



Kairos E-News #59 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – July 2016

***Not to us, O LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.
Psalm 115:1 NIV***

Happy July 4th and Happy 40 Years to Kairos (Evelyn Lemly, CEO) – Happy July 4th to America—Independence Day, and a time of celebrating the beginning of the United States. Kairos is also celebrating our beginning 40 years ago and the wonderful impact of the ministry to the incarcerated over those many years.

It is exciting to think about the positive impact of 40 years and touching thousands of persons with the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. While the program has changed somewhat, the founding principles remain core to the Kairos ministry. These include the basis of biblical principles, ecumenical approach, clearly defined approach and programs, and focus on demonstrating the love and redemption of Christ. Our founders developed the first program manual for the ministry, and because it worked and provided consistency in the ministry approach, the standards are still working well some 40 years later. It was and still is obvious that God's hand is all over Kairos, and we praise Him for this ministry.

Happy 4th of July, and happy 40th to Kairos.

Annual Conference Workshops Schedule (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – The Friday and Saturday Workshop Schedule is now available on the mykairos.org website; just use this link to access it:

http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/conference_workshop_schedule_2016.pdf We are excited about these workshops and believe they will be beneficial for all of our volunteers. 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) – Our Annual Conference and 40th anniversary celebration are just weeks away! I am looking forward to being with so many of you in Orlando. A tremendous amount of work has been done already by staff and volunteers who are working toward making this a wonderful time of celebration, renewal, and thanksgiving. We will have many opportunities to grow, learn, and share together in meetings, workshops, and general sessions. I also want to encourage the participation of all attendees in our daily worship and devotion times. That is a great way to start the day—and even more beneficial than breakfast (although you have the opportunity for both!).

The Board committees have also been meeting and working in preparation for our meetings as well as for the election of new Board members. One of the responsibilities of the Governance Committee is to nominate new members to the Board each year. We have four elected members completing their terms in office, and we are thankful for the time, passion, and dedication they have brought to the Board and the ministry. Four new members will be elected by the International Council during their meeting from those who have been nominated from across the ministry. We ask for your prayers for each of the nominated individuals and for the International Council representatives who will be electing the new members.

Let us all continue in the 40 days of prayer for the Annual Conference, for Kairos, and for the safe travel of all who will be gathering in Orlando at the end of this month.

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President) – Here we are at the beginning of July--only 25 days until the Annual Conference in Orlando! This is a very exciting time, since we will be celebrating Kairos's 40th anniversary! Wow! Each of us should be humbled that we can be part of the ministry that God showed to the "Nine Old Men" and proud of what they started. We are blessed to have one of the original Nine Old Men and his wife attending the conference.

We also can be thankful that we have been able to help keep the principles of that initial work in place and have helped the ministry expand to 35 states and nine countries. In honor of that initial start, the theme of the Annual Conference this year is our motto, *Listen, Listen, Love, Love*, and each of the committee meetings, workshops, and other presentations will incorporate that theme along with Bible verses that represent it.

The conference provides wonderful opportunities for fellowship and fun, as well as learning new and different things about the ministry and how to apply them to our states and countries. I look forward to seeing many of you in Orlando!

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – The updated Kairos Inside manual has some new features that I want to familiarize you with that will make it more user-friendly.

- This manual has an index. That will make finding your topic of interest much easier to locate.
- The table of contents has also been improved.
- The manual includes color.
- The Roman numeral system of pagination has been replaced with standard paging.
- At the top of each page is a header that describes the subject on that page. If you want to find a Weekend talk, for example, the day of the week (i.e., Saturday) is noted at the top of each page.
- There is a glossary of commonly used Kairos terms.

We've printed up enough manuals for all to have a copy. Now is the time to put away the old manual and get your very own copy of the new one. It works best if you read it and highlight those areas you find important. It's even OK to dog-ear a few page corners. Like a good cookbook, it will show signs of use over time, maybe even a few coffee stains. Nothing makes a Program Coordinator happier than to see a well-utilized program manual!

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – There continues to be growth in Kairos Inside (Women) and Kairos Outside. As you prepare for the fall Weekends, please pray for the following Advisory Councils that are planning to hold #1 Weekends this fall: Kairos Inside (Women) – Arizona (Perryville) – November; Kairos Inside (Women) Colorado (La Vista) – October; and Kairos Outside – Kentucky in November. Please pray that God will send volunteers to serve, that He will provide Guests for the Kairos Outside Weekend, that any issues that may exist with the institutions will be resolved, and that all the Weekends will go forward without any problems.

A gentle reminder: Per page 10 of the Advisory Council Operating Procedures, anyone serving on an Advisory Council cannot hold more than one of the 14 standard voting positions at the same time. The 14 standard voting positions are Advisory Council Chair, Vice Chair, State Chapter Committee Representative, Secretary, KairosDonor Coordinator (Financial Secretary – Model 2 states only), Treasurer, Institutional Liaison (Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch) or Facility Coordinator (Kairos Outside), Outreach/Recruiting Coordinator, Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator, Agape Coordinator, Clergy/Spiritual Director, Continuing Ministry Coordinator, Data Coordinator, and Communications Coordinator.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Restoration of “disposable youth” often begins with Kairos Torch. More dedicated Kairos Torch volunteers are needed, as requests pour in from youth facilities around the country for the Kairos Torch program. Share with your Christian friends this opportunity to pursue a life-changing journey through mentoring youth who may feel discarded by society. Investing in the lives of youth through Torch's Scripture-based, Christ-centered mentoring program restores healthy self-concepts and the ability to make better decisions.

What Excites You about Kairos? Are You Sharing Like this Fellow Kairos Servant?

(Recruitment Committee) – It is exciting to see how God uses Kairos volunteers in unexpected ways in unexpected places to talk about Kairos. Such was the case with Michael, Spiritual Director for a Kairos State Chapter Committee. Michael recently attended the Christian Unity Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, joining pastors from all over the country seeking ways to foster Christian unity among their churches and local communities. Michael seized the opportunity to talk about how ecumenicity is a key component of serving in Kairos. He talked about how Kairos is a living example of serving in Christian unity, and he encouraged all the pastors to find a Kairos near their hometown to serve.

Michael has been a Kairos team member in three different prisons and works hard to recruit clergy for Kairos. His wife is the past chair for the local Walk to Emmaus. Together they are seeking ways to become better partners with the Emmaus Community, and they see God opening doors for them.

Whom is God calling you to talk to?

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming summer or fall 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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