



*“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” 1 Peter 3:8*

## **Prayer and Service** (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

### ***Representing through the Election Process***

One of the approaches of Kairos is for the Advisory Council and the State Chapter Committee to represent the volunteers locally. The election season is upon us for the volunteers to elect those who will represent their Advisory Council and State by providing leadership in various positions based on the Kairos guidelines. The people serving are volunteers who feel they can do the role and are willing to serve for the benefit of all. The leadership roles are very important to getting the work done and ensure we are conducting the programs well and fully in a God honoring manner. This fall, current leaders will be asking for people to step forward and serve in various roles, using their God given gifts and skills to serve others and to enable this ministry to take place today and in the future. Each role is important and if each member of the body does their role well, the workload is lighter for all and the body of Christ is working in harmony – much like 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, where all the body parts have a role and work together for the greater good.

Please pray if God is calling you to step forward to serve in a leadership role to help His ministry work with excellence using the gifts He has given you. And when you say yes, please mean it and do the work with diligence and give your best to God for the benefit of all.

*1 Corinthians 12:26 “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”*

## **Board of Directors Update** (Steve Smith, Board Chair)

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” Colossians 3:23*

Having lived with a school teacher for the last 42 years, this time of year has always carried an importance beyond just the end of the dog days of summer and the hint of fall in the cool evening breezes. It has always held an urgency and anticipation of new beginnings, like the first warm days of spring. And so it is as we begin a new season of Kairos: new national Board of Director members, a new season of recruiting, planning, team meetings and many, many Kairos Weekends. We introduce hundreds of new participants to our team members and to the

only one who can offer a life of forgiveness and the promise of an eternal friendship. Once again, we will have a front row seat as Jesus becomes real to those who doubted or never really knew Him at all. Their lives and our lives will never be the same.

And so, I offer this reminder of Whose we are and His call on our lives. We are chosen to carry the Good News of God's Grace, His Unconditional love and forgiveness to those who have been cast aside and locked away. We offer a word and an ear to those who are so often unseen and unheard, and summarily dismissed by their families, friends, and society as a whole.

Just as I know that so many who head back to the classroom this time of year go answering a mission call, I know also that we go doing the same.

We go as disciple to make disciples out of a devotion and obedience to Jesus Christ our Rock and our Redeemer. So "work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

## **International Council Update** (Lisa A. Trahan, International Council President)

Let's explore the International Council (IC) and its responsibilities as outlined in the 2019 International Council Operating Procedures.

International Council Representatives (IC Reps) are active participants as they serve on working committees. In addition, as a member of the International Council they have the responsibilities to:

- **Partner with** the CEO and the Kairos program staff to shape the programs of the ministry as approved by the Board of Directors. (*Promote and be a consistent voice in following the program manual as well as provide input and feedback by way of the Ministry Coordination Committee and Program Excellence Committee.*)
- **Advise and Assist** the CEO in carrying out responsibility for supervision of the ministry programs. (*The Ministry Coordination Committee through its Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch Sub-Committees work with the CEO in supervision of the programs.*)
- **Advise the CEO** on ways to enhance communication within the ministry. (*Communications Improvement Committee.*)
- **Advise the Board of Directors** on the Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan.
- **Elect & Ratify & Enact:**
  - The IC **elects** the Board of Directors in accordance of the By-Laws.
  - It also **ratifies** the Board of Directors annual appointment to the Board and their selection of the CEO.
  - **Enacts** amendments to the By-Laws.
- **Represent their state or country** on matters presented before the IC.
  - It is important for the IC Reps to *take those issues and gain input from the State Chapter Committee to vote according to their state's need.*
  - IC Reps are to represent all programs that operate in their state. This may require familiarization some additional familiarization with other Kairos programs.

- **Serve** as a leadership resource to the ministry to help resolve issues related to spiritual, operational and financial health of the ministry.

### **Through your International Council Representative(s) your state has a voice.**

At your next State Chapter Committee meeting take a fresh look and identify how your IC Rep(s) can represent all programs and the state position on matters being presented to the IC.

