

Hudson Valley Handbells – Young Ringers Festival

January 9, 2018

Dear Directors,

We are excited to announce that the 8th Annual Hudson Valley Young Ringers' Festival will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Pearl River United Methodist Church, Pearl River, NY. Recommended age range for ringers is 4th grade and older.

Our Director this year is Jill Fedon. Jill is Chair Elect of the National Board of the Handbell Musicians of America. She is the Director of Handbells at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown, NY where she conducts four handbell choirs, two adult and two youth. Jill is also a published handbell composer and arranger.

The music selection committee has chosen five massed pieces for our choirs to prepare. It is not necessary to have your choir learn all five selections to participate in the festival. The pieces are listed at the bottom of this letter.

On the day of the festival, March 17, arrival and set-up is 9:00am; rehearsal will begin at 10:00am. Ringers should bring a bag lunch. After lunch, there will be a break out section for techniques and other activities. The day will conclude at 4:00pm with a short performance for parents and guests. Choirs are encouraged to prepare a solo to play at the concert.

You will find a registration form attached with this letter. Please complete all the pertinent information and return the form to Pamela Gunning by February 15, 2018. We only have room for 10 choirs and registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Registration fees are not refundable after February 22. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

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REPERTOIRE

CODE NO.	TITLE	COMPOSER ARRANGER	PUBLISHER	OCT.	LEVEL
CGB672	PROCESSIONAL & JOYFUL DANCE	MARGARET TUCKER	Chorister's Guild	2 – 3	1+
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201734L	SONG OF THANKSGIVING	MICHAEL HELMAN	Lorenz	2 – 3	2
CGB949	HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM?	M. L. THOMPSON	Chorister's Guild	3 – 5	2
201732L	A JUBILANT PEAL	MICHAEL HELMAN	Lorenz	2 – 3	1
201731L	A JUBILANT PEAL	MICHAEL HELMAN	Lorenz	3 – 5	1
HB268	MORNING SONG OF PRAISE	DEREK HAKES	Beckenhorst Press	3 – 5	1