

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos encourages believers from a variety of Christian traditions to be volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry. Kairos programs offer to prison residents, their families, and those who work with them the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith and servant hood in Christian community. We stand on the common ground of the following elements of faith:

### **We in Kairos believe:**

- 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.

## **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 endeavor to stay within its ethos and follow its guidelines.

All team members should agree: (1) To affirm the Statement of Faith. (2) To commit to the interdenominational ethos of Kairos, and especially not to proselytise one's own denominational or theological positions.