

Kairos 2010 - Applications Due to the Synod Office by March 26th

Kairos is the Virginia Synod ELCA week-long faith formation event for rising 9th-12th graders, held each year on the campus of Roanoke College. This year's event is June 27 (Sunday 6pm) to July 2 (Friday noon), and applications for both youth participants and small group leaders are available at the synod website - www.vasynod.org - by clicking on the button on the far right of the home page marked "2009-2010 Youth Events." If you have questions about this year's event or the application process, please contact Synod Youth Director Dave Delaney at 540-389-1000 or delaney@vasynod.org.

Instructions:

- Only youth who are members of Virginia Synod ELCA congregations are eligible to attend Kairos.
- For Kairos 2010, we are receiving all applications for Kairos at the same time and then determining how many participants will be able to attend from each congregation.
- The limit for Kairos is 165 participants, and congregations are not required to send adult advisors to this event as is done for the other weekend events; but if a congregation desires to send more than 9 youth, the congregation will also be asked to provide at least one small group leader for the week.
- Youth should return completed applications to their congregational pastor or adult youth leader, who should then forward them on to: **Synodical Youth Director, Virginia Synod ELCA, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153** (or fax# 540-389-5962) so that they arrive no later than Friday, March 26, 2010. ***Do not send payment with the application.*** The number of youth allowed for each congregation will be determined primarily by congregation size and number of applicants. Congregation leaders will be notified of their allotted number by April 19th.*
- Once a congregation's allotted number of participants is determined, congregation leaders can work in partnership with the Synodical Youth Director's office to decide which participants should attend; those decisions can be made locally or, if it is necessary, they can be made in the office of the Synod Youth Director. Please note: the congregation number may consist of a certain number per grade. This is because we are limited at the event mainly by the number of small group spaces we have available in addition to the size of our large group meeting space. The configuration of each group makes it possible to accommodate only a certain number from each grade.
- Once the number of eligible participants from each congregation has been determined, payment can be sent in to the Synod Office.
- Synodical youth should be aware of another event during the same week for the same age group: "Summer Celebration," sponsored by Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and held at Hungry Mother Camp in Marion. See http://carolinefurnace.org/summer_prm/Summer_Celebration.htm

**Note that this is a different procedure from Kairos 2009. Actual applications should be submitted rather than a list of applicants.*