

## Kairos Outside “Walking in Love” Instructions

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Kairos Outside proposed a pilot program to include the “Walking in Love” service as an option on Kairos Outside Weekends in lieu of the Agape Service / Thanksgiving Celebration. The service was officially adopted as a program option by the KPMI Board of Directors in February 2009.

The “Walking in Love” service provides a powerful opportunity for Weekend Guests to experience God’s love for them through the silent presence of the Christian Community. It also gives the Christian Community an opportunity to serve and be a part of the Kairos Outside Weekend experience.

The “Walking in Love” service is to be presented in the following manner:

- The Christian Community (including any Team Day Angels) gathers 45 minutes before the service to pray for the Guests and hear a short witness by a former Guest (if possible) about the impact of the Kairos Outside Weekend on her life. An outside community clergyperson (female or male) leads the community in prayer for the Guests by their *first names only*. No Team Members would be present at this prayer time, unless they are the person presenting the witness.

The Christian Community should be invited to participate and support the Kairos Outside Closing by providing them with handouts of time and location details.

- Immediately following the Forgiveness Service, the Christian Community, Team Day Angels, and any Team not at the Forgiveness Service will support the Guests either by Option 1 or 2 below.

**Option 1** - The Christian Community gathers in a designated room and creates a serpentine pathway. Before leaving the Forgiveness Service, the Team and Guests should be interspersed so there is no way to identify who is Guest or Team. When the signal is given to the community the Guests and Team are ready to enter the room, the candles are lit, and the room lights are turned off. The Guests and female Team Members travel through the path while the community sings “You Are Loved”.

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**Option 2** - The Christian Community gathers outside the Forgiveness Service area and forms a candlelit pathway to the building where the evening will conclude with a dessert/social time. Before leaving the Forgiveness Service, the Team and Guests should be interspersed so there is no way to identify who is Guest or Team. The Guests and female Team Members travel through the path while the outside community sings “You Are Loved”.

With either Option, the process should take no more than 20 minutes. No community member should reach out, call out, or touch any Guest or Team Member. Once all Guests and Team are inside the room/building, the community can sing one final song or close in prayer and then be dismissed.

The Christian Community has no further contact with Guests until the Kairos Outside Closing.

- After the outside community (including Team Angels and male Team members) are dismissed, the Head Spiritual Director of the Weekend should tell the Guests that an outside community came to love and support them. She can tell the Guests some of the areas the communities are from. The Head Spiritual Director will lead the Guests and Team Members in prayer for the outside community and then the Kitchen Staff will serve the dessert that was held back at the Elegant Dinner.

If the local Kairos Outside Advisory Council chooses to use the “Walking in Love” service, they will invite the Christian Community to participate Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, “Flowers at Dawn” will be a team only activity.

If the Kairos Outside Advisory Council does not select the “Walking in Love” service, there will be an Agape/Thanksgiving service on Saturday evening. The Christian Community will then be invited to participate with the team in “Flowers at Dawn” on Sunday morning.

The Advisory Council decides upon one service. It is advisable to then be consistent in its use from weekend-to-weekend.