



Kairos E-News #58 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – June 2016

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16

Joy in the Giving (Evelyn Lemly, CEO) – Kairos is blessed to have thousands of volunteers that have the joy of giving – giving of their time, talent, and treasure. We are thankful as Kairos cannot exist without the volunteers and their heart and passion to serve those impacted by incarceration. At the same time, we all should be challenged to share the blessing to give with others. Acts 20:35 *"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* I have never met a Kairos volunteer who would tell me they have not been blessed by serving in this ministry. It seems if we want to share a blessing with the churches, our friends, and other Christians we would invite them to give – yes financially and with their time. We call it recruitment but it really is providing the opportunity to experience the joy in the giving. Go tell another Christian about your blessings and invite them to join us.

Annual Conference (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – The listing of the Conference Workshops are available on the mykairos.org website, just use this link to access it: mykairos.org/conference_registration.html. We are excited about these workshops and feel they will be beneficial for all of our volunteers. Workshops will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 29th and 30th. Be sure to join us for the Friday evening banquet, celebrating 40 years of "Ministry Excellence." Men: coat and tie; women: appropriate attire. The conference registration form can also be found on the link above. The conference will be held in Orlando, FL, July 26-30, 2016 at the Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside Hotel.

Board of Directors Update (Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair) – In May the Board welcomed Lettie Carr to our monthly meeting after she was elected by the Board and ratified by the International Council. We look forward to the perspective she will bring as a chaplain for a women's facility where Kairos has been active for several years.

The Governance Committee has been busy preparing for and then making a call for submission of names to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors. Four individuals will be elected by the International Council at the Annual Conference. The Governance Committee will also be working on nominations for the International Council and Board of Director's officers. The Annual Conference is set for July in Orlando.

I hope that you are planning to attend the Conference, where we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Kairos. It will be a wonderful gathering and opportunity for us to reflect upon the blessing of Kairos. Registration forms are on the [website](#).

Let us all continue to be faithful in prayer for the Weekends that are being held, for the leaders and teams, and for the participants and guests that will take part. I pray for peace to be with each of you in the journey.

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President) – A few years ago, an International Council President wrote, "When a small sailboat turns, it turns on a dime. When an aircraft carrier turns, it takes a while. Kairos is like God's aircraft carrier." Sometimes, we're somewhat impatient for change to happen. But we need to stop and think about how many people are affected by change -- approximately 30,000 -- and that's including other countries.

If we change a manual, we need to make the changes, check the changes (several times), print the changes in the manual, train the trainers so they can train all the people who are affected by the changes, and finally send out the changed manuals to all who need them and do it in a timely manner so that everyone is using the same manual at the same time. That is what has happened this year. New manuals are being published; not just one, but every program. Not only do they have to be done for the United States, but also for the other countries. That is one enormous task, and we need to appreciate the work that has gone into this effort.

Oh, and by the way, that's in addition to all the other tasks the home office does in answering questions, sending other supplies, attending Weekends, scheduling training, fundraising etc., etc. It amazes me that for all the work that is accomplished on a normal year, the office, in addition, produced new manuals for every program! They are to be congratulated for a job very well done.

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – Have you ever heard of the Inside Resident Community Council? This is a valuable tool that can greatly facilitate the quality of a Kairos Reunion. Though it is not a required part of the program, it is so useful one would wonder why it wasn't being put to use. The number one duty of the Resident Community Council is to encourage all Kairos graduates to group regularly. The residents attending the 2-Day Retreat are asked to select from this group one of their own to serve as the Resident Community Leader for the next 6 months. A major function of the Community Council is to plan the Monthly Reunions.

If there are other reasons for absence from grouping such as an illness, work assignments, the need to be in another group, inability to group at the time the group meets, then the dorm/wing/pod captain (selected by the Chaplain) can be part of the support system to help insure prayer support by the community, to reach out in love and compassion.

The Free World Team members attending the Monthly Reunions do so as guests of the Resident Community, and do not have responsibility for organizing the Reunion except to insure through the Chaplain, that the typical Kairos schedule is followed.

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – **New Clergy Qualifications for Kairos Outside**

In the very near future we will be releasing the new program manuals.

All of our Kairos Outside communities need to be aware that the Clergy requirements have been changed for the Kairos Outside program. All three programs, Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch have now adopted the same qualifications for Clergy.

To be labeled as a Spiritual Director or Clergy on a Kairos Weekend volunteers must meet the following qualifications:

1) Should have received formal training from their Christian denomination or church authority (by this we usually mean seminary or Bible College)

or

Be ordained by their Christian denomination or church authority, or be licensed by their state as clergy

or

Be recognized as Clergy in good standing by a Christian religious order (usually refers to a community of priest, nuns, monks)

or

Be actively engaged in or retired from ministry by a recognized Christian church authority

And

2) Be able to work effectively in an ecumenical or interdenominational Christian setting

And

3) Qualify under their state law as being covered by the privileged communication statutes.

Everyone else is considered a layperson by Kairos Prison Ministries International, Inc.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Three Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) are being signed. The Edgecombe Youth Development Center in North Carolina, Atlanta Youth Development Center and Eastman Youth Development Center in Georgia have all invited the Kairos Torch program into their facilities. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Kairos in the News – Through this E-News feature, you can link to the following news stories that have posted recently about Kairos:

<http://www.lcsun-news.com/story/life/sunlife/2016/03/06/community-spotlight-kairos-prison-ministry/81005626/>

<http://www.capitalgazette.com/neighborhoods/ph-ac-gn-west-county-0131-20150130-story.html>

<http://flycatchermedia.wix.com/news#!a-second-chance/c21ji>

<https://djournal.com/opinion/errol-castens-kairos-lives-changed/>

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming spring/summer 2016 Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the www.mykairos.org website so we can adequately publicize your Weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner-type advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends.

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