



## Kairos of New Hampshire Newsletter

### God's Special Time

NH Kairos Newsletter



2nd Quarter 2022

## THRIVE



### Psalm 1:3

*They are like a tree, planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.*

“More than just survive... THRIVE!” is the theme of the KPMI’s (Kairos Prison Ministry International) Annual Convention this year. We see the branches of the tree, like our ministry reaching out. What we do not see are the roots, they represent our Christian faith that roots each of us firmly in the Love of Jesus Christ and His Word.

Thank you to long-time Kairos volunteer, Susan Rock for the beautiful artwork. Susan has been a part of the Kairos Women’s Inside for about a year prior to the first weekend being held in New Hampshire. What does Kairos mean to you? “Kairos is important because it works at the grass roots of our society, helping women find self-worth through the Gospel message. It has been my privilege to pray and, in some part, to touch the lives at the NH State Prison for Women.” She goes on to say, “I am happy to share my watercolor painting for the newsletter. It is my gift from God. I participate but He is my wings of grace for each brush stroke.” Susan ended by saying, that she is so proud of the men and women serving steadfastly for the NH Kairos Inside and Outside; “keep carrying the touch of love.” Blessings & Prayers, Susan Rock

### 2022 State Chapter Committee

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### Upcoming State Events

August 4-6—Soulfest, Gilford, NH Visit Us in the Ministry Tent. Contact Walter Mailhot mailhot55@aol.com

August 20—Free Carwash at Immaculate Heart of Mary church, Loudon Rd, Concord, NH Donations accepted. Contact Susan Andrews

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Visit or Volunteer!

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## Kairos State Council

*"I urge you, brothers, in the name our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose."*

1 Corinthians 1:10

We may disagree on many things but the one thing the Kairos Community agrees on is that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. His love, forgiveness and healing are the gospel messages we spread both inside and outside the walls.

Covid has provided some unique challenges to our ministry. However, ministry is not only holding weekends. Ministry is prayer events, State Chapter meetings, Prayer and Share, Advisory Council meetings, training events and keeping in touch with Kairos Volunteers and Donors. This newsletter is ministry. We have begun with Prayer and Share in Concord and Berlin, Zoom gatherings and Tea for Kairos Outside and look forward to weekends in 2022. We continue to train and gather with the help of KPML in Florida. In July Kairos of NH representatives will join volunteers from all over the US, and the world, in Texas for the Annual Convention to share ideas and experiences to make our re-entry more impactful than ever. With God's help Kairos will grow and flourish in New Hampshire. We owe that to the men and women inside and their family members on the outside.

Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to share about Kairos. ***We need clergy, music leaders, weekend leaders, advisory council and state chapter members.*** The more help we have the more enjoyable it will be for all involved. We cannot do this alone. If you have any questions about the ministry, do not hesitate to reach out. We can arrange a presentation at your church or have someone speak to you personally about involvement.

Most importantly, please pray for the Kairos Ministry, inmates, Department of Corrections staff, and family members. God will lead us through these unique times to a better tomorrow.

Peace be with you,

Greg Cadrette, NH State Chair

### Our Mission:

The Mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

### Our Vision:

A Community  
Spiritually Freed  
From the Effects of Imprisonment  
Reaching all Impacted by Incarceration,  
Through the Love, Hope, and Faith  
Found in Jesus Christ

## State Prison for Men, NH, Advisory Council

Greetings!

May 2022 was filled with many blessings from the Lord! As we began Spring, many of us remained hopeful that life would continue to be normal. The Kairos Concord Men New Hampshire returned for the first time since 2019 for those “behind the walls.” We thank you for keeping us and the men inside in prayer for our Kairos weekend which was May 12 through 15th .

