

VIRGINIA SYNOD ELCA - "AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST"

Kairos 2012

JUNE 24 (Sunday, 6pm) - JUNE 29 (Friday, noon), 2012

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 they 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 2012 is as follows:

- 1) Youth should return these forms to their pastors or youth leaders. DO NOT MAIL DIRECTLY TO SYNOD OFFICE! Only printed forms will be available; there is no online registration for Kairos (There is a separate form for adults who would like to serve as event staff).*
- 2) Leaders may send applications to the Synod Office as soon as they receive them, but all forms should be sent by Friday, March 23rd. Applications sent after that date will be placed on a waiting list.*
- 3) Payment can be made at the time of application or later. Participant cost: \$350*
- 4) If a congregation intends to send more than 8 youth, the congregation will also be asked to provide at least one adult as a 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. If the event reaches capacity, applications received in the Synod Office by March 23rd will receive first consideration, after which a waiting list will be created based on the date an application is received.

IMPORTANT!!! →→ 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 23, 2012.

KAIROS 2012 APPLICATION FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

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

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

- 1** Name: _____ **2** Please circle one: MALE FEMALE
- 3** _____ What grade will you be in this fall? (*This event is for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in fall*)
- 4** Full mailing address: _____ Zip: _____
- 6** Home phone: _____
- 7** Email address: _____
- 8** Roommate preference (you can indicate this later if you like): _____
- 9** Congregation Name : _____ location: _____

5	CIRCLE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE! (All sizes are adult)		
	XS	S	M
	L	XL	XXL

Other notes or instructions for the event registrar:

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name of parent/guardian (PRINT!): _____

(*Name of youth*) _____ has my permission to participate in Kairos, June 24-29, 2012, 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: () _____

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.

→ PARENTS: Kairos participants' names, pictures and email addresses are included in the annual Kairos yearbook that is given to each participant. If you do *not* want your child's photo to be included, you must contact event director Dave Delaney via email (Delaney@vasynod.org) or phone - 540-389-1000)

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

Medical Insurance carrier: _____

Policy / Contract number: _____

Participant's Date of Birth (mo/day/yr): _____

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 24th to Friday noon, June 29th, 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 or mp3 player for "open mike" we will provide one for you).
- NOT USING MY CELL PHONE DURING EVENT ACTIVITIES (Large Group, Small Group, Worship, etc.) 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!*) CAMERAS ARE DEFINITELY ALLOWED ! WE LOVE PHOTOS !
- 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 TO YOUR PASTOR OR CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH LEADER. After March 23rd, congregational leaders will be notified whether the event has reached capacity or not. If it has, additional applicants can be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if a space opens up for them.
THE COST FOR ATTENDING KAIROS 2012 is \$350.00 per participant. Payment may be sent in with registration or later. 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 Monday through Thursday (Each day is slightly different)

(Kairos begins on Sunday evening with 6:00pm check-in and 7:30pm large group and ends on Friday at noon.)

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? *(You must read and sign that 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

Once all signatures are obtained, this form may be mailed by itself or with others from the congregation to: KAIROS, Virginia Synod ELCA, PO Box 70, Salem Va. 24153