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Dear Chapter Presidents and Members of Philoptochos,

As we embark on this exciting new election year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and service to Philoptochos. Your commitment to our philanthropic mission continues to inspire and make a profound impact.

This year, as always, it is essential to conduct elections in accordance with the Philoptochos Bylaws. All procedures and resources to guide you through the election process are available on the National Philoptochos website <https://www.philoptochos.org/chapter-elections/>. Please review these materials to ensure a smooth and compliant process.

Please contact your Metropolis President first if you have any questions or require further clarification. They are your key resource for guidance and support. Below is a list of the Metropolis Presidents, their locations, and their contact information:

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This election year also brings a unique opportunity for growth and renewal within our organization. As Sarah Sladek emphasizes in her book, *Membershift*, we must embrace the opportunity to be more “member-centric.” This means creating an inclusive and welcoming environment where all members feel valued, heard, and empowered to contribute.

Approach elections as an opportunity for renewal. Invite members to consider leadership roles and offer mentorship as they step into these important positions. Be flexible and open to fresh perspectives, ensuring that we make room for everyone to participate in meaningful ways. This is a time for collaboration, inclusion, and growth. Let us strive to honor our traditions while embracing innovation and flexibility to meet the needs of our members and the communities we serve. As leaders, we are responsible for identifying and nurturing the next generation of Philoptochos leaders, ensuring the sustainability of our mission for years to come.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Philoptochos. I look forward to a successful election year and to seeing the wonderful contributions our chapters will make in the coming months.

In Sisterhood and Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debbie George
National Philoptochos President

The complete Bylaws can be found on the Philoptochos website by clicking the link:
<https://www.philoptochos.org/bylaws/>.