Since Covid had suspended our ministry inside, Kairos Men Concord AC, have continued to assemble monthly via Zoom and only within the past few months, in person. During that time, we have implemented other creative ways to remain in contact with the men inside the walls. From writing and signing Agape and sending to Chaplain Jim to post for the men, along with Christmas/ holiday videos, from us, as well as KPML, we have remained connected. Most recently, a few more men have been ok'd for weekend prayer & share time, which have been sporadic but allowed when possible. We have remained in monthly communication with Chaplain Jim who keeps us informed about prison and state regulations.

You may have heard our Kairos radio campaign on WDER radio. This campaign was put together with the intent of raising the awareness of Kairos' ministry as well as looking for new support either financially or by volunteers looking to become involved.

The Concord Chaplain mentioned that the Kairos weekend graduates had been meeting rain or shine behind the walls encouraging and praying for one another. When Kairos goes inside to share the love of Christ it makes a long-lasting difference in the men inside.

Kairos Concord AC is looking toward YOU to help keep re- energize our ministry as we begin to plan for our next weekend this Fall. PLEASE consider joining our Fall team or our Council by either calling Doug Larter 978-828-8376 or email at [douglarter@gmail.com](mailto:douglarter@gmail.com).

Pray on these considerations and hear how you can answer God's call to action!

As we have all experienced His Blessings personally, what we need is for you to examine your heart, your talents, your available time & love of the Lord to help us strengthen our ministry.

Blessings,

Your Brothers in Christ:

Doug Larter, Rick Purdy, Jacob Lee-McPhee, Rick Foulke, James Drake, John Spaulding, Rick Nadeau, Barry D'Andrea and Mike Alaimo

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Kairos # 67 at the Concord Men's Prison was held May 12-15, 2022 after a very long pause of two years due to Covid. Many of the residents who had signed up for the weekend in 2020 were still inside eagerly waiting for our return! Some of the residents who signed up originally that didn't make the weekend have been released to the outside. We had 22 men complete the weekend. The Holy Spirit was definitely present in the Chapel, filling the men with Christ's love and acceptance. There was great singing and colorful posters! We even had one resident, who self-proclaimed as a pagan, attended with the intent to shoot down Christianity. At the closing, this resident exclaimed their love for Jesus! We had 21 of 22 Residents speak at the Open Mike as well as return for the Instructional Reunion!!

We had a small but experienced team of 22 volunteers. We also had the help of many of the Kairos veterans inside assisting with the weekend. Chaplain Daly was excited to have us bring the unconditional Love of Christ to the residents. There is now an Assistant Chaplain, Bill, who had not witnessed a Kairos weekend. He was excited to hear the message that was brought and to see the results. Our 4<sup>th</sup> day speaker, John S. gave a very inspirational message to the residents. John also lead the kitchen crew at the Sarto Center!

It is great to get back into the swing of bringing Christ to the men inside. We look forward to seeing God's Hands working to bring together a new team for Kairos # 68 in the fall of 2022. If you have interest in joining the team or helping out please reach out to me at [rickfoulke@gmail.com](mailto:rickfoulke@gmail.com).

Blessings,

Rick Foulke





## State Prison for Women, NH, Advisory Council



I always buy my garden plants started but this year, I tried something different. Back in February I carefully planted my seeds in the little containers with hopes of making salads, zucchini bread and canning. We hopefully planted them in the ground and we are so amazed that they are so big now and beginning to flower and produce. But one has not, the asparagus. I was unaware that it takes 2 years

before you see anything from the asparagus. Two years is a long time to sit and wait patiently before I see a little green coming up. I know though that under the ground, the seeds and soil and sun and rain are doing what needs to be done so they will grow.

Our ministry has been a lot like that since Covid-19. There have been times when we felt less than patient. But God...he knew in this time, in this season, we needed to do what needed to be done. We filled most of the spots on our AC Council. We are going in for Prayer and Shares with the residents. We met diligently and came up with a plan for future leadership. We sought out old and new volunteers. We were able to get to know our new Chaplain in the women's prison. Things were happening to help grow a strong ministry. And we are really hoping to see the fruit this year or at least the peaking out of it. Our Liaison is working with the Chaplain to schedule a date for a weekend! We are anxious and pray that it will be this year but God knows the season and we will wait patiently, all the while doing what needs to be done.

