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## Planning for World Congress of Families VIII Suspended

Planning on World Congress of Families VIII—the Moscow Congress (scheduled for September 10-12, 2014) — has been suspended for the time being. The situation in the Ukraine and Crimea, (and the resulting U.S. and European sanctions) has raised questions about the travel, logistics, and other matters necessary to plan WCF VIII.



The foregoing is not meant to reflect negatively on the Russian people, churches or individuals who have taken a leadership role in the fight to preserve life, marriage, and the natural family at home and as part of the international pro-family movement.

WCF has been active in Russia since its founding in 1995. Professor Anatoly Antonov of Lomonosov Moscow State University — one of the nation's foremost demographers and a member of the organizing committee for WCF VIII — was present at the conception.

That activity increased dramatically with Father Maxim Obukhov's presentation at WCF IV (Warsaw) in 2007, the appointment of Alexey Komov as regional representative in Russia and the CIS in 2010, and the world's first Demographic Summit at the Russian State Social University in 2011. The Summit was the first international gathering devoted exclusively to the coming crisis resulting from the worldwide decline of fertility. It was followed by a second Demographic Summit in the Russian region of Ulyanovsk in 2012.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Russian

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Partners, and applaud the moves of the Russian people, through their elected representatives, to protect life, the family and the innocence of children. At a time when Western governments are moving backward to a pagan worldview, Russia is taking a leadership role to advance the natural family.

The World Congress of Families takes no position on foreign affairs, except as they affect the natural family.



The family is above national concerns and should unite all people of good will who recognize the centrality of the family as the foundation of civilization. Our Russian Partners and others we have worked with in the Russian Federation have our prayers and encouragement in their pro-family work.

Expect further news as the situation develops.

[Click here](#) to reach Alexey Komov, WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS.

## Historic World Family Declaration Can Be Signed Online



The World Family Declaration, an initiative of the World Congress of Families and endorsed by pro-family organizations across the globe, is now online at [www.worldfamilydeclaration.org](http://www.worldfamilydeclaration.org) and available for electronic signature.

“Never before has there been a universal banner uniting all peoples to rally in protection of the natural family, and never has it needed protection as urgently as now,” said WCF Director of UN Affairs Doug Clark. “We have created the World Family Declaration to address that need and be that banner.”

Beginning with the words “We the people of many lands and cultures,” the Declaration is grounded in Article 16(3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states, “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.”

That language is echoed in 111 national constitutions, many of which repeat it verbatim while others describe the family in such varied terms as the “natural and moral foundation of the human community” (Niger), “foundation of the nation” (Philippines), society’s “cornerstone” (Greece), “fundamental pillar” (Afghanistan), “basic institution” (Colombia), and “fundamental nucleus” (Chile).

The Declaration further acknowledges “that the family, a universal community based on the marital union of a man and a woman, is the bedrock of society, the strength of our nations,

and the hope of humanity. As the ultimate foundation of every civilization known to history, the family is the proven bulwark of liberty and the key to development, prosperity, and peace.”

Speaking at the recent launch of the World Family Declaration at the ONE UN New York, a hotel across from the United Nations, WCF International Secretary Allan Carlson said: “I applaud those nations which have placed language about protection of the natural family in their constitutions. Endnote #3 of this Declaration provides a solid review of these provisions. Even if and when the actions of a government might stray from this principle, such a constitutional provision stands both as a rebuke and a summons for a return to good order.”

“It is my hope,” continued Carlson, “that the World Family Declaration will play a significant role in rallying international attention again to the most important unit of society, the natural family.”

Clark concurred, “Today we unfurl a banner to remind the world of the foundational and irreplaceable role of the family. In the words of the Declaration, ‘We urge citizens, leaders, and people of influence everywhere to place as their highest priority the protection and strengthening of the family.’”

[Click here](#) to read and sign the electronic version of the World Family Declaration. For further information, please contact E. Douglas Clark at [info@worldfamilydeclaration.org](mailto:info@worldfamilydeclaration.org).



