

Notes from EDUCATION LIAISON



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I've been playing with software to keep my musical self satisfied through the last few months. I have a digital recorder that I've been using to participate in virtual choirs. It's not the same as being in a room with singers, but it's what I've got to work with.

I recently gained access to the bell closet at the church I direct in. Using Gridplay (an Apple software) I was able to record myself ringing a piece. I sight read and recorded each part one at a time. It was time consuming, yes. It wasn't perfect and there are some errors. But, I was able to touch the bells, ring music, and have something to share with this congregation and my friends. I think this is now the goal, to

keep handbells alive in any capacity we can.

Here is a link to what I did. It's from a 12 bell collection by Jason Krug titled All a Praise to Thee Volume 2. The recording is We Gather Together.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14KadeyTpEhzl0u6SofPPmxbXnTKdUeGA/view?usp=drivesdk>