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Countdown to World Congress of Families X in Tbilisi (May 15-18, 2016) – What You Need to Know

- WCF X will take place in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia – May 15-18, 2016.
- The opening session will be held in the city's Philharmonic Concert Hall. The main hall has a capacity of 2,200.
- The Georgian Demographic Society is the host of WCF X. The chairman and executive director are Levan Vasadze and Tinatin Khorbaladze respectively.
- Georgia's revered religious leader – His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church – has blessed and will participate in the Congress.
- The Republic of Georgia is the most democratic and pro-Western of the former Soviet Republics. At the same time, its traditional family-based culture is besieged by sexual radicals in the West, including the EU, U.S. State Department under the current administration and leftist NGOs supported by George Soros.
- Tbilisi 2016 will work toward developing a pro-family agenda for all of Europe.



WCF X – Topics and Speakers

Among the crucial topics to be discussed at World Congress of Families X are:

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- The Family as the natural and fundamental group unit of society
- The obligation of society and the state to support and defend the natural family
- Marriage as the foundation of civilization
- The dangers of marriage deconstruction in the name of equality
- The role of religion in supporting the family
- Parental rights, including the right to homeschool
- Declining fertility (Demographic Winter)
- Abortion, euthanasia, surrogacy and other life issues
- Gender theory and sexuality education and how they undermine the family and parental authority
- Anti-family indoctrination in education, media and the courts
- The Sexual Revolution and Cultural Marxism



- 6. Brian Brown – President, National Organization for Marriage
- 7. Christine de Marcellus de Vollmer – Latin American Alliance for the Family (*Venezuela*) and the Pontifical Council on the Family
- 8. Don Feder – WCF Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Conferences
- 9. Doug Clark – Interim President, World Congress of Families
- 10. Dr. Everett Piper – President, Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- 11. Errol Naidoo – Family Policy

- Institute (*South Africa*)
- 12. Fr. Shenan Boquet – President, Human Life International
- 13. Francisco Tatad – former Majority Leader, Philippine Senate
- 14. Irina Shamolina – homeschool advisor to the Russian Orthodox Church
- 15. Janice Shaw Crouse – Executive Director, World Congress of Families IX
- 16. Katharina Rothweiler – Red Familia (*Mexico*)
- 17. Larry Jacobs – World Congress of Families
- 18. Levan Vasadze – Chairman, World Congress of Families X
- 19. Luca Volonte – Novae Terra Foundation (*Europe*)
- 20. Alexey Komov – WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS
- 21. Kevin Andrews – former Australian Minister of Defense
- 22. Gabriele Kuby – author, “The Global Sexual Revolution: Destruction in the Name of Freedom”
- 23. Rebekah ali-Gouveia – WCF Representative in the Caribbean (*Trinidad*)
- 24. Silvio Della Valle – In Defense of Christian Values (*Italy*)
- 25. Stanford D. Swim – Chairman, WCF IX
- 26. Theresa Okafor – Foundation for African Cultural Heritage (*Nigeria*), WCF African Representative
- 27. Tinatin Khorbaladze – Georgian Demographic Society (*Republic of Georgia*)
- 28. Lech and Ewa Kowalewski – Human Life International Europe (*Poland*)

Speakers tentatively confirmed include:

- 1. Toni Brandi – Pro-Vita (*Italy*)
- 2. Patrick Fagan – Family Research Council
- 3. Dr. Allan Carlson – WCF founder and prominent historian of the family
- 4. Ann Kioko – Culture of Life Africa (*Kenya*)
- 5. Babette Francis – Endeavour Forum (*Australia*)



Tbilisi Philharmonic Concert Hall

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29. Dr. Suja Koshy – SVT College (*India*)
30. James Mueller – Ethics and Public Policy Center
31. Justin Murff—Christian Broadcasting Network
32. Rev. Gregory C.V. Johnson – National Association of Evangelicals
33. Doug Napier– Alliance Defending Freedom International
34. Father Josiah Trenham – Secretariat, Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in the U.S.
35. Paul Diamond – Christian Concern (United Kingdom)

[Click here](#) for the World Congress of Families X electronic-flyer

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Tbilisi Philharmonic Concert Hall

Endeavour Forum NGO Event at 2016 Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

As an NGO with special consultative status with the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations, Endeavour Forum Inc. of Australia – a World Congress of Families Partner – will host another NGO Parallel Event during the 60th session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

The NGO Parallel Event will be held on March 23rd at 8:30 am on the 10th floor of the Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY. The Event is called "Asian Women's Health and Reproductive Rights," and will include a screening of part one of the new, cutting-edge documentary "HUSH," which takes an objective look at the health effects of abortion on women.

