

THE LINCOLN GROUP INC.
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Mr. Paul Ashe
Director, National Bell Festival

Dear Paul:

On behalf of the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, I want to offer our enthusiastic support for the National Bell Festival and the planned 65-bell tower carillon. The year 2023 is the 160th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln issuing the final Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that all those held in slavery in areas in rebellion against the United States would be “thenceforward, and forever free.”

Using Lincoln’s words, it is altogether fitting and proper that you should honor his memory and the emancipation by recognizing those who fought to abolish slavery in this country. Pealing a bell on the anniversary for each year since the Proclamation is doubly appropriate given the hundreds of thousands of men who gave their lives to save the nation during the Civil War. Your planned carillon will forever remind us that there is still work to be done as we aspire to a more perfect union.

The Lincoln Group of DC will continue to support and facilitate the National Bell Festival’s activities. More can be found on our website at Lincolnian.org.

Sincerely,

David J. Kent
President



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