, the role of women has changed within the church in a marked way. The ECW, perhaps more so in some parishes than in others became involved in movements apart from the specific needs of their home church, seeing its relevance at the point in time. These movements in turn became larger and took on lives of their own becoming unique organizations because the work had to be on a grander scale.

***The notion that it is primarily for older women is quite comical.*** The Episcopal Church Women is for ALL women regardless of age in the Episcopal Church. People do not come into the ECW at 65 or older; they started out as young people and have aged in place. Is it this aging in place and the lack of new members coming into the church that gives the impression of being stuck in a time warp or is it being stuck in a time warp because of the lack of new energy to move it out of stasis? The lack of movement may also come because of the women themselves being reluctant to change and thus not welcoming new ideas. Also, it may be due to people feeling that they are not able to engage in the many areas now present in society for a variety of reasons. **Change is inevitable, necessary and one must be posed to acknowledge it and not impede others who would desire to actively engage in it.**

Marie McCullough hails from St. Paul's, Bronx and was elected the Church Periodical Club chairperson at the Annual Meeting in May 2017.

Marie has a very progressive and straight forward personality and expects nothing less from others in which she engages. She has accepted her role of CPC chair with both vigor and zeal. Keep watch for more from Marie.

One should not have to reject being an Episcopal Church Woman to bring new ideas to the table. ECW, new ideas, younger women, involvement in one's parish along with other organizations should not be mutually exclusive.

At the Annual Province II meeting in April, Lisa Towle, president of the National Board of Episcopal Church Women, in her address to the group "ECW is a Verb" spoke about this very issue of moving forward, finding a new way for a new day. She defined the verbs as Welcome, Accept, Change and Love. It is my hope that at Triennial Meeting and General Convention in July in Austin, Texas there will be much discussion about this very urgent issue and ideas will flow in abundance to be brought back by those of us who attend to all here at home.

However it is important for all to begin to ponder this right now. What are your thoughts in this matter? Are you stuck in the mud? Is there a need for a big attitude change? What ideas do you have and what is the basis for them? This is the time for critical and honest self-evaluation. Transparency is the buzz word of the day.

By Marie McCullough



## HERSTORY

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) was started in 1888 by Mary Ann Drake Fargo and other women who attended the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City and sent via stage coach written religious materials to missionaries in the Dakotas, to the Native Americans and to pioneers in the West. These women were members of the Women's Auxiliary which later became the Episcopal Church Women.

The mission remains the same to send theological and educational material to those who request such and cannot afford it. The distribution has grown to be worldwide in support of the missionary work within the Anglican Communion. The CPC's logo is The Ministry of the Printed Word. **It depends totally on voluntary contributions.** Materials are distributed on all levels, parish, diocesan, provincial and national. Grants are allocated worldwide. In September the Bishop cites seminarians in need of funds.

The National Book Fund (NBF) is the national granting fund of the CPC, started in 1922. It distributes printed and audio-visual materials to individuals, churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion.

The Miles of Pennies (MOP) is the second national granting fund of the CPC, begun in 1989. This fund is for children preschool to grade 12. It also gives grants for shipping costs of recycled children's books. The grants are allotted within the U.S. and worldwide. The maximum grant is \$ 844.80, the equivalent of one mile of pennies.

As the Diocesan Chair of the Church Periodical Club, I humbly reach out to all of you to make donations to the Church Periodical Club. Please all members and organizations within the parish and congregation individually and collectively work together to raise money for this long-standing organization. Do not forget the pennies for the children's fund (MOP). Parishes often assign a Sunday as CPC Sunday and then send the collected donations to the Diocesan CPC. Check out the website, <https://www.diocesemo.org/ministries/cpc-church-periodical-club>, for more information.

Individuals have the option of joining the National CPC for \$20 per year.

All checks or money orders should be made out to the Church Periodical Club and sent to Marie McCullough, 779 Concourse Village East, #1D, Bronx, NY 10451.

### **THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB (CPC) CONTRIBUTION FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The enclosed check or money order is in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Marie McCullough, 779 Concourse Village East 1D, Bronx, NY 10451

# UNITED THANK OFFERING

## ***UTO: A Daily Invitation to Thanksgiving***

The invitation to speak at the 2018 Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO) was a wonderful opportunity to reappropriate one of my favorite stories. The story of how a simple sum of money collected by the Women's Auxiliary at its 1889 Triennial Meeting developed into the world-transforming program UTO is one of the most intriguing stories in the history of the Episcopal Church. UTO began as a way of demonstrating the inseparable connection between gratitude (giving thanks) and generosity (giving money). Although the world has changed radically since its founding, UTO's vision of a church in which each member gives generously to the advancement of God's mission at home and abroad seems as relevant today as it was in 1889.

UTO has had a profound impact on the church and the world. From its nineteenth century focus on taking the gospel to foreign lands to its early twentieth century efforts to build schools and hospitals; from its late twentieth century efforts to address America's many pressing social problems to its twenty-first century return to funding innovative ministries, it has awarded an excess of \$140 million in grants. UTO's grant-making history is a compelling reminder that what keeps the church perennially connected to a rapidly changing world is a resolute focus on mission. What amazes me most about this missionary effort is the way UTO has consistently responded to the concrete material needs of human beings without losing sight of their spiritual nature.