"HUSH" is the result of an unusual collaboration between "pro-choice" award-winning independent documentary director Punam Kumar Gill, and pro-life Producer Joses Martin whose conversations about the health effects of abortion led to this project.

Gill and Martin determined to find out the truth for the sake of women's health. This extraordinary documentary includes interviews with an abortionist, former abortion patients and many experts examining the mountain of evidence linking induced abortion to breast cancer and cervical damage resulting in subsequent pre-mature births, and how abortion impacts the health of post-abortive women.

Chair of the NGO event is Eve Sanchez Silver (International Coalition of Color for Life). Speakers include Dr. Angela Lanfranchi (a breast surgeon and President of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute) and Professor Joel Brind (researcher and professor of human biology and endocrinology at Baruch College, City University of New York). Denise Mountenay (founder and president of Canada Silent No More) will discuss how abortion damages a women's mental and reproductive health, as a former abortion patient.

[Click here](#) to view a trailer for "HUSH."



Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 2-5 – Conservative Political Action Conference, Washington, DC
cpac.conservative.org/

March 9-12 – Global Home Education Conference 2016, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
<http://www.ghec2016.org/>

March 12 – One of Us European Forum And Awards, Paris
<https://www.facebook.com/events/>

March 23—Endeavour Forum NGO event during the CSW meeting in New York City
babette@endeavourforum.org.au

March 29-31 – Heartbeat International 45th Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
www.heartbeatinternational.org/trainings/conference

April 8-9 – Third WCF Caribbean Conference in Barbados, for more information [click here](#)

May 8, 2016 – 2016 March for Life, Rome,
<http://www.marciaperlavita.it/en/>

May 12, 2016 – Canadian March for Life, Ottawa
www.campaignlifecoalition.com/

May 15-18, 2016 – Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia WCF X, [click here](#) for more information

June 14-15 – World Congress of Families Regional Conference in Salta, Argentina
federiconazar@live.com

September 29 – Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Summit, Houston
<https://www.eventbrite.com>

September 2016 – World Congress of Families Regional Conference in Belgrade nogo.srdjan@gmail.com

December 12 – (tentative) World Congress of Families Regional Conference, Cape Town, South Africa
enaidoo@familypolicyinstitute.com

WCF Regional Conference in Barbados

Preparation is well underway for World Congress of Families Regional Conferences in Barbados (April 8-9) and Argentina (June 14-15).

Our third Caribbean Conference will take place at the Accra Beach Hotel in Christ Church, Barbados.



Speakers and topics include:

“The Importance of Worldview in Engaging the Public Square” (Prof. William Wagner, Salt and Light Global), “The Family in Contemporary Society: Its Spiritual and Moral Challenges” (Gale Oxley, Archdiocese of Port of Spain, Trinidad), “History of Curriculum Changes for Sex Education” (Phil Lees, Public Education Advocates for Christian Equity), “Parental Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Children” (Theresa Okafor – WCF Representative in Africa), “Home Education & the Rights of Families” (Tracy Klicka, Home School Legal Defense Association), “Demography and the Sexual Revolution” (Don Feder, WCF Coalitions Director), “Demographic Trends in the Caribbean” (Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard), “Targeted for Abortion” (Arnold Culbreath, Breath of Life Ministries), “Marriage as a Public Good: Why We Should Defend Marriage as Between One Man and One Woman” (Brian Brown, National Organization for Marriage), “Motherhood: The Heart of the Matter, Building the Nation from the Cradle” (Rebekah Ali-Gouveia, WCF Representative in the Caribbean), “Attachments and Sexual Behavior” (Denise Koylass, Elpis Centre, Trinidad), “Pornography: The Silent Family Killer” (Dr. Nanci Coppola, Program Reach, Inc.), “Protecting Our Children” (Margaret Burgess, Global Competitive Strategies, Ltd.), “The Caribbean Experience with Sex Trafficking” (Adrian Alexander, Caribbean Umbrella Organization for Restorative Behavior), “Population Issues And Coerced Abortion” (Steven Mosher, Population Research Institute), “Fatherhood” (Dr. Michael Combs, National Association For the Family Jamaica), “How to Engage the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Issue in Truth and Compassion” (Glenn Stanton, Focus on the Family). There will also be a series of workshops on Day 2 of the conference.

