

## LETTER FROM YOUR FESTIVAL / CONFERENCE 2021 EVENT CHAIR:

Dear Area 1 Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey last June. We got a lot of very thoughtful comments, and some terrific feedback. Sadly, because of how unprecedented this COVID-19 pandemic has become, the Area 1 Board agreed that in the interests of our members' safety, we should put off our in-person Festival / Conference at the University of Hartford to June 23-26, 2022. We are hopeful that by then, it will be safe for people to gather indoors, and that we will be able to enjoy the massed ringing experience that is so important for all of us who attend.

We haven't determined yet what events we will

be able to plan for 2021, but rest assured, we will have something to offer in June. Stay tuned to our Fundamental Tone newsletter, our Facebook page, and our website to find out.

Thanks for your valuable support and feedback! As always, if you want to reach me directly, email me at [events.area1@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:events.area1@handbellmusicians.org).

Stay well, and keep on ringing!

Carlene Ruesenberg