I believe that UTO's emphasis on the spiritual practice of gratitude has positioned it well to lead the Episcopal Church into the new missionary frontier of the mid twenty-first century. Calling us daily to recognize God's blessing, its little Blue Boxes challenge us each day to make a tangible offering of ourselves for the benefit of someone in need.

Saving us from the soul-crushing competitiveness and entitlement of the contemporary age, they are a daily reminder that it is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give God thanks. Amid the crude materialism of the world we inhabit, UTO invites us back to the heart of the Jewish, Christian and Islamic experience of daily gratitude to God expressed through generosity to others. I can imagine no better missionary response to the twenty-first century world than the UTO mandate to expand the circle of people who share this gratitude. Let us then go out and spread the word!

The Reverend Canon Charles W. Simmons,  
Canon for Ministry, Episcopal Diocese of New York

Reverend Canon Charles Simmons was our guest presenter at this year's EDNY ECW Annual Meeting and UTO Spring Ingathering which was held at St. Joseph of Arimathea in White Plains, NY on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. He serves our Diocese as the Canon for Ministry; Canon Simmons assists the Bishop in the oversight of the process leading to ordination.

## **Ministry of UTO BLUE BOX'S CALL to ACTION:**

1. Daily prayer of thanks for the blessing of our lives
2. Offer a gift daily – deposit a bill/coin in your "Blue Box"
3. Your gift is combined with the gifts of others
4. People pray for a miracle to address compelling needs
5. People apply for grant to address compelling human needs here and around the world. (each diocese is invited to submit a request for a grant)
6. The National United Thank Offering committee meets annually to prayerfully study requests and grant request to those projects/program that meet the criteria.



# UNITED THANK OFFERING

## UTO CIRCLE OF THANKFUL PEOPLE 2017 UTO EVERYDAY

| YEAR | AMT.<br>AVAILABLE<br>FOR GRANT<br>YEAR | PARTICIPATING<br>PARISHES | NEW<br>PARISHES |
|------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 2010 | \$26,800.00                            | 35                        |                 |
| 2011 | \$16,935.68                            | 32                        |                 |
| 2012 | \$18,635.00                            | 31                        | 1               |
| 2013 | \$ 3,460.73                            | 31                        |                 |
| 2014 | \$39,622.78                            | 22                        |                 |
| 2015 | \$ 6,426.27                            | 17                        |                 |
| 2016 | \$ 7,435.03                            | 20                        |                 |
| 2017 | \$11,584.92                            | 22                        | 1               |

\* **\$14,899.53** forwarded to the DOMESTIC and FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY; this amount includes partial year 2016 Ingathering.

### UTO Donors: Bronx County: (11)

Holy Nativity, St. Andrew's Castle Hill, St. Edmunds, St. Paul's (Morr.), St. Simeon's, St. Josephs, St. David's, Haitian Congregation, St. Luke's, Church of the Good Shepherd, B. Braithwaite

### UTO Donors MANHATAN: (5)

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### UTO Donors: STATEN ISLAND: (2)

St. Andrew's, St. John's

### UTO Donors : REGION II ( 5) + [outside NYC]:

St. Paul's Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County; Church of the Ascension, Mt. Vernon; St. John Paul & St. Clement's, Mt. Vernon; St. Francis & St. Martha's, White Plains, Westchester County; Chapel of St. John the Divine, Tomkin's Cove, Rockland County; Mary Earle Tuscon Arizona, John & Margaret Strobl, Mary Bergman Scarborough, New York

Greetings Diocese of New York ECW,

I want to thank you all again for inviting me to join your Ingathering at St. Joseph of Arimathea last month (in May). It was an incredibly joyful time and the weather certainly didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits. It is always a pleasure to see such grateful women living out the mission of gratitude and the mission of The Church in such a powerful way. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing the Rev. Canon Charles W. Simmons, EDNY's Canon for Ministry, speak on his personal experience with the United Thank Offering. It is always uplifting to hear how gratitude has such an incredible reach around the world. It was a pleasure to spend time with you all again and thank you for all the time and gifts that you bring to our United Thank Offering.

June 11, 2018

### **Blue Box App Launch Party**

After many months of collaborative work between Cheii's Web Development and the staff of the United Thank Offering, we are excited to launch our new Blue Box app, which allows you to donate straight from your phone. It's like having a Blue Box right in your pocket! The staff and Board of the United Thank Offering are excited to invite all to our Blue Box App Launch Party. Come celebrate with us during General Convention at The Eleanor, on Sunday, July 8.

Best,

Kayla Massey  
Associate Staff Officer, United Thank Offering



Thank you to all for your staunch support of this long standing effort. UTO donations may be mailed to EDNY ECW UTO Chairperson, Ms. Margaret Moses, 11 Park Avenue #7J, Mount Vernon, NY 10550.



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|-------------------------------|------------------|
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