

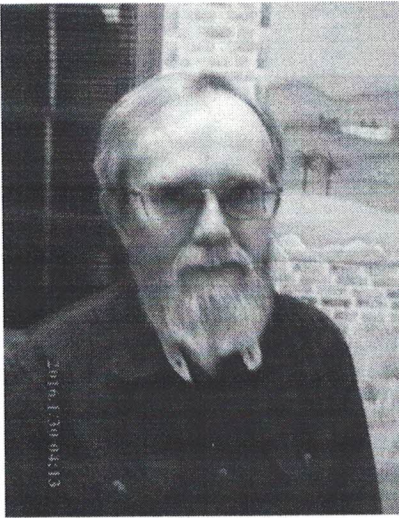


## Kairos of New Hampshire Newsletter

*Changing Hearts  
Transforming Lives  
Impacting the World*

### God's Special Time

#### *A Message from the Chair of Kairos of NH*



If you're anything like me, you're getting tired of everywhere you turn finding notices about COVID-19. But it is the "elephant in the room" and we can't avoid it. You may know that the prisons in our state have been closed to visitors and volunteers since March 16<sup>th</sup>. Following that, Kairos Prison Ministry International, (KPMI) has suspended all face-to-face meetings of Kairos volunteers. So since March we have been in a sort of holding pattern. We are using this time to pray, communicate, and prepare. We pray every day at 8am, noon, and 8pm. We communicate electronically, continuing to hold our meetings over the phone and internet. We prepare for the reopening of the prisons.

The weekends in the spring were of course postponed, and it's not clear that we will be able to return for the fall. Whenever the next weekends occur, we will be ready, willing and able to move forward.

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we were working on re-establishing Kairos at the North Country Facility, in Berlin. That effort is bearing fruit and we have been invited back there. Now we are preparing for NCF Berlin, starting with continuing ministry, because there are a significant number of Kairos Graduates there. So the news hasn't all bad.

With these restrictions in place, Kairos Outside has also been in a regrouping and prepare for the future mode.

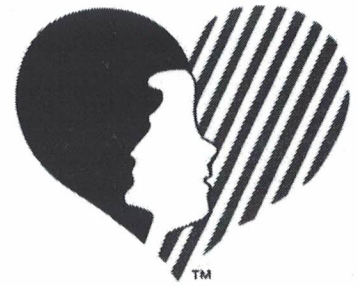
With over 30,000 volunteers and only about a dozen paid staff, we are a very slim organization, but there are still expenses that can't be avoided. Kairos of New Hampshire has only a few expenses that continue without weekends, but KPMI has many. We couldn't continue Kairos of New Hampshire without them. They're suffering from a significant drop in donations. Most donations are given to support a specific weekend. If you can't be a volunteer, you might want to consider a donation. A portion of the donations we receive are sent to KPMI, so helping us also helps them, and that helps the incarcerated world wide. KPMI was rated a Top-Rated Nonprofit in 2019.

Thank you. Stay safe.

God bless,

Mike Schroeder

Kairos of New Hampshire, State Chair



#### 2020 State Chapter Committee

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KI Men's Rep: Doug Larter

KI Women's Rep: Nancy Forrester

KO Rep: Tony Coriarty

FCI Berlin Rep: Curt Reynolds/  
Dan Fellhoelter

Web Master: Adam Heard

#### Up Coming Weekends

**NONE Scheduled**





## Advisory Council—NH Women's Concord

Christine Hemeon Chair



When we begin our ministry on a Kairos weekend, we begin by telling the residents about the difference in “Kronos” time and “Kairos” time. Kairos time does not wait for a day on the calendar; it is God’s time. During these past few months, we have all leaned into Kairos time. The Women’s AC has continued to stay in touch and meet over the phone. We have used this time to review the Silver Manual and Your Journey to Freedom discussion guide. We are working on filling open positions on the council. Inside, the women’s facility has a new pastor, Caroline Brown. She has reached out to many of the volunteers to introduce herself. Pastor Brown is a 19-year volunteer at the women’s facility. The residents have seen her around and know her. This is a great blessing to them to have a pastor and one many already have a relationship with. It is our understanding that the ladies inside have made masks to donate. We all look forward to the day we can resume our volunteering inside. In the meantime, we pray.

