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Hudson Valley Handbell Festival Conference 128 Liberty Street Newburgh, NY 12550

Dear Sue, Eileen and All Friends of the Conference,

Many, many thanks for the very generous gift of Malmark handbells. As you know, Grace church, along with our entire neighborhood and the majority of New Orleans, suffered major devastation from the flooding that resulted from the levee breaches immediately after Katrina.

Now, almost two years later, as we continue making strides toward recovery of our church, our neighborhood, and reclaiming the new and evolving mission of our parish, we have so many generous people to thank for making it possible for us to continue, not as things were for all is forever changed in this city, but discerning our mission as it is today, and our new dreams for the possibilities that lie ahead.

New Orleans has always been a city of music, and many individuals and organizations are looking toward music as a way to bring healing to the city. Grace Church looks forward to using the bells in our own worship services, but also going outside ourselves to our schools and our neighbors to bring them together in the common language that is music, as one avenue to bring community, fellowship and healing to those we touch. We will keep in touch to let you know of our progress.

Thank you again, God Bless You,

The Rev. Walter Baer,

Rector

Mr. David Attebury,

Senior Warden

Mr. Joseph Foxhood,

Organist & Choirmaster

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