

## Notes from MASSACHUSETTS



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Greetings from Massachusetts! It's the dead of winter right now, but certainly not too soon to start planning ahead for Spring Ring! I'm happy to share the news that Diane Burke will be this year's clinician. Diane directs four different handbell choirs and also conducts the annual holiday rep-reading at St. Matthew's in Acton, so many of you have probably had the opportunity to ring under her at one point or another. If so, then you already know that her enthusiasm and always-positive attitude are infectious; it's going to be a delight to have her on the Spring Ring podium!

Registration will be opening very soon, so please watch your email. By the time this article is published, Diane's director's notes on the repertoire should also be available on the website.

Here is the rest of the info regarding Spring Ring:

- **When:** Saturday, April 25, 2020: 10 AM to 4:30 PM
- **Where:** Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA
- **Registration Fee:** \$15 per ringer
- **Clinician:** Diane Burke
- **Repertoire:**
  1. Massed - Glad Hearts, Rejoice! - Michael Mazzatenta - AG35379 - Level 2+
  2. Massed - The Church's One Foundation - arr. Robert James Lamb - AG35380 - Level 2
  3. Tins - Morning Glory - Brenda Austin - AG23056 -- Level 2-
  4. Coppers - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - arr. Michael Kastner and Kevin McChesney - JHS9179 - Level 3

Since the Spring Ring schedule has (like last year) been moved to earlier in the day than was once the norm, I hope that even those of you in Western Mass or on the Cape will consider attending! I'm also aware that there have historically been discussions about holding additional Spring Rings in those parts of the state, and I understand that the Cape Cod Spring Ring was a great success in 2016. While this year's only Spring Ring in Massachusetts will be the one in Tewksbury, I'm definitely interested in hearing from those of you who live farther away and am open to helping organize a Spring Ring West and/or Cape Spring Ring in future years. If this is something that your bell choir would benefit from, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [ma.area1@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:ma.area1@handbellmusicians.org).