

March 2010

Dear Handbell Directors,

The Carillons Handbell Choir and the Simpson University Handbell Choir invite you and your bell choir to the Redding Handbell Festival on October 23, 2010 at Simpson University in Redding, CA.

Our guest director will be Larry Sue. I am including a copy of his biographical sketch presented to me by Larry. Larry is looking forward to coming to Redding to share his talent and expertise with us.

Our 4 published pieces represent several seasons of the church year so that they can easily be used in your program. Sections of each song will be used as teaching tools during the festival as a way to reinforce proper techniques and musical ringing. In addition to ringing 4 massed ringing pieces each choir/ensemble or soloist will have an opportunity to ring a solo number at the closing concert. Rehearsal for the massed numbers would be in the morning of October 23. There would be a lunch break followed by rehearsal time for those choirs planning to ring a solo selection. In the afternoon we would have another rehearsal of the massed selections followed by the finale concert at 4:30 p.m. Partial choirs and individuals are welcome! Do not allow missing ringers to stop you from playing a solo number- let us know and we will find someone to fill the position.

The cost of the festival is \$25/person which includes a lunch and a light breakfast. It would be helpful as we plan for this October to know how many bell choirs will be coming so if you would please respond by October 1 it would be greatly appreciated.

The Redding Handbell Festival will be a great opportunity for your Achoir@ to bond both as a group and with other ringers. We hope to see you in the fall!

Sincerely,
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