



Frequently Asked Questions about KAIROS “Communities”.

To form a KAIROS community, do we need representation from all KAIROS member churches and religious organizations?

- ➡ KAIROS local communities will place a priority on involving people from all of the KAIROS member churches and agencies. However, due to geographic distribution of churches, all members may not have people in your surrounding area. In addition, local interests and existing involvements may not correspond with KAIROS priorities at this time. Make the invitation to all and then move forward in faith with who you have, remaining open to others joining you at a later date. Once you have formed a local KAIROS community be sure to contact your regional representative or the national office with the name of your group, the name and address of your contact person, your areas of focus or priority (if any), as well as the numbers of participants in the group (with names and denominations, as appropriate). Each new group will receive this network handbook and the current year’s education and action resources.

Can only Christians join a KAIROS community?

- ➡ KAIROS is a national ecumenical or inter-church organization as distinct from an inter-faith organization. These are our roots and our identity. From this grounding, we work together with people who share our values and commitments to justice—people of different denominations, people of different faiths, and people of conscience. If people beyond those of the Christian faith want to contribute to the work of justice as part of a KAIROS community, their participation should be welcomed and celebrated.

What support can we expect to receive from KAIROS’ member churches, the national office and regional representatives?

- ➡ KAIROS churches and religious organizations are committed to promoting the work of KAIROS to their members. This includes participation in KAIROS communities, campaigns and other network activities, distribution of KAIROS resources to their members, and denominational statements supporting and promoting KAIROS and its work. The KAIROS national office provides resources for local action, funding for regional networking, and opportunities for engagement and participation in national programs (including their planning). KAIROS has approximately 25 trained staff who can assist networks with research and policy advice on key issues.

KAIROS regional reps offer opportunities for communication and coordination throughout the region (e.g., newsletter or website), network building support, and a channel for national input.