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Partnership in Ministry: Kairos Prison Ministry International and The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus sign Memorandum of Understanding

Walk to Emmaus, an international program ministry of The Upper Room, and Kairos Prison Ministry International announce the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two ministries in order to celebrate the partnership between the organizations, invite local Emmaus and Kairos communities to collaborate and form new partnerships, and encourage Emmaus and Kairos communities to engage in conversations that will advance the purpose of sharing God's love with all.

Both Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry International have been working together for many years. Many who have participated in a weekend Walk to Emmaus and are currently serving in Emmaus are active in Kairos Prison Ministry teams—groups that offer Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals and to their families. As a vital Fourth Day Movement, Kairos Prison Ministry International volunteers host weekend and follow-up ministry events inside prisons, minister to youth offenders, and work with female loved ones of incarcerated men, women, and youth.

The Memorandum of Understanding states that Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry International acknowledge that the two organizations journey together as covenant people in community, seeking spiritual growth and transformation under the guidance of Jesus Christ. The Emmaus and Kairos ministries seek to learn together and to strengthen each other so that more and more people will receive the grace and love of God.

“We rejoice together as God changes and transforms lives through our program ministries and partnerships,” said Evelyn Lemly, CEO/Executive Director of Kairos.

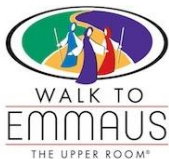
“It is our hope,” said Stephane Brooks, Director of Emmaus ministries, “that in the context of this newly signed memorandum both ministries will invite their community leaders to contact their respective offices to discuss local needs and the application of the renewed partnership between Emmaus and Kairos ministries.”

For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry International, visit: www.kpmi.org or call 407.629.4948.

For more information about Walk to Emmaus and other Emmaus ministries, visit: emmaus.upperroom.org or call 877-899-2780.



Kairos Prison Ministry International is “Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World” by taking the love, grace, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to incarcerated adults, youth, and their families. From simple beginnings as a short course in Christianity inside a Florida prison in 1976, Kairos has grown into an international ministry serving more than 480 communities in 10 countries. More than 30,000 volunteers give over three million hours of service each year.



The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities. The first Walk to Emmaus, then known as The Upper Room Cursillo, was held in Nashville, Tennessee in 1978. Today, the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis (for youth) are 620 communities strong and growing. It is estimated that since its inception, 1.5 million persons have participated in a Walk to Emmaus throughout the world. Walk to Emmaus empowers leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ.