

Kairos E-News #14 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers - 11/1/12

Budget Conference Call - There will be a call on November 19th related to budgets for the 2013. We will be addressing the issue from the states perspective but all are welcome to attend. The call in information is 1-888-824-5783 and the code is 57409943#.

Fall 2012 Newsletter - The latest Kairos Prison Ministry Newsletter is posted on the www.MyKairos.org website. Look under Newsroom.

Kairos Announces Training Events for 2013 - Checkout www.MyKairos.org for the slate of Advanced Kairos Training events for 2013. Begin making plans as a State, Area or Advisory Council now.

Recruiting Update - We are all aware that the 4th Day Community offers a great opportunity to recruit new volunteers to the ministry. Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, and Villa de Cristo, to name four, all involve dedicated Christians who are open to serving our Lord, and know firsthand what the 4th day experience can mean. In your efforts to recruit, though, do not confine yourselves to just that. There are many state and local chapters that reach out to community and civic groups to recruit new volunteers and raise the awareness of Kairos to others. For example, the state of Kansas holds a Kairos Jubilee where current volunteers bring a friend to a day of fellowship that features speakers from the Kairos graduate community, the department of corrections, and local civic leaders. The Mississippi Kairos chapter participates in an exhibit that exposes the ministry to the state legislature. In Texas, Kairos teams from several closely located units gather together for food, fun, and family time, trading stories about what God has been doing at their units. SO, when looking for new volunteers, you are encouraged to step out and broaden your horizons. You never know where that seed will sprout.

Help identify Board of Directors and International Council At-Large Candidates

Kairos Prison Ministry International uses an inter-related system of leadership—largely featuring volunteers just like you. The International Council and its committees help implement and expand effective ministry. The Board of Directors creates policy to ensure fidelity to the vision and mission. And as members of the Kairos family humbly serve Christ, we are ever-trying to identify strong leaders to serve these distinct roles.

Here's what we are asking you to do.

1. Pray.
2. Pray that God grants Kairos wisdom in developing effective leaders and leadership models.
3. Pray that the Holy Spirit illuminates for us those in our midst who fit God's purposes.
4. Pray for the process—that our Lord knits us together in a manner consistent with 1 Corinthians 12.

Then here's another specific call to action:

Board of Directors - Each year there are 5 members of the Board of Directors (BOD) whose term ends. This year the number is six. We try very hard to have at least two candidates for every position we are voting on. In previous years, all six positions would be elected by the IC. However, there is a change of the bylaws that makes one of those positions as appointed by the BOD and ratified by the IC. This applies to one of the positions every year for three years, for a total of three positions. (Every year, a third of the Board is elected.)

The Board would benefit from individuals with specific areas of expertise: finance and accounting, human resources, strategic planning, fund-raising, marketing and social-networking.

Please pray and help us identify candidates.

International Council At-Large Candidates - Above and beyond the Representatives to the International Council that are elected by the States and International Affiliates, the International Council each year also elects some “At Large” members for the purpose of having the ratio of representation in the IC be as close as possible to the ratio of Advisory Councils for KI Men, KI Women, KO and KT. We do not know exactly how many of which type may be needed until December 1st, the date by which the State and International Affiliates do their elections. But in the past two years we have needed KI Men and KI Women candidates. Start praying now, and help us identify those candidates.

What Happens After the Candidates Are Identified? - The Governance Committee of the BOD will vet the candidates. We will often ask the State or International Governing Chair and others for their input. Based on that, the Governance Committee will select the candidates (two per position ideally) to recommend to the IC for election. Nominations from the floor are also accepted—independent of Governance Committee recommendations.

If you would like to submit any names for possible consideration for the BOD or IC, you may do so by sending an email to kpminominations@mykairos.org. Also, those who are running for IC at large or Board positions must fill out the Prospective KPMI Board or IC Member Profile, which can be found at www.MyKairos.org under “KPMI Downloads.” The directions for submission are on the form.

Website Updates - We uploaded a meal ticket for fundraising suitable for Kairos Inside and Torch Communities. There is an updated map of KO communities, we posted the schedule for Winter Conference (registration will be available soon)

Remembering Tamms - Read an account of the Tamms Ad/Seg Weekend that took place in Illinois last February. It is 26 pages long, but it is absolutely an incredible retelling of the preparations for and the actual events of that Weekend. Go to the www.MyKairos.org website, Downloads, the Kairos Inside. Look in the General section.

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