**Philoptochos Meeting Clergy Laity Congress**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

**Philoptochos General Session II**

**Charleston, South Carolina**

President Irene welcomed everyone for the afternoon session, at 1:15 pm.

**Credentials**: Mary Wehbie: 51 delegates, 6 observers

**Committee Reports**:

**Spiritual Retreat**: Evelyn gave a report on the 2025 Spiritual Retreat at the Diakonia Retreat Center in March, 2025. Fr. Muse spoke on the shroud of Turin. Speaker has not yet been chosen for next year. 18 women participated and discussion continued regarding the retreat for 2026.

**Philanthropy**: Report from Pres. Evi Kalplanis and Tina Chigaris are the chairs, they were not able to be at the meeting and an update was given that hurricane distributions are still being distributed in Florida and North Carolina.

**Special Needs Camp**: Despina Koulianos led the Special Needs Camp from 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Despina is stepping down from leading the Good Shepherd Special Camp. Sarah Kalaris moved that the Good Shepherd Camp cease to be a Metropolis level commitment as of Clergy Laity 2025. Motion carried. Sarah moved that the funds remaining from Special Needs Camp be distributed via Metropolis level grants to families and individuals with special needs children until remaining funds are depleted. Seconded by Kathryn Pantelis. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned, 3:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Despina Koulianos