

Instructions for learning, recording, and uploading your video

(Please read and follow the instructions carefully and in their entirety)

- ✓ First and foremost: **Learn your part**, practice it numerous times so that you know it very well. If you are having problems with something, please email me. We do not want your part recorded incorrectly.
- ✓ You may record on a phone or with a video camera or computer camera. Make sure it has good sound quality and a good picture. You will need a set of earphones, earbuds, etc.
- ✓ When you are ready to record, find a well-lit area. Make sure it is quiet with no background noise.
- ✓ Make sure the camera is placed at eye level and you are not looking down or up. (Please, this is so important)
- ✓ Make your video **in front of a plain wall** – no pictures, no virtual backgrounds. Plain walls only please. This will make us look more uniform.
- ✓ Record your head and shoulders. We do not need torsos or full body videos.
- ✓ You usually are better able to breathe if you stand; however, if you are using a computer camera, this may not be possible. We do not really want to see you sitting in chairs but if you do not have a choice – you will not be excluded.
- ✓ To record, simply listen to the accompaniment track and sing a long from start to finish. Do not record the music! That is what you listen to in your earphones. You should record YOUR VOICE only. Record until it is as good as you can get it. Do not send videos where you are not singing the right notes or words.
- ✓ You may use the background vocals or just the accompaniment depending on your comfort level but PLEASE stay on your part.
- ✓ I suggest wearing either black or white, not loud prints or other colors.
- ✓ When you are ready to upload your video, if you have not been sent the link, please send an email to acwretreat@gmail.com and you will be sent the link to upload your video to Dropbox.
- ✓ Your video is due by May 10, no exceptions, there needs to be time for editing.

Thank you for singing!!!