

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT
2020-2022**



Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology

Chair: Jeannie Ranglas

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Archbishop Athenagoras established the Holy Cross School of Theology in June 1937, in Pomfret, Connecticut. The Archbishop addressed a special appeal to the Philoptochos to devote themselves to the School, “where your sons will be educated as priests and teachers.” Now, 90 years later, Philoptochos continues its strong commitment to the financial support of Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY:

We commended President Cantonis for his leadership and the vital progress achieved at HCHC during this tenure. We remain committed to strengthening the relationship of support for HCHC through Philoptochos.

In the September 2021 issue of the Philanthropy witness National Philoptochos announced a disbursement: “\$97,250 to Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology to pay for professional services of a fulltime Executive Director and Administrative Assistant for Holy Cross Press for the period of September – December 2021. The funds will also enable the Holy Cross Press to develop, review and publish academic and scholarly texts, a critical component of the upcoming 10-year accreditation review. “

OBJECTIVES:

1. Explore opportunities to integrate Philoptochos into the daily life at HCHC.
2. Establish regular and meaningful programs and events to facilitate direct contact with Students and Seminarians to develop personal relationships and provide education and awareness of Philoptochos Ministry. This will further demonstrate that Philoptochos has truly embraced them and their families with love and compassion.
3. Establish regular and meaningful programs to facilitate direct contact with female students and future Presvyteres to develop personal relationships and provide education and awareness of Philoptochos Ministry

CONSIDERATIONS & ACTION ITEMS:

Philoptochos Education & Awareness at HCHC:

- ❖ Use the “Join Us” video to educate and utilize a library of videos for all different aspects of Philoptochos to educate and raise awareness. A production crew has been hired to produce a new video for the 90th Anniversary of Philoptochos. A course for the students – not just the Seminarians – to teach them about Philoptochos

- ❖ Prior to President Cantonis appointment, Arlene Siavelis Kehl, Maria Logos, Kathy Kotsis, and Barbara Pasalis made a presentation to the entire school. At that time there were plans for Philoptochos to be a part of the Administration Course. With the new administration, discussions have resumed and President Cantonis is on board to allow us to develop a program tailored to Philoptochos. We need to gather information about the curriculum to better understand where Philoptochos can fit in and share the previous presentation with the committee to understand and further evaluate.

Financial, Personal Outreach and Relationship Development:

- ❖ Seminarian Financial Support:
 - Establish an annual fundraising event through each Metropolis to financially support their respective Seminarians and HCHC students via the HCHC Financial Aid Office.
 - Establish an endowment fund by Metropolis for long-term planning and financial support to alleviate a portion of their financial burden, offsetting costs of tuition, housing, and books through the Financial Aid Office.
- ❖ Adopt A Student Program:
 - Mentorship by ‘adopting’ a student/seminarian/family to give support – not just financial – through care packages, cards, gift cards.
 - Jeannie Ranglas is working with Dr. Beck at HCHC to obtain enrollment information and coordinate details.
 - Provide regular communications about their respective Seminarians attending HCHC introducing them and their life story, their families (if applicable), home parish, prior education or work history, service in the church, etc. to Metropolis Chapter Presidents & Chapter Membership so they get to know them. Send greeting cards on holidays, Saint’s Feast Day and Birthday.
- ❖ Graduation Annual Dinner Celebration by Metropolis:
 - Coordinate an annual Graduation Dinner to celebrate graduates by Metropolis. Continue to use the Zoom platform to meet with graduates – suggestion of a Zoom Dinner: order food for the students locally and then everyone eat together on the Zoom call
- ❖ HCHC / Philoptochos Annual Conference: “Day of Sisterly Love in Service”
 - Host an annual mini conference at HCHC between Presbyteres, female students and Philoptochos representatives by respective Metropolis to foster personal relationships and shared experiences. The agenda could emphasize Women’s Health & Wellness concepts, Servant Leadership and Service in Parish Life, Philoptochos Education & Awareness and social activities.