We are better together as we fully understand that the IC Reps are the voice for the volunteers of their respective state and country.

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

#### ***Non-Kairos Resource List***

Kairos Graduates often find themselves 'wanting more' after attending a Weekend. They want to change, learn, grow, help their families, be better educated and prepared for the future. Kairos doesn't have any of these as a part of our Mission, but we know they are important to our Graduates. We have started a Non-Kairos resource list that you can share with people to contact themselves for specific help or information. As you know of other regional or national groups please let the International Office know of them. Kairos communities are encouraged to know their local ministries so they can refer people to them.

This document can be found in the Download section of the website at <http://mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Resource List - Non-Kairos.pdf>

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

Often at Advisory Council Trainings or Advanced Kairos Trainings we hear the trainers say to our trainees "where will you find this document or tool?" And of course, the response is always "on MyKairos.org – in [the downloads section](#)."

The response of our attendees is often said with "tongue in cheek." But all our volunteers need to know, and be reminded from time to time, about the treasure trove of resources available to all our volunteers at MyKairos.org.

[The "downloads" section of MyKairos.org](#) contains everything from our policy documents, such as our [trailer policy](#), the [Policy Statement on Interdenominational Christian Ministry](#), the [Advisory Council Operating Procedures](#) to communication tools for promoting the ministry such as editable brochures for each of the programs, and a general brochure covering all the programs. The **Word** versions of these brochures are customizable and can be edited to include local contact information for your Advisory Councils. The instructions for making the edits are found in the same section labeled "Communication Tools" as the brochures. MyKairos.org is also where you go to order supplies, register your Kairos Weekends, and to

sign-up for the newsletter and E-News and so much more. [MyKairos.org](http://MyKairos.org) contains all the tools you need, just when you need them, to serve in Kairos with excellence.



And if you are ever having trouble finding something on the web site just go to the “Google” search box seen here and enter a word or phrase to find just what you are looking for on the web site.

## **Kairos Torch Update** (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

“God so loved the world...” and He still does! From child psychologists to educators and parents, grown-ups tag today's teenagers with many demeaning labels. But what do we really know about this group of 12 to 18-year-olds, a population of more than 30 million? Can we adequately generalize about today's youth culture in a way that makes sense, not just to those who label teens, but also to teens themselves? What we do know is that God unequivocally loves them and gives us instructions throughout His Word to care, protect, train and (most importantly) love them. Never forget that even the most difficult youth you are called to work with deserve God's love. By loving them like God we can often assist them to a place of productive behavior. Yes, God still loves the world, and youth immensely are a part of the world He loves!

**Monthly Mentoring Tip:** “Be a sounding board of frustration!” It's not normal to be locked up for an extended period of time in a place away from home where you have little to no choices. Growing pains is already a difficult time for teenagers. Mentor's must learn to listen to the frustration of their young mentee without taking it personal. A sounding board is defined as “A person or group on whom one tries out an idea or opinion as a means of evaluating it.” Being that to your mentee will help them understand themselves in a more profound way.

## **Annual Conference Speaker Videos and Workshops**

For those of you who were unable to attend the Kairos Annual Conference in Orlando, all of the main session speakers and workshop presentation slides have been posted on MyKairos at [www.mykairos.org/conference\\_archive2019.html](http://www.mykairos.org/conference_archive2019.html).

## Order Your Official Kairos Products Online



- The newly launched [Kairos Prison Ministry Online Store](http://www.kpmistore.com) offers a variety of official apparel including t-shirts, polo shirts, and jackets in both male and female models, plus an ever growing number of promotional items such as canvas bags, water bottles, and more! Visit [www.kpmistore.com](http://www.kpmistore.com) and purchase your Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch gear today!

- Kairos Threads offers quality custom machine embroidered Kairos, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch apparel and accessories at [www.kairosthreads.com](http://www.kairosthreads.com)!
- Longtime Kairos volunteer Scott Maycumber offers a variety of quality Kairos products in his [New Thread Designs Etsy Shop](http://www.etsy.com/shop/NewThreadDesigns)!

