



March 22, 2020

Dear BCGEHR Members and Spring Ring '20 Registrants

The decision was made by the BCGEHR Board and the Spring Ring 2020 (SR2020) Co-Chairs to cancel SR2020 event on May 15, 16. Our intention is to hold the event next May 2021 in Nanaimo. As many of you are following the news on this pandemic and with the respect for the expectations stated by the BC Chief Medical Officer, we need to practice social distancing.

We will be reaching out to the conductors and clinicians in hopes that they will be available to provide their leadership next year. We plan to use the same massed ringing music and host the same or similar workshop sessions.

What steps do you need to take now?

1. Accommodation cancellation — It is your responsibility to cancel your accommodation and any other travel reservations as soon as possible. The hotel has said there will not be penalties for cancelling but if we cancel by April 15th this wouldn't be an issue anyway. Make sure when calling the hotel, Ramada by Wyndham 1-250-716-2009, to let them know...**My event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**
2. Refund of registration fees — Please contact Peggy Bensler at treasurer@bcgehr.com this week if we may reimburse you by *e-transfer*, which will be faster for you and less costly for the Guild. If you do not contact Peggy by March 29, you will be sent a cheque in the mail. Please note that those who paid via PayPal will be reimbursed the registration fee only not the additional fees for using PayPal. Please be patient as we work through this process as quickly as possible.
3. Music purchase — If you have already purchased the music for the massed ringing and levels choirs and have begun practising it, please keep this music in your repertoire for the next Spring Ring 2021. We will endeavour to the best of our abilities to ensure that the music choices remain the same.

When it comes time to make plans for SR2021, we will re-assess the public health situation. New information will be sent out as per usual and the registration process will begin all over again.

On behalf of the Spring Ring 2020 Planning Committee, we would like to say how wonderful it was to see the response — so many that we exceeded our maximum quota. We do hope you will consider coming to see us again in May 2021.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this time of uncertainty. Please stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Cara Beirnes and Anne Hill
Spring Ring 2020 Co-Chairs