In Him,

Christine Hemeon  
Advisory Council Chairperson  
NH State Prison For Women



Dear Kairos sisters,

On Saturday I attended a women's brunch at church. I had planned to briefly share with the small group about Kairos, what Kairos is, my experience with Kairos inside and how the hope of Kairos is to go into the prison SOONER rather than later.

I had a brochure Christine had sent me that I printed out to hand out.

I was early for the event. I sat at a table by myself as other women came into the building. A woman came to me and asked if she could sit with me and of course I welcomed her. I had never seen this woman before. We began to talk about a variety of things. She was the wife of a pastor from a local church and shared the struggles the church was having with decreasing attendance. I told her of a church I used to attend in Plaistow NH and she shared that a few years ago she had met with one of the pastors from the church, along with a woman named Trucinda to share info about a prison ministry. Yes, our Trucinda. (*previous volunteer*)

I asked her what prison ministry and she said Kairos outside and that she was hitting wall after wall trying to find ways to get the information out about Kairos. In amazement I showed her my information I was going to share and showed her my big gray Kairos manual. She filled with tears and began trembling. She said she had been praying for a way to share Kairos outside with others but had not been able to do so.

We spoke with the leader of women's ministry who was thrilled to have us go up together and share about Kairos. It went sooooo well. Her name is Karen Stage. God took down the walls Karen had been hitting trying to get out information re: Kairos outside.

God knew the seating arrangement and knew where to sit Karen and I — right beside each other. Christine she knows you and Dave. She said she went into Goffstown Prison for the first NH Kairos.

We shared from the heart and some of the women listening were crying. Karen told the women that out of all of them (there was prob 30) at least two of them had someone they loved who had been incarcerated and what a difference Kairos outside would have made in their lives. After the brunch was over (and Karen had to leave early) two women came to me. One woman has a sister who had been incarcerated years ago for 12 years. The other woman has a grandson who had been incarcerated.

How good is GOD !!!

I had 4 women come to me and tell me they are interested in serving in Kairos. One runs a daycare and wants to make placemats and links for the prayer chain. The sister of the woman incarcerated (her sister has been out for 10 years) wants to get involved but is not sure yet at what capacity. And two women are interested in being on a team in the future.

This is a testimony of how much God loves Kairos and that in God's time we will be back in the prison for Kairos NH #10. It's amazing to both Karen and I that God sat us together. Two women who never met until that morning, both with a passion for prison ministry, both with a passion for Kairos.

We both agreed that while Kairos inside and Kairos outside reach different populations we are one ministry. She is hoping Kairos inside advisory council will attend one of their Zoom teas one day soon. She will make sure we are aware of it. And this is something we had talked about I think at the last AC meeting.

God bless you all. God bless Kairos.

*Received by Women's KI State Chair in an e-mail from Diane Cestrone, Women's Kairos Inside Volunteer Coordinator*

## Kairos Outside Advisory Council



### **HELP WANTED – NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Kairos Outside of New Hampshire is having a weekend! This will be Kairos Outside #29. The leader is Jill Reynolds, she can be reached at [nhkairosoutside@yahoo.com](mailto:nhkairosoutside@yahoo.com)

We need many hands to do many jobs. We have positions for men to help in the kitchen, in prayer, or on the Advisory Council. Couples to be day angels (running errands, etc.) or help with transportation to and from the Weekend.

We need volunteers for the Team. We need to connect with any women 20 and older who have been impacted by incarceration. If they were inside and did not have a chance to experience a Kairos Inside weekend, they are more than welcome to have a weekend through Kairos Outside. If you know any woman that has been impacted by a friend or relative that is or has been in prison, please give them this once in a lifetime experience.