*Note: All orders are directly with the vendor and Kairos has no involvement in the ordering process*

## Kairos Pullup Banners and Table Runners

Did you know that Kairos offers a table runner and various retractable pull-up banners for display for general Kairos as well as the three programs? Brand new 21" tabletop retracting units are now available for easy transport and setup in two designs. [Visit MyKairos](http://www.mykairos.org) to view your choices as well as a new easier to use order form.



## New Documents Available on MyKairos.org

- Kairos CEO Evelyn Lemly's Nationally Broadcast Interview on Family Radio [http://www.mykairos.org/videos/Family Radio - Community Bridge Interview.mp3](http://www.mykairos.org/videos/Family%20Radio%20-%20Community%20Bridge%20Interview.mp3)
- Better Together Flyer [http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Better Together Flyer.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Better%20Together%20Flyer.pdf)
- Updated – Non-Kairos Resource Listings [http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Resource List - Non-Kairos.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Resource%20List%20-%20Non-Kairos.pdf)
- Updated – Supply Order Form [http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/supply\\_order\\_form.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/supply_order_form.pdf)
- Updated – Easy Steps for Ordering Downloadable Ezra [http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Easy Steps for Ezra.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/Easy%20Steps%20for%20Ezra.pdf)

## New One or Two Day Retreat Topics and Themed Talks Available In 2019

All residents who have attended a 3 ½ day Weekend can attend a one or two-day Retreat held twice yearly at institutions as part of the Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry. Retreats are typically held at the mid-point between Kairos Inside Weekends. The primary purpose of the Retreats is to give those not grouping some experience with the process of becoming vulnerable to other people in the small group setting. Additionally, Retreats provide an opportunity for those who have drifted away from the Kairos community to return. The importance of these Retreats cannot be overstated. If you are not doing Retreats, talk with your facility about the possibility of adding them.

Communities are always looking for Retreat ideas, and to keep our Continuing Ministry new and exciting we have just added seven new Retreat topics with themed-talks to [mykairos.org](http://mykairos.org), which can be used for your local Retreats. On pages 328-343 of the Kairos Inside Program Manual, you will also find information regarding the Retreat including topics, themed-talks, and a proposed schedule

If you have retreat topics or themed-talks that you have used successfully in your facility, please email Gina Brockmeyer ([gina@kpmi.org](mailto:gina@kpmi.org)) or Craig Combs ([craig@kpmi.org](mailto:craig@kpmi.org)). We will be happy to review and consider them for posting.

## Events

Do you have a future fundraiser or awareness event coming up? Please be sure to send those to [bill@kpmi.org](mailto:bill@kpmi.org) and they will be listed on the [kairosprisonministry.org events page](http://kairosprisonministry.org/events/page).

## Obituaries

Please forward obituaries of Kairos volunteers to [bill@kpmi.org](mailto:bill@kpmi.org).

## Prayer Requests

Kairos has a [new prayer request page](#). Please use this page to post prayer requests for publication and to pray for others. We ask that all comments be considerate and within the parameters of Kairos vision, mission, and values. Please do not include upcoming Weekends as we already pray for those weekly!

## Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is available on the [mykairos.org](http://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's name and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: [www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html](http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html) and click on "Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends."

## 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 to help you receive Agape and prayer coverage.

**This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends on [mykairos.org](http://mykairos.org), and we actively promote #1 Weekends through local media and social media.

## Why Do You Volunteer?

We need short 1 minute or less video clips telling us why you volunteer for Kairos! So grab your phone, tell us why, and send them to [bill@kpmi.org](mailto:bill@kpmi.org). **We need 20 or more of these.** All submissions grant Kairos permission to use the video in any form. Thank you for your service!

## 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 to be added here: [www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational](http://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational)

## Spanish Translation of the E-News

A Spanish translation of E-News (E-Noticias) is also published monthly. If you would like to view previous issues or subscribe to future E-News in Spanish, please go to:

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