

UTO Report
September 2, 2008

I attended the Prov. IV. Conference at Kanuga this past June. and attended the UTO workshop.

Grant application time is just around the corner. All Convocation Coordinators should be starting to publicize this at all their meetings and encourage all parishes to begin searching for projects in their communities and/or parishes that might meet the criteria for applying. I plan to attend as many fall convocation meetings as possible, but would appreciate the convocation coordinators adding this to their agendas. Applications will be available at Carpenter House in October, and they can also be downloaded from the UTO website. New criteria have been established this year. As some of you know, in the past, we have been able to send in two applications from each diocese. This year only one from each diocese will be accepted. In addition, one from a companion diocese will also be accepted. In our case, that would be Haiti. Our diocese will be responsible for the implementation and accounting of such a grant, and all the same criteria apply to them. In addition, these companion diocese applications require a letter from the overseas Bishop in support of the project. The deadline for all applications to be sent to Carpenter House is mid December. Carpenter House will then forward all applications to me, and the UTO committee will meet in late December or early January to review and make recommendations to the Bishop's office so that he has time to review, recommend and approve the one application that will be submitted from our Diocese, and Haiti if applicable, by the January 31st deadline to the National UTO Office.

As I stated in my article for the latest Apostle, the following were recipients of 2008 Grant awards: Bakers on Wheels, Moody, AL in the amount of \$5,500.00; and Shoals Family Success Center in the amount of \$23,000. I received their certificates at the Prov. IV Conference and plan to present them to a representative from their organization at our Fall Conference in October.

Please remember that the Fall Ingathering is in November.

Respectfully submitted,
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