Organizers of the Barbados regional conference are **Veronica Evelyn, Ph.D.** (Proteqt Inc, Barbados) and **Rebekah Ali-Gouveia**, who ran successful WCF regional conferences in Trinidad in 2012 and 2013.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Accra Beach Hotel, Barbados

The First WCF Regional Conference in Argentina, June 14-15

Our first regional conference in Argentina – “Health, Education and Development: Ethical Leadership – The Plague of the 21st century: Declining Fertility” – will be held in Salta, Argentina, on June 14-15. The venue has not been announced.



Christine Vollmer



Prof. Fred Nazar

The conference will focus on: *“The danger of promoting so-called ‘safe-sex’ notions through sex education and the media” – “The expansion of ‘contraception’ which in fact is an abortifacient”—“The crisis of the natural family: socio-economic forces arrayed against fecundity”, and “Infertility due to contraceptives, abortion, contaminated vaccines and other contaminants.”*

Confirmed speakers include **Christine Vollmer** (Latin American Alliance for the Family, Alive to the World and Pontifical Council for the Family), **Don Feder** (World Congress of Families Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Conferences), **Sen. Lilana Negre de Alonso** (member of the Argentine Senate), **Aurelio Garcia Elorrio** (state legislator, Argentina, expert in bioethics), **Ing. Juan Francisco Velez** (Colombia and Mexico – co-founder of ProtegeTuCorazon.org, educational program for love, character formation and leadership, which seeks to overcome the shortcomings of sex education) and **Brian Brown** (president, National Organization for Marriage). The conference is being organized by **Dr. Federico Nazar**, who has taught ethics at the college-level for over a decade.

Expect more details in the next WCF News

[Click here](#) for more information.



Movieguide's Analysis of Family Friendly Films and 2016 Faith & Values Awards

For the 24th year, the Annual Report to the Entertainment Industry by Movieguide®: The Family Guide to Movies and Entertainment shows clearly that moviegoers prefer clean, heroic, family-friendly movies with Christian, biblical, redemptive, conservative, and patriotic faith and values themes.

"2015 was a big year for family movies and movies with faith and values," said Dr. Ted Baehr, founder and publisher of Movieguide®.

For example, 80% to 90% of the Top 10 Movies in the United States and overseas in 2015 contained strong or very strong Christian, redemptive, biblical, moral content, and/or conservative values or worldviews, including such movies as "Furious 7," "The Martian," "Cinderella," "Jurassic World," "Inside Out," "The Hunger Games," "Mockingjay – Part 2," "Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation," "The Avengers: Age of Ultron" and even "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" which had some strong moral content attacking National Socialism despite its New Age, mystical philosophy about the Force.

Moreover, 90% of the Top 10 Home Video Sales in 2015 (thru Dec. 20, 2015) had strong or very strong Christian, redemptive, biblical, moral content, and/or conservative values or worldviews, which also included such positive movies from 2014 and 2015 such as "Big Hero 6," "Home," "American Sniper," "The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies," and "The Hunger Games: The Mockingjay – Part 1."

Also, family-friendly movies with absolutely no foul language, sex, nudity, or substance abuse earned more money than movies containing such content.

Dr. Baehr presented highlights from the 2016 Report to the Entertainment Industry at the 24th Annual Faith & Values Awards Gala on February 22 at the Universal Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles.

Each year, Movieguide® analyzes 275 or more major theatrical releases based on the criteria enumerated above.

In 2015, movies with very strong Christian, redemptive worldviews following biblical principles and values averaged \$50.88 million at the domestic box office, but movies with very strong non-Christian worldviews averaged only \$16.09 million.