O Lord, we are at the limits of our power to help.

For what we have left undone, forgive us.

For what you have helped us to do, we thank you.

For what must be done by others, lend your strength.

Now shelter us in your peace which passes our understanding.

Amen



May 12, 2020

It is with great happiness that I am again reporting on Kairos of New Hampshire at the State Facility. It has been 7 years since Kairos has been there. The last of our meetings were Prayer and Share each Saturday with the help of volunteers from all over the State.

However, due to a lack of an Advisory Committee, we had to suspend Kairos at NCF.

That did open us up to go into the Federal Facility and an attempt was made to form a Kairos Community in that facility. An Advisory Committee was formed but a Kairos Community never came to fruition because of many factors beyond our control. There were 5 weekends held, but it was decided to stop providing Kairos at this Federal facility.

As I was explaining this turn of events to a friend in Bible Study one week, he told me to remember what Jesus told Simon when they could not find fish on one side of the boat. HE said put the net in the water on the right side. That is what we did when the State Facility asked us to come back last year. We 'threw the net on the other side', regrouped into an Ad Council for the State NCF, and we are on our way.

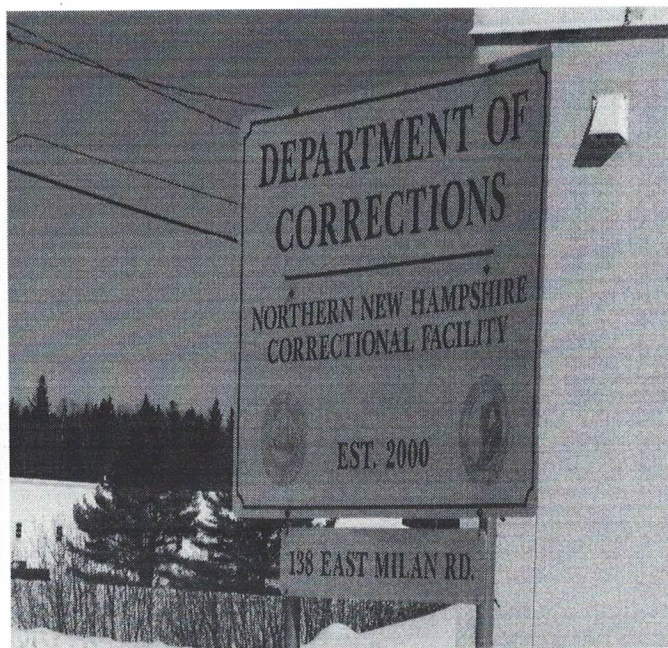
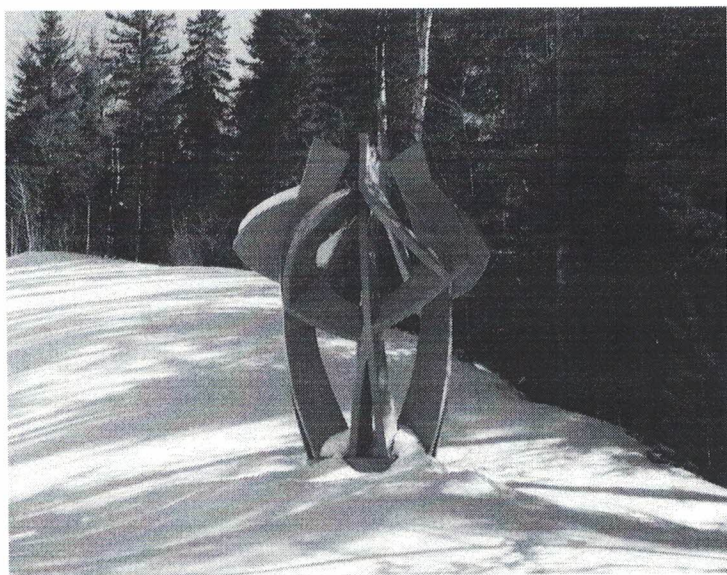
To date we have met with the Chaplain and the Major in charge of security, and an MOU was agreed upon. We were given the OK to start up the Prayer and Share along with a Reunion, but then the COVID-19 quarantine hit all of us. We wanted to start sending letters into the facility as per recommendations from KPML, but have not heard from the facility for permission to do so. So, we are in limbo, as is much of everyone else involved in Kairos.