Allan Carlson speaking at WFD luncheon



# U.S. Tries to Change Definition of Family in U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

In late February, the Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute disclosed that in a closed-door session, the Obama Administration tried to change the definition of natural family contained in the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR, adopted in 1948). Article 16 (3) of UDHR declares, “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.”



“US diplomats argued that extended families and single-parent households are not included in the classic UN definition. Delegates from traditional countries understood the US argument as a pretext to gain recognition for same sex-unions because extended families and single-parent households were always included in the UN definition.

“Similar proposals from the United States, albeit never excluding language from the

Declaration, were routinely included in UN documents until recently. But the General Assembly recently rejected the notion of ‘various forms of the family’ at its last two sessions despite insistence from the European countries and the United States. Once thought to be inoffensive, the phrase has become embroiled in controversy because of western insistence on same-sex issues.

“UN Member States are not taking kindly to the new focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual or transsexual (LGBT) issues from the United States and European countries.”

C-FAM reports: “US negotiators asked to replace the definition of family from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a lengthy new description of families that have ‘diverse forms and functions’ and express ‘diversity of individual preferences.’

“The proposed definition excluded the notion of the natural family, based on the union of a man and woman, as the norm for the procreation and upbringing of children. The US effort was ultimately rejected by other UN member states.

“The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has almost sacred status at the United Nations. It is regarded, together with the UN Charter, as a founding document... set in place after World War II.

[Click here](#) to read the entire report of the Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute.

## Santa Cruz and Melbourne in April and August – WCF Regional Events on Two Continents

In a demonstration of the World Congress of Families’ global reach, regional events are being planned on two continents in the next few months.

Miguel Moreno of the Leadership Institute and Fundacion Trinity, who’s done leadership training at most of our Congresses, is holding the “IV International Congress of Families: Leadership, Science, Ethics and Education”— also a WCF Regional Event — in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, April 22-24.

Speakers include: Dr. Maria Das Gracas Melo (President, International Association of Science, Ethics and Integrated Education), Ben Harris-Quinney (Chairman, The Bow Group, UK ), Dr. Judith Reisman (Professor of law, Liberty University), Alexey Komov (WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS), Larry Jacobs (WCF Managing Director), Don Feder (WCF Communications Director), Pastor Marco Anronio Nunez del Arco (Executive Director of the Heroes Factory), Justin Murff (Grants and Foundations Manager, Christian Broadcasting Network, also a

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- Dr. Maria Das Gracas Melo, President of the International Association of Science, Ethics and Integrated Education – “Seeing What is Not Seen”
- Ben Harris-Quinney, Chairman of the BOW Group, United Kingdom
- Dr. Judith Reisman, Law Professor at the Liberty University, USA, Author of “Stolen Honor”
- Alexey Komov, Representative of World Congress of Families in Russia, WCF Ambassador to the U.N.
- Lawrence Jacobs, Vice-President and General Director of World Congress of Families
- Dr. José Luciano Gonçalves, 2nd Vice-President of the International Association of Science, Ethics and Integrated Education – “Seeing What is Not Seen”
- Justin Murff, Grants and Foundations Manager, Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN)
- Dr. Miguel Moreno, Director of International and Government Programs, Leadership Institute, USA, Representative of World Congress of Families in Bolivia

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**March 25-26** – Vision America Values Voter Mobilization Strategy Summit, at the Sheraton, Dallas-Ft Worth Airport. [Click here](#) for more information.

**March 29** – 14th Czech National March for Life in Prague. [Click here](#) for more information.

**April 4-5** – [Canadian National Pro-Life Conference](#), Toronto

**April 22-24** – International Congress of Families: Leadership, Science, Ethics and Education, in Santa Cruz Bolivia For more information email, [MMoreno@leadershipinstitute.org](mailto:MMoreno@leadershipinstitute.org)

**May 8** – [National March for Life Canada](#) in Ottawa

**June 19** – Second Annual March for Marriage in Washington, D.C., for more information, [click here](#)

**August 30, 2014** – World Congress of Families Regional Event in Melbourne, Australia. [Click here](#) for more information.