Dr. Baehr noted that, according to recent information, there are about 242 million Christians, including children of Christian parents, in America, and 2.419 billion Christians globally.

Among the winners of Movieguide's Awards for The Best Movies Released in 2015 were:

The 10 Best Movies for Families:



1. Home
2. The Peanuts Movie
3. Cinderella
4. The Good Dinosaur
5. Inside Out
6. MAX
7. Shaun The Sheep
8. War Room
9. Paddington
10. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

The 10 Best Movies for Mature Audiences:



1. The 33
2. Joy
3. Mission Impossible – Rogue Nation
4. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2
5. McFarland, USA
6. The Martian
7. Captives
8. Avengers: Age of Ultron
9. Jurassic World
10. Ant Man

Here are the Movieguide Awards for 2015 (presented in 2016)

\$50,000 Kairos Prizes for Spiritually Uplifting Screenplays by First-Time and Beginning Screenwriters: Kairos Grand Prize (\$25,000) went to Wayne Sable and Christopher Lovick of Los Angeles, Calif. for "Heaven's Messenger," 1st Runner Up (\$15,000) went to Harry Keinman of Biloxi, Miss. for "Wind and Prayer," 2nd. Runner Up (\$10,000) went to Birgit Myaard of Alice Springs, Australia *continued on page 7*



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for "The Hand of A Woman." \$50,000 Chronos Prize for Inspiring Screenplays by Established Artists: Katherine Craddock of Chantilly, Va. won the Third Annual Chronos Prize for Inspiring Screenplays by Established Artists for her script "American Exodus." Bradley Foundation Faith & Families Award for Movies – "Joy." Other Nominees: "Cinderella," "The Good Dinosaur," "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2," "Max," "McFarland USA," and "Woman in Gold." "Grace Award for Most Inspiring Movie Performance By An Actress" – Karen Abercrombie for "War Room." Other Nominees: Kate Mara for "Captive" and Juliet Stevenson for "The Letters." Grace Award for Most Inspiring Movie Performance By An Actor – Ted McGinley for "Do You Believe?" Other Nominees: Antonio Banderas for "The 33," Sean Astin for "Woodlawn," and Jon Voight for "Woodlawn." Grace Award for Most Inspiring TV Performance by an Actress – Alyvia Alyn Lind for "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors." Other Nominees: Jennifer Nettles for "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors." Grace Award for Most Inspiring TV Performance By An Actor – Juan Pablo Di Pace for "A.D.: The Bible Continues", Other Nominees: Emmet J. Scanlon for "A.D.: The Bible Continues," Joe Dixon for A.D.:

"The Bible Continues", Gordon Clapp for "Chicago Fire: Forgiving, Relentless, Unconditional," Vincent Kartheiser for "Saints & Strangers," and Gerald McRaney for "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors." Special Award for Lifetime Achievement – Ken Wales, producer of "The Party," "The Tamarind Seed," "Revenge of the Pink Panther," "Christy," "Amazing Grace," and "Captive."



Dolly Parton

The ceremony was also broadcast on Reelz TV on February 22nd. For more information on MovieGuide's 2016 Awards and Report to the Entertainment Industry, [click here](#)

Two Million March for Family in Rome

On January 30, more than two million crowded the Circus Maximus in Rome to celebrate the natural family and protest civil unions and so-called same-sex adoption. They came from all over Italy – young and old – many had children in strollers or baby carriages. They rallied under the slogan "Family Day: In Defense of the Family and Children."

While the rally had the cooperation of the Catholic Church, it was organized by lay groups, among them The Standing Sentries, Catholic Alliance, Neocatechumenal Movement, Communion and Liberation, Science and Life, Renewal in the Spirit, La Manifpour Tous Italia, the Movement for Life, Grandparents 2.0 and the Family Forum.

Massimo Gandolfini, a spokesman for the rally, said the focus was on the importance of mothers and fathers for healthy families and a healthy society. "The family cannot be the last and most neglected institution because it is the family that holds our society together."

Leaders of the center-right and some of the center-left parties were present. They included one of the Senate Leaders, Renato Schifani, many representatives of the Northern League and Brothers of Italy and Roberto Maroni, president of the Lombardy Region.