Our Ad Council is strong and we are putting together a team for this fall, if circumstances permit. At any rate, we will be going in for Prayer and Share as the facility and KPML allows us to do so. Our Ad Council is also actively seeking help from volunteers to serve in this area.

We have an opportunity in our State to form two Kairos communities, one in each facility that will feed each other. The residents being transferred between the two facilities will always have a Christian Community to hold them up as they find their path with their God while being incarcerated.

God Bless from the Kairos Ad Council of Northern Correctional Facility, Berlin, NH

Curtis Reynolds





**Kairos Outside of New Hampshire** is strong and committed. We have several Council positions that are vacant and we ask you, our community, to search your hearts, pray, and respond if God is calling you to help us in this, His very worthy and essential program.

The KO of NH Advisory Council has been meeting via the telephone and we have made some major changes. Kairos Outside has a NEW ADDRESS AND NEW EMAIL ADDRESS.

The official address for KO of New Hampshire is:

**Kairos Outside of New Hampshire**

**P O Box 374**

**Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0374**

The Bedford PO address will continue until Oct 2020 and then forwarded until April 2021, at that time will be returned to sender with the new address information.

The official email address for Kairos Outside of New Hampshire (which will be handled by the Advisory Council) is:

**[nhkairosoutside@gmail.com](mailto:nhkairosoutside@gmail.com)**

If you have old KO Pamphlets or Guest Forms please change the information or send a request for new labels to the [gmail](mailto:nhkairosoutside@gmail.com), or return/destroy them and request a new supply.

We are also planning our 29th KO Weekend for November 13-15, 2020. Jill Reynolds will be the Weekend Leader and the official email address for Weekend #29 is:

**[nhkairosoutside@yahoo.com](mailto:nhkairosoutside@yahoo.com)**

Jill will be handling the email address at yahoo.com and we will all be working closely together during this time. In the future, each Weekend Leader will set their email address to communicate with their team.

We have connected with all 10 county jails and have distributed KO of NH pamphlets and Guest Forms to each facility. Pamphlets are also available in the Concord Prison visitors area.

We are currently working on a clergy dinner to invite clergy to enjoy a wonderful meal and learn more about all of the Kairos Programs.

If you know anyone that is interested in being a guest, a team member or attending the Advisory Council meeting, please encourage them to join us.

We pray that everyone remains healthy and safe during this trying time.

1Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

Susan Andrews KO Ad Council Chair

# Chaplains Corner

To God's Holy people in the Kairos Community outside, grace and peace to you from the Kairos Community in NHSP Concord,

Missing the spring Kairos this year was a disappointment for everyone. (Especially, the Mud pies!) In fact, one of the most spoken sentiments with regard to our Chapel being closed is how much Kairos has been missed, both the retreat and our weekly meetings. However, we know that our God is Sovereign and in total control. God did not wake up one morning and ask, "Who put this virus on my earth?" God knows exactly what was going to happen and what IS happening daily.

What some see as a tragedy others see as a blessing. And why shouldn't we? *Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him..."* Emphasis on "WE KNOW." We quote it enough but how often do we live by it? How often do we embrace the adversity we face with a downcast heart rather than one filled with faith and Love knowing that God is behind it all working in OUR favor.

