



“For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:15

Being Present (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

The theme for the annual conference, Being Present, helped us focus and celebrate Kairos ministry. We focused on God's presence, on us being present in the moment to make all we can of today, and on our presence for those impacted by incarceration. As a Chaplain shared Kairos is a ministry of presence, they are present!

As 400 Kairos volunteers gathered we felt a sense of God’s presence and the encouragement to continue being present.

Agape Contacts Reminder

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is now 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. You will be able to cut and paste all of the contact email addresses into your email instead of cutting and pasting each one individually. We hope this will make the exchanging of Agape much less cumbersome. In order for this to be effective, please post your Weekends well in advance of their actual dates and ensure your Agape contact 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.’

Board of Directors Update (Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair)

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Indeed this is the day for us to be present with the Lord, with those whom we serve and with those whom are before us this day. We had so many reminders of the power of "presence" in our annual conference last week, particularly that Kairos is a ministry of continuing presence! We give thanks to the Lord for the many individuals who sacrificed time to make this conference for over 400 of us so special...the Georgia team, hotel/conference center staff, and the Kairos staff. They all attended to many details and spent many hours to make everything go so smoothly. We give thanks also to the many

volunteers who spoke in worship, general sessions and workshops sharing about this ministry of presence. Your efforts blessed all of us.

During the conference the Board met and agreed to form an Investment Advisory Committee to provide input related to the ministry investment opportunities that lie ahead for Kairos. We also welcomed new members elected to serve on the Board by the International Council, provided orientation and training for board members, gave thanks for those who have been serving, and elected new officers for the coming year. The International Council elected incumbent members Terry Crockett and Kathy Cabraja and new members Dan Preston and Bryan Wheeler to serve three year terms as board members. Tom McCarty, International Council President also joins the board as an ex-officio member. The Board gives thanks to David Garmus, Barbara Jensen, Don Setterlof, and John Miller (ex-officio) for their faithful service to the board as they rotated off this area of service this year. We give thanks for the gifts of presence and participation to this body in Kairos.

Officer elections for the Board were also conducted on Saturday during the board meeting. New officers for board operations are:

Terry Crockett, Chair

Kathy Cabraja, Vice Chair of Operations

Von Brister, Vice Chair of Planning

Ken Perduyn, Treasurer

Karen Rayer, Secretary

We thank God for calling each of them to serve on the board and in these capacities of board leadership.

Let us remember to be in prayer for one another, participants, guests, and Kairos as we continue to be present "one drop at a time".

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President)

Congratulations to the new International Council Officers! Your new president is Tom McCarty from Virginia; your new vice-president is Lisa Trahan from Louisiana; your new secretary is Dave Hess from Arizona. All of them are very capable people and I'm sure you'll enjoy working with them.

My final "words of wisdom" to not only the International Council, but to each of you are as follows. Kairos is a gift from God. As you would any gift, treat it kindly. Remember that each of us is a Child of God (C.O.G.) and as such we need to act like it; treating each other in a Christian manner. We also need to remember that as COG's we need to think about the fact that we are COG's in the wheel of Kairos. Kairos will be only as

successful as we make it. That includes adhering to the “River Banks” of Kairos. It was through these guidelines that Kairos is the ministry it is today.

Seven and ½ years ago, I stepped into the role of an International Council member when the International Council first started. I had wanted to see what the ministry looked like at “30,000 feet.” The people, with whom I worked and got to know, were the people with whom you serve on the weekends. What a gift I was given being able to serve and get to meet people from all over the world! Thank you and God bless you.

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

I have a simple request to make of you. Please go to www.mykairos.org and check the Kairos Kalendar to see if the upcoming Kairos Weekend that you know about or where you are serving is listed. We did some data gathering and noticed that there are many Kairos Weekends that aren't listed. It would be great to have 100% -mainly so that your Kairos Weekend can get agape from other communities. The Kalendar is one of the main ways to get agape, and if your Weekend isn't listed, and if you don't list an agape contact, you probably won't get much agape from other Kairos folks. Also people will pray for you if they know about the Weekend. I think those are all compelling reasons to check, right? If it isn't there, it is a simple process to complete by using the “click to register your weekend” button (the blue box on the same line as Kairos Kalendar at the top of the page). Thanks in advance!

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

Questions about Bingo and Silent Auctions

Recently I have been asked a lot of questions about Bingo and Silent Auctions. So, I would like to address these issues, and give some direction on how Kairos communities should handle these matters. The Kairos Financial Policies and Practices document found online at mykairos.org outlines the financial system of the ministry as determined by the Kairos Board of Director. The document is broken into two sections, policies and practices, but both sections are equally important to understanding how financial matters are handled within Kairos. The policies and practices outlined in the Financial Policies and Practices must be followed by all Kairos State Chapters and Advisory Councils. On page 13 of the Financial Policies and Practices it states that fundraising activities, such as yard or bake sales, may be conducted to support the ministry of Kairos. At events, which are fundraisers, tickets and merchandise should only be exchanged for a suggested donation. In Kairos we never sell anything because we are a non-profit corporation that does not collect sales tax. Gambling events and opportunities to win cash prizes should not be used within Kairos.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

GIVE YOUR SENIOR YEARS TO THE YOUTH: It may surprise you to know in Kairos Torch that the grayer your hair, the more responsive the youth are to you. It is a noticeable detail that the incarcerated youth are quicker to listen to and engage with

those in their senior years than those that are close to their age group. The reason is partly due to the fact that it is often the grandparents that connect with them and show them unconditional love and give them correction. When our senior volunteers come into the facility to spend time with the youth through mentoring. It quickly disarms the youth and they readily understand that there is no ulterior motive for their being there. Seniors seldom have anything to prove or personally gain from incarcerated youth although there is great benefit in them being present in the life of these young people. The book of Proverbs repeatedly gives example of the older pouring out wisdom to the young so that their living is meaningful and the world continues to prosper in a constructive way. If you have Christian friends that are in their senior years and are not depositing their years of wisdom in fertile ground, invite them to participate in Kairos Torch...Their life experiences can make a difference in our youth today.

Is Your Weekend Listed?

If your upcoming 2017 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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