**September 26-28** – Values Voter Summit, Washington, D.C., [click here](#)

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## Santa Cruz and Melbourne in April and August – WCF Regional Events on Two Continents

WCF Partner), Miguel Nagib (lawyer, Sao Paulo, Brazil), Gabrielle Jackson (Development Director, Institute for Faith, Works & Economics), Manuela Popovici (University of Oradea, Romania) and Dr. Jose Luciano Gonclaves (Vice President, Int'l Assoc. of Science, Ethics and Integrated Education).

Sessions will include: Transformational Leadership and Effective Communication — Social Media — Ethics, Science and Integral Education — and Dialogue on the Most Important Topics of Today, including Demographic Winter.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Babette Francis of Endeavour Forum is organizing a World Congress of Families Regional Event in Melbourne, Australia – “Life, Family & Freedom”** — 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, August 30, 2014 at St. Cecilia's Hall, in Glen Iris, Vic.

Speakers will include:

**His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke**, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura in Rome — **The Hon. Kevin Andrews MP**, Australian Minister for Social Services and International Ambassador for WCF — **Larry Jacobs**, Managing Director, World Congress of Families — **Dr. Joseph Santamaria** — **Warwick and Alison Marsh**, Dads4Kids/The Fatherhood Foundation — **The Hon. Bernie Finn**, MLC, Convenor, March for the Babies — **Mrs. Margaret Tighe** of Right to Life Australia. — **Dr. Angela Lanfranchi**, President, Breast Cancer Prevention Institute — **Christine Marcellus de Vollmer**, Latin American Alliance for the Family — **The Hon. Fred Nile**, Member Legislative Council — **Paul Hanrahan**, Executive Director, Family Life International — **Most Rev. Bishop Peter Elliott**, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. Dads for Kids/The Fatherhood Foundation and Latin American Alliance for the Family are WCF Partners.



Dr. Angela Lanfranchi

There is no admission charge. All are welcome. For more information, contact:

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## “The Power of Mothers” Documentary Premieres Before a United Nations Audience

On February 21, a documentary film of historic importance, "The Power of Mothers and Their Influence Upon the World," premiered in New York City.

The screening took place during the United Nation's Commission for Social Development meetings, across from the UN at the Millennium Hotel. A number of UN delegates and representatives from the UN Secretariat and NGOs were able to attend.

The film includes interviews with leading social scientists, demographers, policy makers and religious leaders which described the unique qualities and capacities of mothers.

With passion and clarity, the documentary offers examples of maternal tenderness, sacrifice and dedication, given every day, in every corner of the world, upon which the well-being of each person and all humanity are dependent.

The founder of the Power of Mothers organization and executive producer of the film, Shelly Locke, was warmly introduced by Doug Clark, Director of UN Affairs for the World Congress of Families. Shelly welcomed the ambassadors and other UN dignitaries present and asked each to consider how they might be able to use the film for their work in building stronger societies and supporting mothers throughout the world.

After the screening, Shelly was congratulated for this brilliant elucidation of the centrality of motherhood. The launching of this documentary was well timed as 2014 is the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations International Year of the Family, to be celebrated all year around the world, but especially on May 15th, the International Day of the Family.

“The Power Of Mothers and Their Influences Upon the World” Will be released in April. To get a copy, e-mail [info@thepowerofmothers.com](mailto:info@thepowerofmothers.com) Those shown in the photo on top: (Right to Left): Janice Crouse (CWA), Vinnie Santoro (UN rep, AFA). Shelly Locke (POM), Lynn Walsh (Universal Peace Federation), Mrs. Afua Serwah Kanda (wife of ambassador from Ghana) and Mrs. Luzia de Jesus Gaspar Martins (wife of ambassador from Angola)



[Click here](#) for the Power of Mothers organization, a World Congress of Families Partner.