Rest assured knowing that we inside are enjoying the fruit of the Spirit more than ever before. We have been enjoying freedoms and luxuries that you guys haven't been able to. From being able to get our hair cut, and gather in fellowship. Where you are unable to attend services we are holding them every week. Sometimes twice a week! Bible studies and Prayer and Share groups have formed throughout the prison. We are also witnessing the desire for one on one discipleship.

That is not to say there weren't any fears or doubts but when they arose our Kairos Brothers went into action. Fear arose only because of an askewed perspective; "What will we do without our Chapel and volunteers?" The response... "What have we been doing in the Chapel this whole time? We've been training for this very moment." It is amazing to see God at work every day.

However, we are not doing this alone. Your words of encouragement, via the Deacon, have had a great impact in promoting our fellowship, and our unity. You and the work you do are greatly missed but it is encouraging to know we are in your thoughts and prayers. For this reason we pray the prayer of Paul to the Church at Ephesus for you:

*"...since we know about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, we have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers. We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And we pray that you, being rooted and established in Love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the Love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" Ephesians 1:15, 16 & 3:16-20 (Modified!)*

Your Brothers in Christ



## **Kairos Men's Concord Advisory Council Members**

*Rick Purdy, Chair*                      *Doug Larter, State Chapter Representative/Communications Coord*  
*Michael Alaimo, Secretary*    *Kevin Sluder, Donor Coordinator/Financial Secretary*  
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*Walter Mailhot, Outreach/Recruiting Coord*              *Barry D'Andrea, Agape*  
*Lloyd Wiley, Clergy/Spiritual Director*              *Scott Fitzpatrick, Data Coordinator*  
*John Spaulding-Support Team Coordinator*    *Rick Nadeau, Supply Coordinator*

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Dan Fellhoelter, Secretary  
Eric Jensen, Treasurer  
Michael Schmitt, Donor Coordinator/Financial Secretary  
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Institutional Liaison: Becky Neal  
Spiritual director: Sheila Cronin  
State Representative: Nancy Forrester  
Data Coordinator: Sandy Hauser

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Karen Stage, Donor Coordinator/Financial Secretary  
John Bowman, Treasurer              France Sullivan, Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator  
Claire Ketteler, Data Coordinator              Liz Hennig, Communications Coordinator  
Open Positions-Facility Coordinator, Agape, Clergy/Spiritual Director, Continuing Ministry

There is no report from Concord Men's Advisory Council. However, volunteers have been able to send general agape letters via the chaplain. Below is a response from one of the residents.

I would like to start by saying thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers and uplifting words you, our Christian volunteers, have so graciously taken the time to give us here at NHSP. The faith in our Lord and savior is forever strong and steadfast in these trying times. The genuine, heartfelt concern and love you have for us does not go unnoticed, is much appreciated, and sorely needed. To be able to read your thoughtful words on the tablet is such a blessing. Again, thank you ever so much.

Let us pray:

Heavenly father, we pray to you to keep our loved ones, family, friends, the rich, the poor, the healthy, the sick, the fortunate, and the less fortunate among others with you in need of spiritual uplifting and guidance. We thank you Lord for your forgiveness and the continuous strength that you give us to go forth. We pray and thank you Lord that our faith in you will continue to fortify and grow with every day that passes. We ask of you Lord, to be carried by your hands into everlasting life into your kingdom. We believe in your name Jesus Christ.

Amen.

On a more universal note, 4thpurpose.org is sponsoring visitation 2.0 a digital series providing hope to those incarcerated. The second installment has been published. <https://4thpurpose.org/visitation2/series/>

Kairos is a partner and Evelyn Lemly sent the following-

You - as a Kairos volunteer, as a person with a loved one incarcerated, and/or as a former inmate can participate in sharing a message of encouragement. If you desire to do a 20 second video use this link <https://4thpurpose.org/visitation2/share-your-message/> and go to share a video. If you do so, you should say your first name, Kairos volunteer, the prison/youth facility (optional) and short message of encouragement. If you have a loved one in an institution the instructions are on the website of the guidelines and mention Kairos Outside if you want. They can't use all but they are wanting to use hundreds of short support videos throughout the series.