As we complete five years of our Feed the Hungry program, we are preparing for our National President’s latest challenge – to provide 1.5 MILLION meals by the 2020 Convention! Based on the 1.3+ million meals we provided by the 2018 Convention, the goal is attainable!

New liaisons from each Metropolis have been assigned to gather the data and information from the chapters throughout the country. We are asking that the chapters send the data to the liaisons so that a more accurate account may be kept. The liaisons have been given a schedule for the collection of data from the chapters, approximately every other month, as well as the time frame for reporting their metropolis data to the FH chairman. If chapters would like to send photos or information other than data, they can email that to the feed@philoptochos.org.

Please encourage all the chapters to send their information to your liaison. We know that the work is being done because chapters are posting their photos on Facebook, but not necessarily reporting it to us. We reached over 1.3 million meals for the last Convention with large group events such as Rise Against Hunger and less than half of our chapters reporting! Imagine what our numbers would be if we knew about all the tremendous work that is being done!

The National Philoptochos program outside Penn Station in Manhattan has been embraced by National Board members from The Direct Archdiocesan District and the Metropolis of New Jersey, and chapters from both areas as well. Philoptochos chapters from area churches have signed up to sponsor an evening through the end of this year while only 3 months remain available for 2020! What a response!

We have been blessed with many volunteers and donations supporting this program. Our volunteers come each month, no matter the weather, with smiles on their faces and their sleeves rolled up to do whatever is needed. This ministry continues to be such a humbling experience!