

Good morning. My name is Joyce Hagarty. My family and I joined AUC in 1996. We came from Kingsway-Lambton United and had spent two years as members of a Presbyterian Church outside of Orlando, Florida before moving to Aurora. Having four young children, I was immediately involved in many aspects of AUC. I was a Brownie leader, a Sunday school teacher and Wellspring UCW group welcomed me right away. Those were busy times and AUC was a central part of our community. Much the same as today, there was always something going on at the church. Almost 20 years ago, I was fortunate to be a part of the first handbell workshop hosted by AUC. As they say, the rest is history! I was immediately hooked, and I was excited to be a part of this addition to worship. We were a small group of eleven or so dedicated ringers who worked under the direction of the music director. Lisa Kyriakides became our dedicated Handbell Director in 2010 and the program has continued to grow. As most of you know, the handbells that we play today were rescued from the rubble of the fire ten years ago. It was an amazing discovery and once they were refurbished, we were very emotional to play them for the first time in our adopted church here at Trinity Anglican. I still feel that it is a miracle to play our handbells. We are all looking forward to bringing these handbells home to our new church next year. It will be wonderful to hear them ring out in our sanctuary once again.