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Dear Handbell Directors and Ringers:

Greetings again from the Board of Directors of the Lansing Area Ministry of Bells! Enclosed are registration materials and information for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual *Spring Ring* on Saturday, March 17. If you have any questions or comments, please call LAMB Secretary Lorraine Finison at (517) 321-3221 (home) or 719-2277 (cell); or e-mail [BellGoddess@hotmail.com](mailto:BellGoddess@hotmail.com).

The *Spring Ring* will again be at Waverly High School in west Lansing (Delta Township). We will include the schedule for the day in the confirmation letter which will be sent in early March to registered choirs. Lunch will be "on your own"--there are many restaurants and fast food establishments a few minutes away. On our website, [www.capitalcityringers.com/lamb.htm](http://www.capitalcityringers.com/lamb.htm), you will also find all *Spring Ring* documents, including a restaurant guide.

**The deadline for on-time registration is March 4.** Registrations **postmarked** after March 4 will require the late registration fee. On-time registration is **\$15.00** per person. From March 5 to 10, late registration will be **\$20.00** per person. **Please do not wait until the last minute to register.** It helps our planning efforts greatly if we have approximate registration figures early. It has always been our policy to refund registration fees in full if we are notified prior to the date of the *Spring Ring*. And, you may add ringers at the on-time fee at any time (provided your choir's registration was on time, of course!). Don't hesitate! Register **now!**

Please help us to break even on this event by bringing as many from your choir as possible. Please don't feel that you must have your entire choir in order to participate. Each paid attendee helps us to meet our expenses, which are considerable for the conductor and the facility rental.

On the registration form, let us know if your choir would like to perform a solo number in the concert. If you or an **advanced** ringer from your choir would like to ring Cynthia Dobrinski's *Rhythmic Rondelle* in the Directors'/Advanced Ringers' Double Choir, please indicate that on the registration form.

Our conductor will be Monica McGowan, who is returning for the second time as our conductor. She is often referred to around LAMB circles as "that woman from Minnesota" because at the time of her first visit here in 2007, she was relatively unknown in the handbell world. She has become increasingly in demand as a conductor of massed ringing events, and we are pleased to have her back in Lansing.

We do not have Monica's rehearsal notes yet, but they will be sent out as soon as possible. Please continue to work with your ringers on the ritards, dynamics, etc., so that they are well prepared!

If you do not have your music yet, both B & Y Music (1-888/743-2275) and Handbell Services, Inc. (1-800/37-BELLS) have our repertoire available. Susan will again send her Handbell Services store to the *Spring Ring*, with many handbell-related jewelry, apparel, and gift items, so please let your ringers know about this opportunity to shop!

Finally, enclosed is information for you to make available to your ringers and congregation about the *Spring Ring* concert. We would appreciate your including this information in your church newsletter, bulletin, or announcements, or posting it on your bulletin board, as the time nears.

The LAMB Board of Directors

P.S. We are still in need of a LAMB President-Elect! Please volunteer!!