## United Families International Updates 100 Reasons Not to Divorce

United Families International, a World Congress of Families Partner, recently updated its online publication “Divorce; 100 Reasons Not To...” UFI notes that this is the most popular page on its website. UFI observes: “It would seem there is hardly a family in our world today that has been untouched by the tragedy of divorce in some way. While divorce can be a necessary escape hatch from an abusive situation, more often it shatters lives and breaks down societies.”

*The revised guide answers such questions as:*

*Do high rates of divorce among your circle of friends impact your marriage?*

*When a woman works outside the home, does it impact the potential stability of her marriage?*

*What are the reasons most often given for getting a divorce?*

*If there is a marital conflict in the home, do children prefer that their parents divorce?*

*Do children from divorced families have higher rates of divorce when they marry?*



[Click here](#) to access the UFI publication “Divorce: 100 Reasons Not To...”



# 22nd Annual Movieguide® Faith & Values Awards Gala and Report to the Entertainment Industry

On Feb. 7, 2014, Movieguide held its annual Faith & Values Awards Gala and Report to the Entertainment Industry at the Universal Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. The Gala is an annual event that recognizes the best in family entertainment and movies that uphold traditional values.



Willie Robertson of Duck Dynasty



## **\$100,000 EPIPHANY PRIZE FOR MOST INSPIRING MOVIE OF 2013**

Winner: *GRACE UNPLUGGED*

Runners-up: *BLACK NATIVITY*, *42*, *MAN OF STEEL*, *THE TOWER*



## **\$100,000 EPIPHANY PRIZE FOR MOST INSPIRING TELEVISION PROGRAM OF 2013**

Winner: *THE BIBLE*

Runners-up: *LAST MAN STANDING: Back to School*, *THE CROSS*, *DUCK DYNASTY: TILL DUCK DO US PART*, *BLUE BLOODS: Bad Blood*

*Both awards are supported by grants from the John Templeton Foundation.*



## **10 BEST MOVIES FOR FAMILIES**

WINNER: #1 - *FROZEN* (2013)

Runners-up: *DESPICABLE ME 2*, *THE CROODS*, *TURBO*, *GRACE UNPLUGGED*, *MONSTERS UNIVERSITY*, *BLACK NATIVITY*, *OZ: THE GREAT AND POWERFUL*, *CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2*, *LINSANITY*



## **10 BEST MOVIES FOR MATURE AUDIENCES**

WINNER: - *IRON MAN 3*

Runners-up: *42*, *THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG*, *THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE*, *GRAVITY*, *MAN OF STEEL*, *THOR: THE DARK WORLD*, *CAPTAIN PHILLIPS*, *JACK THE GIANT SLAYER*, *THE TOWER*

In conjunction with the Awards ceremony, Movieguide®: The Family Guide to Movies and Entertainment released its Annual Report to the Entertainment Industry, which shows clearly that moviegoers prefer clean, family-oriented movies that reflect Christian faith and values.

"This was abundantly true in 2013," said Dr. Ted Baehr, founder and publisher of Movieguide®. "For the first time ever, 90% of the Top 10 Movies in the United States and overseas (in terms of box-office receipts) were Movieguide® Award winners, from *IRON MAN 2* and *DESPICABLE ME 2* to *FROZEN*, *GRAVITY*, and *MAN OF STEEL*."

Consequently, movies with very strong Christian, redemptive worldviews averaged \$87.07 million at the domestic box office in 2012, but movies with very strong non-Christian worldviews averaged only \$21.64 million.

Movies with humanist/atheist worldviews did the worst, averaging only \$3.66 million.

A World Congress of Families Partner, Movieguide® analyzes movies according to basic Biblical principles and theology. Ted Baehr has spoken at most Congresses



Dr. Ted Baehr

## Human Life International's Fr. Shenan Boquet Visits the Philippines

In late January, Human Life International President Father Shenan J. Boquet spent nearly two weeks in the Philippines. HLI has been active in the Philippines since its inception and has been particularly effective in opposing the so-called RH law, currently pending before the nation's Supreme Court.