The Weekend will be held November 11-13, 2022 at the Sarto Center in Hooksett, NH. If you are interested in volunteering, attending or know someone who may want to attend the weekend, please reach out to us.

Thank you,

Susan Andrews

NH Kairos Outside Advisory Council Chair

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## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

In Kairos, we are an Ecumenical organization that believes:

- ◆ The Bible is God's authoritative and inspired word for our faith and our lives.
- ◆ In the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ◆ In the deity, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Friendship with God is a free gift, for God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- ◆ The love of Jesus Christ motivates His followers to provide food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes for the naked and visits to the sick and those in prison.
- ◆ In sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with all incarcerated individuals, their families and to those who work with them inside and outside the correctional institution.

### Interested In Volunteering?

Please prayerfully consider volunteering with Kairos. Please contact any of the following people who would be more than happy to connect you with one of the ministries.

State: Greg Cadrette—[kairosnhsc@gmail.com](mailto:kairosnhsc@gmail.com)

Kairos Men's Inside Concord: Doug Larter—[douglarter@gmail.com](mailto:douglarter@gmail.com)

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Kairos Women's Inside: Christine Hemeon—[gr8outlook3@gmail.com](mailto:gr8outlook3@gmail.com)

Kairos Women's Inside: Kelly Petravicz—[kpetravicz@gmail.com](mailto:kpetravicz@gmail.com)

Kairos Outside: Susan Andrews—[nhkairosoutside@gmail.com](mailto:nhkairosoutside@gmail.com)

Kairos Outside holds a Ladies Tea once a month on Zoom the second Saturday of the month,

4-5PM. Request a Zoom link at

[nhkairosoutside@gmail.com](mailto:nhkairosoutside@gmail.com) Please join them!





## Chaplain

Everyone, believers and non-believers alike, are familiar with the Golden Rule: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*. In other words, treat others as you would expect to be treated. We can all agree that it's very reasonable and practical, and it makes good sense. Even Jesus seems to endorse it! Jesus is never one simply for minimums or convenient half-measures. Jesus always calls us to a higher standard or way of thinking – one that's not just in keeping with human expectations, reason and demands, but one that aligns with God's ways.

In St. John's gospel, Jesus gives us a new commandment, one that will take commitment, perseverance and self-giving on our part even when it might not seem practical or even sensible. We are told that we are to love as Jesus loves.

Note that Jesus calls it a commandment, not an option but a mandate for every Christian: As I have loved, so you also should love one another. Measure for measure, our behavior in all aspects of our life must strive to be Christ-like, not merely reasonable or convenient but modeled on Christ. Now that is quite a demand!

So how can we describe this Christ-like love? One key word that the ancient Greeks used was *agape* – selfless, unconditional and self-giving love. We have only to look upon the cross to see that love poured out for each one of us in the outstretched arms of the crucified Christ. Throughout the Gospels, we see this love exemplified in Jesus' words and actions in the way Jesus encounters sinners, heals and liberates the sick, faithfully preaches the word and is faithful to the Father in all things.

Based simply on reason, it might seem like the life and mission of Jesus ended in failure and death. But God's ways are so different from ours; Christ's love is so much richer and fuller than mere human love. And it's this love that we're called to imitate in all its fullness, its faithfulness and, even at times, its impracticality.

Jesus sets a new command for his disciples. But he also gives us the means to fulfill it; through his example, and in the sending of the Holy Spirit to help us. We're not set up for failure, for the very credibility of the Christian message depends on our witness and how we live out this commandment of love.

Today, as we ponder his command, we might ask ourselves whether love is at the heart of our lives. And keeping in mind that we can do all things with God's help, let's commit to love of God and love of neighbor. To serving others lovingly, speaking lovingly and forgiving abundantly. For a Christ-like love is the hallmark of the true Christian.

*Office of the Chaplains  
N. H. State Prison for Men  
Deacon Jim Daly*

