

VIRGINIA SYNOD ELCA - "AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST"



JUNE 23 (Sunday, 6pm) - 28 (Friday, noon), 2019
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 baptismal call to be followers of Jesus. 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 2019 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). You may, however, submit payment online.*
- 2) Leaders may send applications to the Synod Office as soon as they receive them, but all forms should be sent by Friday, April 12th. 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: \$380*
- 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 April 12th 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 APRIL 12, 2019

KAIROS 2019 APPLICATION FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

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

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

1 Name: _____ **2** Circle: M F Gender non-conforming

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

4 Full mailing address: _____
_____ Zip: _____

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

6 Home phone: _____

7 Email address: _____

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

9 Congregation Name : _____ location: _____

10 How will you submit the registration fee (enclosed check, online payment, check from congregation, etc.)?

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 23-28, 2019, 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.

→ Signature of parent or legal guardian _____ (Date) _____

(please also *read* and sign the covenant page) Event Participant's Date of Birth (mo/day/yr): _____

Medical Insurance carrier: _____

Policy / Contract number: _____

Participant's Allergies / Special Medical or food conditions / medications:

→ PARENTS:
Kairos participants' names, pictures and email addresses are included in the annual Kairos yearbook that is given to each participant. Photos of youth in small groups and crowds (but not identified by name) may also appear in the photo feed on our synod website. 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

THE KAIROS COVENANT - EXPECTATIONS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS

I am aware that Kairos is envisioned as 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 23rd to Friday noon, June 28th, attending and participating in all large group and small group sessions and worship.
- committing to bring my Bible with me whenever we are using it in large and small group.
- committing 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 electronic media devices to the event (if you music for "open mike" we will provide it for you).
- OBSERVING THE CELL PHONE POLICY, which includes NO-CELL-PHONE-MONDAY, and otherwise keeping one's phone off during the day's activities (Large Group, Small Group, Worship, etc.) EXCEPT BY SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR.
- 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, and maintaining relationship boundaries that are appropriate to a community-building event such as Kairos, plus **maintaining modest and appropriate dress throughout the week** and following the instructions of adult leaders in this regard.
- being aware of and refraining from insulting, discriminatory, or demeaning language and actions.
- 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 FOR HIS/HER SIGNATURE. After April 12th 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 2019 is \$380.00 per participant.** After **all three signatures** above have been obtained, leaders or participants should mail this form to:
KAIROS, Virginia Synod ELCA, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153
Payment should be sent in with registration or made online at the time of registration unless the event director is notified that another arrangement is needed. There is no early registration discount.
Online payment may be made by following the link under the Youth Ministry tab at www.vasynod.org

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.)

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

FOR ALL YOUTH, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (Relax - it's not a test or a competition - we just want to get your ideas and give you a chance to get excited about faith conversation even before Kairos starts so you'll be super-ready once you get there!)

Participant Name: _____

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