

GUIDELINES FOR KAIROS VOLUNTEERS ENTERING CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

1. The resident *needs to know you can be trusted to care for him /her* and that you will not fall for games he/she will try to play with you.
2. *Follow precisely the instructions of the Chaplain.* Your visit is an extension of the Chaplain's services.
3. *Obey the rules of the institution* - if in doubt about an action, defer it until you can get clarification from an institutional staff member.

General Relationships

- Do not smuggle anything into, or out of, the institution.
- No volunteer may be on the visitors list of any resident within the institution.
- No metal (including notebook spirals) or glass objects may be brought in.
- Do not give or accept anything from a resident.
- Do not purchase anything from a resident.
- Do not pass messages from a resident to others outside or vice versa.
- Do not mail letters or packages for a resident.
- Religious materials of any kind must come in through the Chaplain.
- Avoid any financial involvement. Do not give residents money.
- Do not get involved with an resident's family.
- Avoid prying into a resident's life of crime.
- Avoid joining a resident in criticizing authorities, police, court, institutions, etc.
- Do not defend a resident's crime or failures.
- Avoid involvement in a resident's legal matters.
- Treat residents, officers and staff with respect and love.
- Encourage healthy attitudes and behavior.
- Be honest in your relationship with residents, while guarding your own privacy.
- Avoid any appearance of romantic interest in residents. Never be alone in the same room.
- Evidence of serious misconduct should be reported to a staff member.

Spiritual Relationships

- Recognize your limitations, acknowledging that with God's help you can make a difference.
- Evaluate your motivations. Be sincere in reaching out to residents. Glorify God.
- Listen and care.
- Appreciate officers and other staff members' responsibilities.
- Present God's love, understanding, forgiveness and acceptance.
- Present God's holiness and your capacity to relate to God.
- Present need for discipleship and how it disciplines your daily conduct.
- Encourage relating to others in constructive ways and commitment to God's control.
- Avoid suggesting a cheap form of grace:
 - As though it doesn't matter how one conducts himself or herself since God forgives.
 - As though spiritual vitality were indicated by emotional display.
 - As though exercise of a particular gift were the ultimate in religious experience.
- Avoid putting down the theological concepts or practices of others.
- Say everything in the love of Christ.
- Seek answers in the Bible when offering guidance.

THE CANON OF THE KAIROS TEAM

Being a member of a Kairos Team makes me one part of a complete being.

I am an earthen vessel, and am here to serve as Jesus served.

I will serve in humility and gratitude for the opportunity to be here, and remember the Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, and kindness, gentleness and self-control in all things.

Submitting to the Holy Spirit during this weekend, I will pray for strength and commitment to be God's person during these days.

Remembering that I am here as an instrument through which God can work to renew His Church, I know that I am here by God's grace so that He might work His mighty acts through me..not because of me.

I will lift up the members of the team and Candidates in prayer and ask our Lord to strengthen them and reveal Himself to them in new and wondrous ways!

I ask God to help me see myself realistically as to my role, not glorifying myself to another member of the team, nor allow another to glorify me! God is to be glorified.

I will use "I" as little as possible, and will remember that others are the main reason for my presence and my prayers.

In all things, I will accept and be obedient to the authority and discipline under which I serve! My authority and responsibility is obedience to God and responsiveness to the Holy Spirit.

Whatever passions and excitement seize me, I will express through joyful praise to the Father, my Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

I will give God all the glory for anything and everything that occurs on this weekend.

I will raise my voice in praise of Him and bow my head in reverence and submission to Him!

I am a servant, letting God use me in this role, that His power might work better than I might choose or imagine.

Although an imperfect earthen vessel, I am blessed to be here as a servant!

I am a member of this Kairos team. In all things during this weekend I shall pray, "Not I, but Christ."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEAM MEMBER

WHY AM I HERE, LORD?

I am here to praise God and to do God's holy work here on earth.

I am here to imitate Jesus Christ and to be a window to Candidates at this Walk.

I am here to pray and make sacrifices for the entire team and Candidates.

I am here to help establish a Christian community by bringing Jesus Christ to these three days and by accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I am here to know the intent of the talks and to help the speaker accomplish it by guiding an directing discussion at the tables.

I am here to display Christian discipleship--love of my fellow human beings, acceptance of other persons as individuals by leadership (not domination), and showing my concern for others.

I am here to demonstrate true leadership--not for glory--seeking, but in loving concern; to be a guide, not a counselor; to be a good listener, and to be tolerant.

I am here so that when this weekend is over, the Candidates will be able to say of the team members, "I came looking for Christ and found Christ at my table."

I am here to ask humbly that God's will be done--not mine.

I am here, Christ, to submit my heart and soul to you so that your Love will bloom and grow.

In all things ask--"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"