

The North American Guild of Change Ringers

To [individual or band name]:

We of the North American Guild of Change Ringers (NAGCR) want to welcome you most warmly to the community of change ringers.

You have the good fortune to be located, not only in the tower that once sheltered the most active band in North America, but in a region of North America that is unusually rich in towers and ringers. The well-established band that rings in _____ is very active and includes quite a few students; the band at _____, just a ___ hours away in the opposite direction, has developed by leaps and bounds in recent years; and, for special outings, there are two lovely ___-bell rings in between at _____ and _____. We want to encourage you to get out and around – ring at other towers, meet other ringers, and generally take advantage of the strong network of interesting people and possibilities now open to you. Such travels will also help to advance your ringing skills more rapidly than you might imagine now just as you are beginning.

We also want to invite you to join us officially. The NAGCR sponsors and promotes ringing events throughout the year, and more importantly, works to keep ringers all over North America from British Columbia to Miami and Quebec City to Honolulu informed about events and opportunities as they develop through its website and its quarterly magazine, *The Clapper*. We have very low membership fees for students and the process for joining is a simple one. For a new band such as yours it may make most sense for you all to join the NAGCR at once as a group. To accomplish this, just ask one of your number to contact Tom Miller, our Membership Secretary at a.thomas.miller@gmail.com.

Do look us up at www.nagcr.org (a new design is currently under construction!) where you can find contact information for all the towers and handbell bands as well as information about upcoming ringing events and ringing resources of all sorts. Please feel free to contact any of the officers with any questions you may have.

We look very much forward to ringing with you and to hearing news of your progress!

With all best wishes,

[office/title]

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