

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith of Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is the NICENE CREED:

"We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

THE PURPOSE OF KAIROS

Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry to and for prison inmates, their families (Kairos Outside), and juvenile offenders (Torch Program).

Our Lord Jesus has commanded Christians to "...go and make disciples of all nations.....teaching them to obey everything I have commanded..." (Matt. 28:19-20).

The principal purpose of Kairos is to carry out that command in one particular environment, the prison, and to share with residents, juvenile offenders and their families, the unconditional love of God in Christ, as presented in the Gospels.

Team members are largely drawn from the Emmaus, Cursillo and like renewal movements within the main stream Christian churches.

It is with the utmost importance that the team presents itself to the participants in a unified and cohesive way. A guide in this is the Kairos manual and all team members must endeavour to stay within its ethos and follow its guidelines.

All team members should agree:

- (1) To affirm the Nicene Creed as our common Statement of Faith.
- (2) To commit to the interdenominational ethos of Kairos, and especially not to proselytise one's own denominational or theological positions.