



## DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

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My Dear Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta –

This year has truly flown by. It's hard to believe that we are celebrating Thanksgiving already!

I share this holiday message with mixed emotions. It has truly been a year for which we can all be thankful because God has allowed us to see this day, read this message and “be in our right mind,” as the elders say. But it has also been a year of tragic gun violence, weather and fire catastrophes, election results that are still in question, and as always, those personal concerns that will always be a part of our individual lives.

However, I'm reminded of the lyrics of Fred Hammond's song, “We're Blessed,” that says “*Late in the midnight hour, God's gonna turn it around. It's gonna work in your favor.*” That turn-around may take more than one midnight, but in God's time there will always be blessings for each of us.

On this Thanksgiving Day I am thankful for our sisterhood ... thankful for each of you and what you do to serve our communities ... and thankful for family, friends and an incredibly hardworking leadership team. Even in the tough times, there is much for which to be grateful and the expectation of blessings yet to come.

My prayer for you is that your day be filled with peace, love and hope. As you gather with loved ones or spend time alone in thoughtful quiet, let the spirit of thankfulness keep your hearts rooted in gratitude. This season serves as a gentle reminder to focus on what we possess and not what we lack, to cherish the ones we love, and to stay positive despite life's adversities.

Sorors, let us take time to count our many blessings this year and continue to be a blessing to others.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Day!

Delta love and hugs,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly E. Smith".

National President & CEO