LifeSite News noted: "The protestors expressed their concern that such a measure (*civil unions and same-sex adoption*) would enable homosexuals to contract with egg donors and surrogates to 'synthesize' children who will never know their mothers and who lack any right to a natural family."

Gandolfini declared, "The uterus is not a furnace in which a manufactured product is made." Simone Pillon, another organizer, told the rally: "We want the whole law to be withdrawn, no ifs and no buts... We can not let children pay for the desires or caprices of adults. Children need to have a father and a mother." The bill was introduced in the Italian Senate on January 28.

For more information, [click here](#) for the website of "We Defend of our Children" (*in Italian*)



Romanians Collect 1.7 million Signatures on Petition for Marriage Amendment

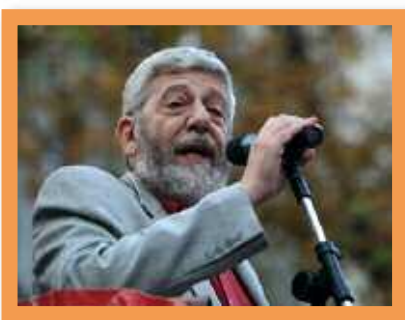
A citizens' initiative for an amendment to the Romanian Constitution defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman has collected over 1.7 million signatures in just six weeks, far more than the 500,000 needed to initiate the amendment process.

After meeting the signature requirement, the proposed amendment will be submitted to the Chamber of Deputies and Senate, where it needs a two-thirds vote of both bodies. Finally, the initiative must pass by a majority vote in a popular referendum. Despite the popular support reflected in the signatures collected to date, proponents fear that an international coalition of sexual radicals will pressure Romanian politicians to keep the measure off the ballot, as they have done successfully with other countries in Eastern Europe.

The initiative is sponsored by Coalitia pentru Familie. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Familie**



WCF Coalitions Director Keynotes Annual Assembly for Life in Boston

World Congress of Families Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Conferences, Don Feder, was one of three keynote speakers at the 43rd Annual Interfaith Assembly for Life on January 24 in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall. The other keynote speakers were Rev. Eugene Rivers of the Azusa Christian Community and Bishop Arthur Kennedy of the Archdiocese of Boston. There were also remarks by Rev. Toni Kim of the Park Street Church in Boston. This year's

Assembly focused on doctor-assisted suicide.

Feder spoke on the intersection of assisted suicide and falling fertility (AKA, demographic winter). He noted that in the year 2000, those 65-years-of-age and older represented 12.7% of total U.S. population. By 2050, they'll be 20.3%. In the same period, those 85 and older will go from 1.6% to 4.8% of total population. "What are we going to do with all of these old people?" Feder asked. "With a burgeoning elderly population and shrinking workforce, the consequences for social spending are scary."

"For Medicare, the worker/beneficiary ratio went from 4-to-1 in 2000 to 3.3-to-1 in 2011. By 2030, it will be 2.3-to-1. When Medicare was signed into law 51 years ago, no one imagined that the day would come when slightly more than 2 workers would have to pay for every recipient."

"Enter doctor assisted suicide. The right to die will become a duty to die. The elderly will be told: 'You don't have long to live.' 'You don't have to suffer.' 'Why be a burden on your family.' Speaking to a group of bishops and priests in Cuba last September, Pope Francis declared: 'Children aren't loved. They're killed before they're born. The elderly are thrown away because they don't produce.'"

It was the third time Feder has addressed the Assembly. He was also the keynote speaker at the 2009 National Walk for Life Rose dinner. For his address to the 2016 Assembly for Life, go to www.grasstopsusa.com/df012516.html



This continues our regular feature celebrating the women and men who have contributed to the growing success of the international pro-family movement.

Veronica C. Evelyn, Ph.D

If history shapes our future, then it's no wonder that Veronica Evelyn is pro-life, pro-family and Caribbean-focussed. Call her an Antiguan-Barbadian-Dominican. The seventh of eight children born to an Antiguan father and Dominican mother, Veronica has been married to a Barbadian for 35 years and has 3 adult children. She was a Caribbean delegate at the 2015 World Congress of Families IX in Salt Lake City and a participant in the WCF 1st Caribbean Conference, 2012.