In the course of his visit, Fr. Boquet met with a number of archbishops and bishops who were in Manila for their Plenary Conference. The HLI leader will return to the Philippines in May for the Asian Family Conference, also in Manila, co-sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

On his travels, Father Boquet was accompanied by Dr. Ligaya Acosta, HLI Director for Asia and Oceania. He said mass twice before the Philippine House of Representatives, and traveled to Baguio City where he addressed more than 2,000 attending the annual conference of the Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life. He then traveled to the Diocese of Imus to direct a Conference on Life and Family for pro-life leaders and family and life directors.

Fr. Boquet also visited the Home for the Angels, a Manila orphanage that cares for the children abandoned at birth or given up for adoption. Congressman Lito Atienza, former Mayor of Manila who founded the Home, received HLI's Award of Recognition

After his exhausting but productive whirlwind tour, Father Boquet pronounced the Filipino people "a light to the world."



Fr. Boquet with Lito Atienza

[Click here](#) for the HLI documentary on the RH law.

[Click here](#) for the website of Human Life International a World Congress of Families Partner.

## National Organization for Marriage Schedules 2nd Annual March for Marriage

The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) – a World Congress of Families Partner — has announced its second annual March for Marriage in Washington, D.C. on June 19 of this year.

More than 10,000 gathered for the first March for Marriage on March 26, 2013. World Congress of Families was a co-sponsor of that march, along with Concerned Women for America, Human Life International (both WCF Partners), Family Research Council and Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute.

WCF Managing director Larry Jacobs, who participated in last year's march, said it "showed overwhelming support for marriage as the union of a man and a women." Jacobs added: "Will marriage continue to be defined by faith and tradition – with the overwhelming support of the American people – or will political and media elites manipulate the judicial system to achieve a spurious form of equality to the detriment of children and families."

NOM created a coalition of over 40 organizations that supported the 2013 march. NOM President Brian Brown cautioned; "Forget the media hype and confusion. Our numbers on March 26 (2013) show that the American people are strongly pro-marriage and pro-marriage Americans aren't going anywhere."



March for Marriage 2013 participants outside the Supreme Court in Washington D.C.



For more information on the upcoming March for Marriage, contact NOM communications director Joseph Grabowski by [clicking here](#) or calling 202-276-4404.



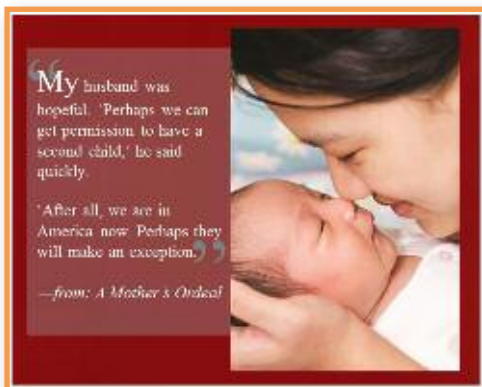
# Population Research Institute Counters Forced Abortions in China

Population Research Institute, a World Congress of Families Partner, has launched a new “activism page” on its website, in conjunction with the publication of the second edition of PRI President Steven Mosher’s book, “A Mother’s Ordeal” a modern classic, the book is a biography of a young one-child-policy enforcer in China. It provides a raw and unflinching glimpse into life—and death—at the hands of a Chinese government bent on curbing births in the most populous country on earth. “Brutally truthful,” said Elise Hilton in a review at [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com).



Anne Morse, PRI’s media coordinator, created the new page. She explains: “When I first read ‘A Mother’s Ordeal,’ I frequently had to pause and take a deep breath. The atrocities told within its pages made my stomach churn. It made me want to do something, and I knew that other readers would be motivated to take action too. That’s why we created the activism page.”

