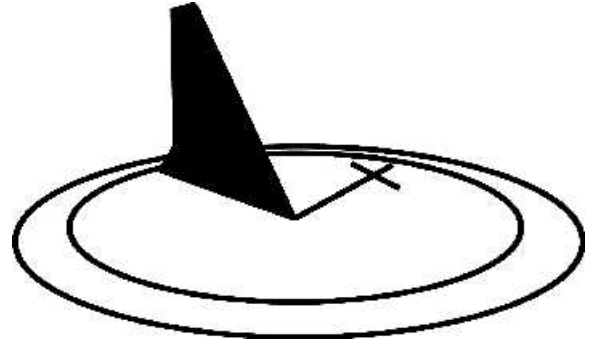


VIRGINIA SYNOD ELCA - "AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST"

Kairos 2010



JUNE 27 (Sunday, 6pm) - JULY 2 (Friday, noon), 2010

Roanoke College, Salem VA

Kairos is our annual week-long faith formation event for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the coming fall. It is a chance for youth who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for an entire week, to have a fresh experience of the grace and presence of God in that community, and to develop habits for discipleship that can be taken home as youth live out their call to be "Ambassadors for Christ." Kairos is different from our weekend events in that congregations do not send advisors with youth; the event staff serves as small group leaders and dorm advisors for the week. "Kairos" is the New Testament Greek word for "special time." It is used whenever God's people want to talk about a time of change, of renewal, of God's special work in the believer and the community.

NOTE: The application process in 2010 is as follows:

- 1) Youth should return these forms to their pastors or youth leaders.*
- 2) Leaders will send applications to the Synod Office by Friday, March 26th.*
- 3) The number of applicants accepted from each congregation will be prorated on the basis of congregation size and number of applicants and congregational leaders will work with the synod youth director to determine who will attend.*
- 4) If a congregation intends to send more than 9 youth, the congregation will also be asked to provide at least one small group leader for the week.*

SPACE AT KAIROS IS LIMITED BY FACILITY SIZE, STAFF AVAILABILITY, AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE EVENT. NOT EVERYONE WHO APPLIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN KAIROS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

In order for your application to be considered complete, all of the information below must be filled out correctly and legibly, all signatures must be present, and you *must* respond thoughtfully to the questions on the back of this application!

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR PASTOR OR YOUTH LEADER IN TIME FOR IT TO BE SENT ON AND ARRIVE IN THE SYNOD OFFICE BY MARCH 26, 2010.

KAIROS 2010 APPLICATION FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

(*Adult staff: please see the separate registration form, available for download at www.vasynod.org).

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Name: _____ Please circle one: MALE FEMALE

What grade will you be in this fall? _____ (This event is for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in fall)

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Email address: _____

Roommate preference (you can indicate this later if you like): _____

Congregation Name : _____ location: _____

Other notes or instructions for the event registrar:

CIRCLE YOUR TSHIRT
SIZE! (All sizes are adult)

XS	S	M
L	XL	XXL

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name of parent/guardian (PRINT!): _____

(Name of youth) _____ has my permission to participate in Kairos, June 27-July 2, 2010, sponsored by the Virginia Synod ELCA, at Roanoke College at Salem VA. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE STATED EXPECTATIONS FOR KAIROS (see opposite page) AND WILL SUPPORT THE EVENT LEADERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE EXPECTATIONS.

In case of an emergency, I can be contacted at: Daytime: () _____

Night: () _____ Cell: () _____

Or contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime: () _____ Night: () _____

Cell: () _____

→ PARENTS - please circle one answer below: "I give permission for my child's picture and email address to be included in the "2008 Kairos Yearbook"

YES NO
(This "Yearbook" is made available *only* to Kairos participants)

In the event I cannot be reached, permission is hereby granted to have the above named participant treated at an appropriate medical facility as deemed necessary.

