



Kairos E-News #67 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – February 2017

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself.
Luke 10:27***

Kairos Impact (Evelyn Lemly, CEO) – As we are gearing up for our busy spring season of Weekends, please remember the importance of team formation and preparation for the Weekend event itself. Part of the team formation is a focus on prayer and devotions to create an environment of spiritual unity in Christ. The importance of the Continuing Ministry for the Kairos programs and preparing to focus on those aspects are critical to building the community and sharing opportunities for weekly gatherings (Prayer and Share, SWAP, or Mentoring) and reunions. While the Weekends are exciting and we see transformed lives, we know the Continuing Ministry is where the life change occurs and is reinforced. Please remember to focus on the full Kairos program of Weekends + Continuing Ministry.

We also ask for prayers for the new start Advisory Councils across the country and world. They are working to set up the leadership, establish networks and church support, recruit volunteers, raise funds, and establish dates to begin operating. We have numerous groups that will be holding #1 this year again and we praise God for His provisions and the growth we see in Kairos. In addition, we have three potential new states being actively worked on to begin and hopefully to launch soon into operation and then planning first Weekends later this year or in 2018.

2017 Annual Conference (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – The 2017 Kairos Annual Conference will be held July 25–29, 2017 at the Wyndham Peachtree Conferencing Center in Peachtree, GA. Registration can be found on the www.mykairos.org website by using this link: http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/conference_registration_form_2017.pdf More information will be available soon.

Board of Directors Update (Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair) –

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.” –Psalm 127:1

New leadership for many states is now in place and this is a time of transition for many. At our January board meeting, we spoke of the importance of prayer in all matters concerning the ministry and certainly to include specific daily prayer for the transitions in

leadership, building up and encouraging of leaders as they assume new responsibilities and in finding leaders for state chapters and local councils where there may still be some openings. I would request that as a ministry together, we seek after and ask for God's wisdom and guidance to help us in our service to Him and His people. We all want to do the good and right thing in each season of our service to the Lord. Let us continue together in prayer making God our highest priority.

Kairos Board Election (Don Setterlof, Governance Committee of the Board) –

Kairos Prison Ministry is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors. The ministry's International Council is responsible for electing the Board of Directors.

Please review the election information on our website, www.mykairos.org. Under Downloads/Board Election Information, you may view pertinent documents that include:

- Overview of Kairos Ministry
- Board Member Qualifications
- Expectations of a Board Member
- Board Member Responsibilities

As you are considering possible candidates or planning to submit your own name, please recognize the priority that all Board members think strategically and focus on fiduciary and generative governance. We will be accepting names of individuals to be considered for nomination until MARCH 31ST, 2017. The actual election will be held at the Annual Conference in July. To submit a name, please email the name and contact information of the person to the nomination committee at nominations@mykairos.org.

As part of the nomination process, you will be contacted by a member of the nomination committee to discuss information related to the individual you have recommended. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the chairperson of the Governance Committee: Don Setterlof, dgsett@yahoo.com, 317-366-1400.

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President) –

Happy Valentine's Day! This is the month of love, and as such, Jesus pointed out to us that we are to love. Our motto, Listen-Listen-Love-Love says it all. John the Baptist was incarcerated, Paul was incarcerated and Jesus was executed by crucifixion, to name just a few. When the prisoner at Golgotha asked Jesus to remember him when he came into his kingdom, Jesus answered "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." This is the hope that we all have, but more especially for those incarcerated.

We bring the love and light of Christ into very dark places. We also need to remember that many have not felt the love of their families for sometimes weeks, months, or even years! Oh, and don't forget the loved ones of the incarcerated! In some cases, many are not able to visit their loved ones and sometimes can't mention they have a loved

one incarcerated. But we are able to help bridge that gap of loneliness by showing the love of Christ to the incarcerated and their loved ones. Remember, you are that bridge over the gap of loneliness and hopelessness. Our actions will speak louder than words to the incarcerated, their loved ones and the staff of the facilities. So the next time you go into the facilities or have a gathering, remember our motto, "Listen-Listen-Love-Love." It may be the only time our guests will experience it and know someone cares.

Men's Ministry Update –

As you know, Ken Rocks retired at the end of 2016. We are in the process of interviewing with men interested in the position. Please pray for God's leading us to the right person and His calling on their life.

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

The Importance of Registering Your Weekends - As we enter into February, Kairos communities across the country are preparing for their "spring" Weekends. As you are preparing, please don't forget to register your Weekends at www.mykairos.org. Registering your upcoming Weekends lets everyone in the Kairos community know that the Weekends are taking place. It also ensures that you will receive Agape and alerts everyone to pray for teams of volunteers and your Participants or Guests.

Registering a Kairos Weekend is a very simple process. Simply go to www.mykairos.org and on the left side of the page you will find a tab entitled "Register Weekend Info." When you click on the tab, it will take you to a form that you can fill-in online. Once you have filled in the form and it is checked by the home office, your Weekend(s) will be added to the Kairos Kalendar.

In addition to registering your Weekend with Kairos, it is also important that you list your upcoming Weekends on www.3dayol.org. You can find a link to their website at the top of the page when you click on the Kairos Kalendar. The link appears at the top of the page and says - 3-day Weekends – Post your prayer vigils here. 3dayol.org is a website dedicated to promoting 3 day Weekends, such as Kairos. The website allows people to signup to pray and the need for prayer coverage for our Weekends.

Registering your upcoming Kairos Weekends is the responsibility of your Advisory Council Secretary and can be done at any time prior to the Weekend. But, the sooner you register, the more exposure your Weekend will receive.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministry Coordinator) –

Studies of the effects of incarceration indicate that the most visible effects on incarcerated youth are that they develop great abilities to mask their emotions. These youths quickly acquire the ability to disguise their feelings because of the need to appear strong to those around them. If the impression of weakness or vulnerability is given, the possibility of abuse or being taken advantage of is very real. Because these

youths develop the tradition of concealing their emotions, once released, they are often emotionally hardened. (*Children Behind Bars: Youth Who Are Detained, Incarcerated and Executed by Susan Kilbourne.*) Masks are used throughout the Kairos Torch Weekend as an active visual to demonstrate to the youth the effects of camouflaging their true feelings and God given characteristics. Getting hurting youth to admit hiding behind the mask is paramount in moving them towards God's healing truths.

More Recruiting 101 (Dave Hess, Recruitment Committee) – *Just Dip Your Toe In!*

Some potential volunteers have trepidation about committing to much more than a one-time event. Making that leap into a commitment of time and energy that spans a year is much scarier, but scary only because of the unknown. Remember back when you first were asked to commit your time to a longer term ministry? You had questions and they will too. Often, I find getting someone to the first meeting makes them feel like they must already commit to the program even before they find out enough about the program, roles and expectations. Some of the councils have begun having informational meetings throughout the year that allow current Kairos team members to talk with prospects. This kind of non-committal approach gives that prospect a chance to “dip their toe in” and test the waters without the pressure of committing to the program. If they have interest, **that** is the time to get them to sign up and fill out the application.

Is Your Weekend Listed?– If your upcoming winter/spring 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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