Without hesitation, she agreed to co-ordinate the WCF 3rd Caribbean Conference in Barbados, April 8-9, 2016.

Veronica is a sociologist who holds graduate and post-graduate degrees in Humanities and Social Sciences. This interdisciplinary background provides her with an in-depth understanding of human behaviour and the dynamic interplay between the individual and society. Her training and work experience includes sociology, sociolinguistics, social work, addiction studies and emotional intelligence.

No doubt, such training contributed to her success in bringing together marketplace leaders and leaders of some of the largest denominations in Barbados to chart a national Christian response to sexual rights issues. It may also account for the fact that the Concerned Christian Coalition for a Healthy Society was established as a result of her networking with Christian leaders in Antigua to bring a Christian voice to public affairs.

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Ann Mutave Kioko

Ann Mutave Kioko is the current Program Manager of Culture of Life Africa an NGO founded in 2013 by Miss Obianuju Ekeocha to protect and defend life and the family institutions in Africa.



Before joining Culture of Life Africa, Ann served as the Program Manager of Kenya Christian Professionals Forum and a volunteer with Human Life International Kenya.

Ann graduated from the University of Nairobi in 2011 with an honors degree in Communication and Sociology. She was then hired as a Business Development Executive by K-Rep Bank. She left that position to pursue her passion in pro-life and pro-family work.

In 2012, she enrolled for a Bachelors of Laws degree which she has yet to complete, due to her busy professional and volunteer schedule.

Her dream is be the first female family lawyer in Kenya and hopefully Africa to dedicate her legal career to pro-life and pro-family litigation on a pro bono basis.

After resigning from the bank she served as a full-time volunteer with Human Life International Kenya, working to bring together all pro-life professionals to give a voice in matters life and family.

Kenya Christian Professionals Forum (KCPF) contacted her in 2013 to help organize a launch event. She further served as a volunteer with KCPF for three months after which she was appointed the program manager.

During her time with KCPF she helped organize the first

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Heartbeat International's 45th Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia - March 29-31

In a year that has already seen its first leadership transition in over 20 years, Heartbeat International will also be celebrating its 2,000th affiliate pregnancy help location at its upcoming 45th Annual Conference, March 29-31 in Atlanta.

The Annual Conference, which organizers expect will draw 1,000 participants from over 20 countries to the Sheraton Downtown Atlanta, features a total of 90 learning opportunities. Keynotes speakers include 40 Days for Life co-founder Shawn Carney, EWTN's Jim and Joy Pinto and author Pay Layton, as well as pastors and long-time pregnancy help leaders John Ensor and Andy Merritt.

The theme of the conference, "Celebrating Heroes," underscores the courageous women and men involved in life-affirming pregnancy help centers, medical clinics, maternity homes and nonprofit adoption agencies, along with those mothers and families who choose life in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy.

"One thing we never want to lose sight of is the courage it takes to welcome a new life when abortion seems to be your only option," Heartbeat International President Jor-El Godsey said. "It takes a deep courage, but it also takes another person coming alongside to empower you to make the healthiest choice for everyone involved in an unexpected pregnancy."

With 15 workshop tracks—five sessions each—and 15 pre-conference in-depth opportunities, attendees will hear from a wide variety of leaders at the local and national levels of the pregnancy help community. Two tracks—"Medical Advancement" and "Ultrasound Advancement"—offer Continuing Education Nursing Contact Hours through the California Board of Registered Nursing (Provider No. 16061), while three in-depth day trainings offer six contact hours apiece.

Workshop speakers also include national pro-life leaders from Alliance Defending Freedom, National Institutes for Family and Life Advocates, and Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life.

The program is rounded out by Bishop Harry R. Jackson, Jr., presiding bishop of the 1,000-member International Communion of Evangelical Churches, and Leo Severino, producer of "Bella", "Crescendo" and "Little Boy."

The first, largest and most expansive network of pregnancy help organizations in the world, Heartbeat International announced its long-time president Peggy Hartshorn, Ph.D., was transitioning to a new role as Chairman of the Board this January, with Godsey, the organization's longstanding vice president, taking on new post as just the second president in Heartbeat's 45-year history.

