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### Two new bills assert that Human Rights and Accountability are Non-negotiable

A people and planet first approach to business is long overdue. KAIROS welcomes the tabling of two corporate accountability bills in the House of Commons that seek to address deficiencies in the way Canada responds to corporate misconduct of Canada-based companies operating abroad.

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### Pope's apology is an important first step that needs follow up, by Ed Bianchi

Reaction to the Pope's apology for the conduct of Catholic Church members who ran the residential schools in Canada has been mixed but many see it as important first step for healing and reconciliation that must be followed up with an apology on Turtle Island and directly to survivors, their families, and communities.

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## This Easter, be the Spirit of Change!

Donate \$20 a month to celebrate KAIROS@20 today!

It's the most effective way to support KAIROS' work for justice, month after month, year after year.

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### Indigenous Women’s March in defense of land and natural resources in Brazil

The Brazilian government is seeking to open large areas to both domestic and foreign investment for the purposes of large-scale resource extraction. Indigenous people have responded by demonstrating their disapproval of the government’s intentions through virtual and in-person collective actions.

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### The urgency to defend water from corporate abuse, by Gabriela Jiménez

Water is critical for life. Why then are Canadian extractive companies allowed to threaten it and those who defend it? Canada’s weak corporate accountability laws are threatening communities for protecting the water that sustains them.

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### Take Action!

KAIROS actions to build a better world, such as e-petitions, letters to elected officials, and advocacy events are housed on the KAIROS Advocacy page.

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The first quarter of 2022 has been eventful. Here are a few highlights for the KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) Program.

vKBEs requests continue to roll in daily and bookings already stretch into February 2023. Please make sure you register now for your summer, fall, and winter sessions. We are currently booking from July 2022 onward.

In-person KBEs have begun in many regions thanks to the lifting of pandemic restrictions, and there are many sessions scheduled across the country.

We wish to thank everyone for their continued support of the KBE program.

## Upcoming

### PEI Solidarity with Migrant Workers

Take faithful action and learn how to support migrant workers in your area!

Wednesday, April 27  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ADT

To register visit:  
[www.kairoscanada.org/events](http://www.kairoscanada.org/events)

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Wednesday, April 27 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ADT

Join an inter-faith discussion about migrant worker solidarity in PEI. Take faithful action and learn how to support migrant workers in your area. This event is offered in partnership with the Cooper Institute.

[Register Now](#)

## Featured Partners



## No One Is Illegal – Halifax/Kjipuktuk

No One Is Illegal – A partner of KAIROS' Empowering Temporary Foreign Workers during COVID-19 project, Halifax/Kjipuktuk is a grassroots movement building power and solidarity for migrant justice on Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, unsundered territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Recently, No One Is Illegal – Halifax/Kjipuktuk, KAIROS, and other organizations, including the Philippine Consul General in Halifax, provided emergency support to eight Filipino migrant workers who bravely spoke out about workplace conditions at a lobster plant in Nova Scotia. Their complaints against the employer include no days off (except for Christmas Eve), lack of appropriate care and concern when workers contracted COVID-19, being required to complete tasks/duties outside the scope of their contracts, and more.

[Visit their website](#)



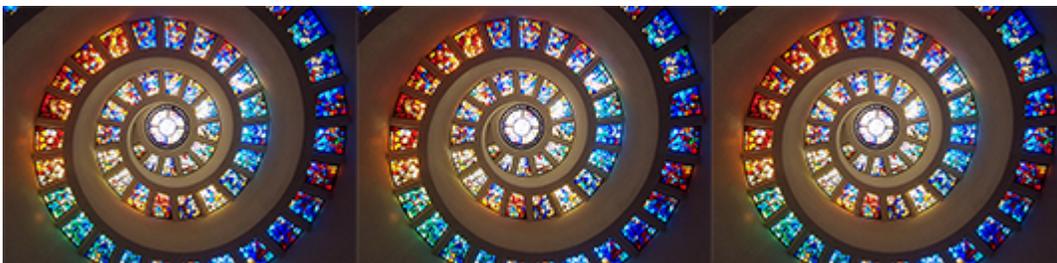
## WoMin

WoMin, a KAIROS partner, strives for an Africa where all women have secure access to resources for life and livelihood and can exercise full control over their bodies and development choices.

WoMin recently launched a Right to Say No information package. Communities, and women specifically, are denied the right to give or withhold consent for large-scale extractives projects. Across the continent, women and their communities resist imposed ideas of “development” and organise powerfully to claim their Right to Say NO.

WoMin also released two critical papers in early March, part of International Women's Month and Wangari Maathai Day: Extractives and Violence Against Women, and Guns, Power, Politics in Extractives Industries: Building Women's Collective Power through Trauma Support.

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## Anniversary Reflections

[What is the glue that has kept this ecumenical initiative together?](#), by Stephen Allen

[Taking our courage in hand and overcoming fear](#), by Jane Sagar

[A moment for renewed commitment](#), by Joe Gunn

[Spinning and weaving together: A journey of siblinghood and solidarity](#), by Ivonne Yanez

**Call for Submissions: Aim to Inspire**

As a key part of KAIROS' commitment to faithful action for ecological justice and human rights, we are seeking new Spirited Reflections to help inspire our constituents and others. [Read more.](#)

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