→ Signature of parent or legal guardian (please also *read* and sign the covenant page) (Date)

Medical Insurance carrier: _____

Policy / Contract number: _____

Allergies / Special Medical or food conditions / medications:

THE KAIROS COVENANT - EXPECTATIONS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS

I am aware that Kairos seeks to create an intentional Christian Community. I want to come to this event and will help build this community by honoring the expectations of this event, which include

- striving to live out the covenant God made with me in baptism
- being open to the Holy Spirit's work in deepening my faith, being open to new friendships with other Christians from around Virginia, and understanding the importance to the Kairos community of my presence and full participation in the event
- treating all members of the Kairos community as children of God, who are worthy of respect
- attending the entire event, from Sunday evening, June 26th to Friday noon, July 2nd, attending and participating in all large group and small group sessions and worship
- committing to bringing my Bible with me whenever we are using it in large and small group
- agreeing to spend daily time in private reading and private writing in a journal
- remaining on the grounds of Roanoke College throughout the event
- conscientiously observing the dorm curfews and lights out times
- conscientiously observing the dorm regulation not allowing coed visitation between dorms or dorm rooms
- not bringing radios, CD / tape / mp3 players, TVs, boom boxes, computers, etc. to the event (if you need a CD player for "open mike" we will provide one for you).
- NOT BRINGING MY CELL PHONE TO THE EVENT EXCEPT BY SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR. (*Failure to adhere to this will be considered a violation of event expectations and will be handled accordingly!*)
- not bringing weapons, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco to the event (other than required medications)
- being aware of and refraining from actions which constitute inappropriate or unwelcome touching of others, sexual harassment, other sexual misconduct, or suggestive or inappropriate language
- respecting the privacy and safety of all participants
- understanding that those who choose not to abide by these expectations may be asked to leave the event for the good of the community that is being created

I am looking forward to KAIROS and I sign this covenant with great hopes for the Christian Community that will be formed there. By my signature, I promise to abide by the expectations of the Kairos community.

→ Participant signature: _____

I am pleased that (*participant name*) _____ is coming to Kairos and I will support the event leaders in administering the Kairos covenant.

→ Parent / Guardian signature: _____

"I have reviewed this applicant's responses to the questions on the back with him/her and will also support the event leaders in administering the Kairos expectations."

→ Pastor's signature: _____
(*or congregation president or youth advisor if you are currently without a pastor*)

RETURN THIS FORM WITH *NO* PAYMENT TO YOUR PASTOR OR CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH LEADER. After March 26, congregational leaders will be notified of how many youth can attend from each congregation and they will work with the Synodical Director for Youth Ministry to determine which applicants can attend, after which participants will receive notification that registration has been confirmed and will be asked to send in the registration fee.

THE COST FOR ATTENDING KAIROS 2010 is \$320.00 per participant. Instructions for payment will be sent along with confirmation of registration. There is no early registration discount.

NOTE: Failure to fill out this entire application accurately and correctly may delay your registration and prevent you from attending! You *must* respond thoughtfully to the questions on the back of this form!

The Basic Daily Schedule for Kairos (Each day is slightly different)

7:20	Matins	1:15	Large Group	8:15	Small Group
7:30	Breakfast	2:00	Small Group	10:00	Large Group and Vespers
9:00	Large Group	3:30	Free Time	10:30	Dorm Time
9:45	Small Group	5:30	Dinner	11:50	Compline
11:50	Noon Prayers	6:45	Large Group	12:00	In Rooms
Noon	Lunch	7:45	Individual reflection time	12:30	Lights Out

FOR ALL YOUTH, AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Do you agree to follow the expectations on the previous page?

What are *your* expectations for Kairos?

How will you help Kairos become a Christ-centered Community?

What kinds of things would you like to suggest that your small group discuss together?

What is one Bible story or passage that you find meaningful, puzzling, or interesting and why?

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT KAIROS OR THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE DELANEY, VIRGINIA SYNOD DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: 540-389-1000; DELANEY@VASYNOD.ORG

Youth should also consider attending "Summer Celebration," also June 26-July 2 at Hungry Mother Lutheran Camp. This is a service event that includes the same community building that we strive for at Kairos. Details and registration forms for Summer Celebration are available at www.carolinefurnace.org.