With 2,000 affiliate locations worldwide, including a presence on every inhabited continent, Heartbeat International is also the only pregnancy help organization with a 24-7 pregnancy helpline, Option Line (1-800-712-HELP, www.OptionLine.org), which has helped 1.35 million women in unexpected pregnancies since 2003.

[Click here](#) for more information on Heartbeat's 45th Annual Conference. Heartbeat International is a World Congress of Families Partner.



Heartbeat 2015 Conference



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Veronica C. Evelyn, Ph.D

Dr. Evelyn has worked as a Welfare Officer in the Welfare Department, Family Services Section (Barbados). For over 20 years, in various capacities, she worked with children, adolescents, substance abusers, HIV+ individuals and marginalized populations. Over the past 10 years, she has served as a consultant with government, regional and international agencies, conducting research and training in the areas of HIV and AIDS, Health and Family Life Education, Child Sexual Abuse, Positive Behavioural Management in Schools, intergenerational poverty and many other areas that affect social development.

As one of two national Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) Consultants in the International Labour Organization/U.S. Dept. of Labor HIV/AIDS Workplace Education Program in Barbados, she trained government and private sector workers in BCC Strategy Development, and provided technical assistance to workplace peer education programs (2005-2008).

A firm believer in “Applied Christianity” and volunteerism, Dr. Evelyn’s affiliations comprise national, regional and international organizations including My Child and I Charity (Trustee); Jason’s Medical Missions (Board Member); Proteqt Children’s Foundation (Chairman and Founder); Caribbean Examinations Council (Team Leader; Advisor); and Haggai Institute (International Faculty). She is the Director of Proteqt Inc., a behaviour change consulting firm based in Barbados.

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Ann Mutave Kioko

Family Conference in Kenya which was designated a World Congress of Families regional conference, Speakers included the First Lady of Kenya.

She also organized a March for the Family – just before President Obama visited Kenya – to express opposition to any push for same-sex “marriage” – and several Marches for Life, Life Symposia, Leadership Awards for Christians, prayer breakfasts and engagement events with Christian Members of Parliament.

Ann became an advocate for life and received pro-life training while at the University of Nairobi. She became a powerful pro-life voice on campus. She served as the National Organizing Secretary for pro-life organizations in all universities in Kenya during her second, third and fourth years as an undergraduate.

She was also Vice Chairperson of the Young Adults Catholic Association in Kenya, the National Organizing Secretary of Pro-life Professionals in Kenya, a member of the Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals, Kenya Christian Professionals Forum and YALI-Mandela Washington Fellowship.

Anne has been featured on several Kenyan radio shows. She was also a host at Sauti ya Mwananchi Radio. She has done several shows with Radio Waumini and Hope FM educating on pro-life and pro-family concerns. She has also been featured on national television as a guest or she was quoted after events including the Nigerian Channels Television, NTV and KTN. She has also been published in Christian Times, a leading conservative paper in Kenya and also in several secular papers.

Ann also runs a Mentored-2-Mentor program which has helped her reach out to high school students and counsel those that are in crisis pregnancies, besides educating them on sexuality issues. She has saved several from abortion and seen two children through adoption.

She has been invited as a speaker locally by organizations, schools and churches and internationally by pro-marriage and pro-family organizations.

A devout Catholic, Anne hopes to fulfill her dream of saving Africa from various assaults on the family, marriage and life.

[Click here](#) to view Ann’s Facebook page

Thank you to all World Congress of Families Partners for your support.

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CitizenGO (Spain)
 Dads4Kids (Australian)
 Dveri (Serbia)
 Endeavour Forum (Australia)
 Ethics and Public Policy Center
 Family First Foundation
 Family First New Zealand
 Sanctity of Motherhood Program (Russian)

Family Policy Institute (South Africa)
 Family Watch International
 Fellowship of St. James
 Georgian Demographic Society
 Heartbeat International
 Home School Legal Defense Association
 Human Life International
 National Center on Sexual Exploitation

National Organization for Marriage
 Novae Tarrae Foundation
 Population Research Institute
 REAL Women of Canada
 Red Familia (Mexico)
 The Ruth Institute
 United Families International
 Worldwide Organization For Women

