

Back to Ringing Handbell Workshop



An event for individual ringers and choirs

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

Session I: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, Session II: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Cost: 25$ for one session, 35$ for two sessions (includes music, clinician fee, lunch on your own)

Registration deadline: September 16th

Location:

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

93 North Kainalu Drive ♦ Kailua, Hawai'i 96734

Clinician: Karen Carlisle

Music: We will be ringing three selections of music, working and learning technique.

Plenty of ringing

Please bring: gloves, pencil and easel music binder, comfortable clothing including comfortable, supportive shoes for a day of ringing and a happy and positive energy, ready to ring!

Registration Form HERE

or scan:

This event is sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America Area 12 California/Nevada/Hawaii/Guam

Karen Carlisle



Karen Carlisle is originally from San Jose, California where her handbell experience started. She relocated to Hawaii in 1995. She holds a Bachelors degree in Psychology from University of Hawaii West Oahu. She also is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor and Internationally certified Substance Abuse counselor through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division Hawaii. She is certified level 1 & 2 conducting through Handbell Musicians of America.

Karen is a long standing member of Handbell Musicians of America. She serves Area 12 California, Nevada, Hawaii and Guam as the Regional Coordinator. As the regional coordinator she is responsible for setting up workshops and being a point of contact for handbell ringing in Hawaii. She frequently helps out local groups and is building the community. She is known to go and help directors and groups on Oahu with rehearsals, technique, ringing and maintenance. She maintains a high skill level in handbell teaching, techniques and maintenance.

Karen has been ringing handbells for 40 years and conducting for 31 years. She has been a clinician through Area 12 and has taught at multiple conferences, local events and conducted mass concerts in Hawaii and California. She started conducting with Campbell United Methodist Church Jr/Sr High Handbell ensemble for 7 years before relocating to Hawaii in 1995. Her handbell employment history in Hawaii started with Kailua United Methodist Church, Harris United Methodist Church, and Aiea United Methodist Church. In 2007 Karen and her husband Dan founded Mele Mai Paki Lima Community Handbell Ensemble, where she is artistic director, conductor and ringer. Over the years she has founded Keiki Joy Ringers Community Handbell Ensemble, a middle school program through Central Middle School after school All Stars program, Kauluwela Elementary School after school program aligned with the YMCA A plus program, a Middle School program at the Nuuanu YMCA and a Senior program at the Nuuanu YMCA. She has brought handbells in to her counseling group at Christmas in a behavioral residential facility with adolescent boys.

Karen has two children both age 12 one to be turning 13 soon. They both play handbells Kailee plays in the church group and Mele Mai Paki Lima. In Karen's spare time she is an uber nanny to her daughter going back and forth to the gymnastics gym.

Karen believes we should focus on handbell education with youth and keiki as well as a focus on teaching and furthering adult handbell programs.