



“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice” – Psalm 95:6-7

Mid-Year for Kairos (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

It's mid-year for Kairos with hundreds of Weekends already behind us, thousands of graduates, and many Continuing Ministry events taking place. Please remember the most important part of our ministry is the Continuing Ministry because it helps people learn and develop their relationship with Christ daily. We need to do what we say we will do and go back in and support them through our programs.

May I remind everyone to ensure the Weekend Leader's report, Excellence Initiative and other items to finalize the Weekends are completed. Also, it's time for the next team meetings to properly train and prepare everyone to demonstrate God's love through our programs. Make sure you are ready to be a good example for Him. One of our goals is to ensure we are doing the ministry with excellence. These reports help the next leaders and the Advisory Council know what to improve and how to simply do things even better each day. After all, we are serving God and we give Him our best always.



Registration is open and it's filling up fast! Sign up today!

2018 Annual Conference

July 24th - July 28th

Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, VA

mykairos.org/conference_registration.html

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

Life is fragile and can be broken. Kairos brings the light, the love, the hope and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ to all that are impacted by incarceration. By the way, that also means for you and me because we have been impacted by the calling of God to this ministry.

When someone asks, “What can I do for Kairos?” always say pray. We pray to be unified in our actions at all levels of the ministry, pray for trust in God and each other, pray to let go and have Christ lead, and pray for the transformation to be more Christ-like. The Board of Directors is starting the Annual Conference on July 24 with a prayer session for the ministry and the conference. Please join

us in praying for the ministry during July 24-28. All thanks and praise goes to God, but we also thank you for being a servant to Kairos and a disciple of Christ.

Psalm 31:14, "But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God."

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

Take your pick. Do you like Buddy Holly: "Everyday it's a-gettin' closer. Goin' faster than a rollercoaster." Or is your preference Zero Mostel (a/k/a Pseudolus in Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum): "Something familiar, something peculiar, something for everyone..."

What, pray tell, is he talking about, I'm sure you're asking yourselves. THE 2018 KAIROS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, of course! It will be here before you know it: July 24-28, Hyatt at Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia. There will be something for everyone including:

- 25 different workshops on every topic imaginable, most offered twice
- Uplifting testimonies
- Daily energizing prayer services with lots of joyful noise raised to Him
- Great meals
- Interactive committee meetings
- A chance to share successes (and, yes, lessons learned) with your fellow Kairos volunteers

If it's not on your calendar, go to mykairos.org now and register. It's affordable, but if you can't quite make the registration fee, ask your council to sponsor you. Registration covers room, meals, and, yes, the program. Bring others along with you. Last year, more than 400 people gathered from all over the planet. Let's do it again! See you soon in the Old Dominion.

Volunteer and Recruitment (George Carpenter, Recruitment Committee)

Recruitment is about being inclusive. It is about wanting to share what God has shown you through Kairos ministry -- the freedom that Christ brings (look at our Vision and Mission statements) and the great joy in doing His will. For me, the call to be part of Kairos is an individual calling. Answering the call means you are willing to take your relationship with Jesus to the next level. It is being submissive to Jesus and serious about developing a closer relationship with Him. I believe being a part of Kairos can change one's life and allow them to see the great love Jesus has for each of us, and I believe Kairos will make him or her a much stronger disciple of Jesus. Recruitment is something we all can do...

Most of us come from 4th day movements and trusting God is part of that experience. Kairos is a 4th day movement. It is a Weekend of trusting God to act. You just need to be you. 1 Peter 3:15 says to always be willing to give an account of your faith; that is done simply by telling your story. You will most likely do that during a Kairos Weekend. You will get to see God use your story, a story which you may feel is nothing exciting, to change the life of a participant. Ask others, "Do you want to be part of this mission trip? Sign up and become part of the team. The adventure begins."

Men's Ministry Update (Craig Combs, Men's Ministry Coordinator)

I'm seeing a trend that is, well... interesting. I am seeing a larger number of people trying to squeeze into Advanced Kairos Training ("AKT") at the last minute, much later than I think should happen. It also appears that there are many people attending AKT after they serve as the Observing Leader for

various reasons. I might have it all wrong, but the Leadership Track was implemented to make sure the folks serving as Weekend Leader actually had experience and training so they would feel more comfortable and better equipped to lead it. No one ever feels qualified, but we need to do everything in our power to make them feel comfortable and give them the tools to succeed. To that end, I want to encourage you to plan who is in the Leadership Track pipeline a little farther out. That will also make it a lot less stressful if something happens – you will already have someone next in line to step in. Thanks!

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator)

In 1993, a woman from my church approached me about getting together to pray and encourage each other. We did this weekly for several years, and are still accountable to each other today. Initially my friend had asked me to get together because she saw I had a need. We had just adopted 2 boys from Russia, I was trying to figure the “motherhood” thing out, and I needed someone...someone to give me “seasoned” mothering advice, and someone to encourage me in my walk with God. By grouping over the years, we developed a real friendship built on trust and accountability to each other and to God. The reason we met was simple, but the benefits were endless and life-changing. Now, years later we have both grown in our faith, and we have come to understand accountability is a means by which God drew us, through our friendship to Him.

Kairos encourages all our volunteers to be a part of an accountability group, a group of like-minded followers of Jesus who you can trust and lean on as you go through the ups and downs of life. A group of folks who will call you out when you need it, encourage you and build you up when you need it, who will pray, and who will be with you no matter what.

The Continuing Ministry of Kairos is what makes Kairos unique. Prayer and Share small group meetings, Monthly Reunions, S.W.A.P. groups, and Mentoring rekindle the spiritual fire ignited on the Weekends. As inmates, incarcerated youth, and our Kairos Outside Guests participate in these programs, their attitudes change, and they grow in their knowledge of Christ.

But, how can we expect and encourage our Participants and Guests to take part in these groups if we are not doing the same? How do we get them to understand the importance of our continuing ministry programs if we are not involved in an accountability or small group, and can't see the benefit it can have in our own life?

As one of the founders of Kairos, John Caldwell, said over 40 years ago, “You will be transformed if you group, and if you don't, you won't.”

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

The Prison Policy Initiative states “*The American criminal justice system holds more than 2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 102 federal prisons, 901 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,163 local jails, and 76 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers, and prisons in the U.S. territories.*”

Nearly half of the inmates in state prisons across the USA, 48%, report they have relatives who also have been incarcerated. The portion of those reporting the detention of fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, spouses, and children has kept pace with the national prison population as it has increased over the past decade.

Incarceration is a family affair and affects multiple generations, not just those that are in our immediate view. Generational incarceration must be stopped at the juvenile level. Thank you Kairos Torch volunteers for speaking to the next generation and evoking positive change.

Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is available on the mykairos.org website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and is available in Excel format so that you can easily download it. In order for this to be effective, please post your Weekends well in advance of their actual dates and ensure your Agape contact name and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on “Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends.”

New Documents Available on MyKairos.org

Agape from Canberra Monaro KO in Australia

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. If you aren't already a member, you can request being added here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational>

Is Your Weekend Listed?

Now is the time to do it! If your upcoming Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration at <http://mykairos.org/register.html> so we can publicize your Weekend.

This is especially important for #1 Weekends. We create a banner advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends on mykairos.org, and we actively promote #1 Weekends through local media and social media.

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