The activism page includes three sections—each



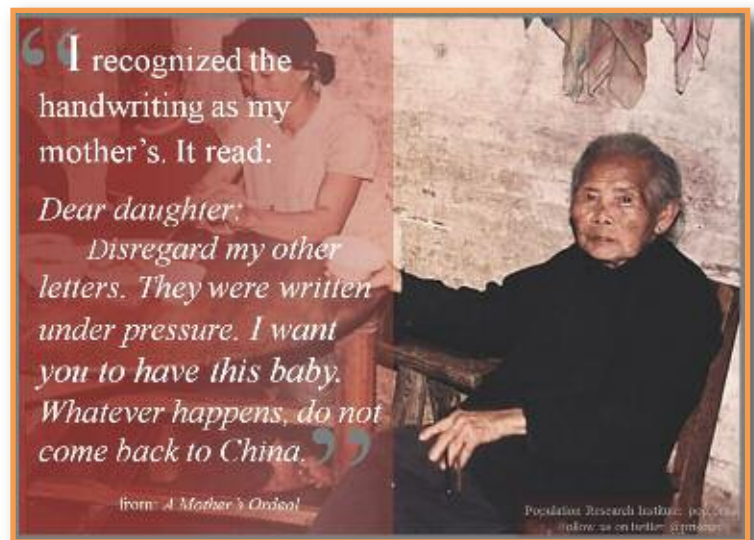
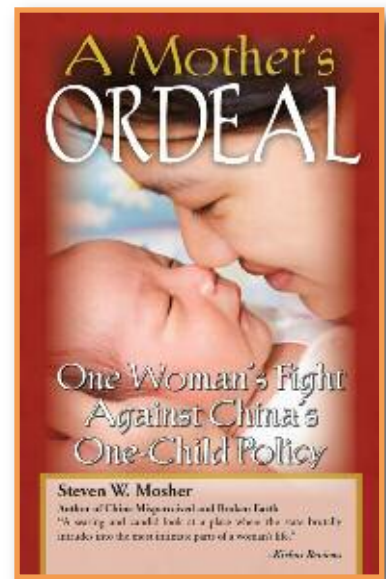
carefully crafted to help individuals become effective activists for human rights in China. The page includes petitions, volunteer pages, speakers, and social media pages from across the web. It also lists several organizations that fight coercive population control, and tells how to help them.

Finally, the page offers a series of quick facts about the one-child policy and its effects, and includes educational resources to help people become articulate defenders of human life in China.

As Elise Hilton of the Acton Institute wrote in her review, “A Mother’s Ordeal” tells a reality that is “callous and brutal,” but goes on to say that, “as difficult as this book is to read, it is important to do so.”

PRI hopes people will not only read “A Mother’s Ordeal,” but also visit the corresponding activism page and help put an end to the horrors recounted in the book.

You can visit the activism page at [pop.org/amo/act](http://pop.org/amo/act). For more information about A Mother's Ordeal, you can visit the book's homepage at [pop.org/amo](http://pop.org/amo).





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

## Patrick A. Trueman

Patrick Trueman is the President and CEO of Morality in Media, a national, not-for-profit organization established in 1962 to combat pornography and uphold decency standards in the media. He is also director of the War on Illegal Pornography, a coalition effort of more than 130 national and state groups seeking to restart federal obscenity prosecutions.

He served as Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, from 1988 to 1993. While there, he supervised the prosecution of child sex crimes, child pornography, and obscenity. He managed an office of twenty of prosecutors and support staff, and worked with the nation's ninety-three United States Attorneys to initiate and coordinate federal prosecutions.

During his 38 years as a lawyer, he has litigated cases at all levels of the federal system, including in the United States Supreme Court. He has been an advisor to many municipalities on First Amendment law and has helped draft ordinances to end or curb the impact of sexually oriented businesses such as pornography shops, strip clubs, and related establishments. In 2010 he founded the website, Pornography Harms, <http://PornHarmsResearch.com>, dedicated to providing the most accurate peer-reviewed research on the harm from pornography. The site has a companion [YouTube channel](#) and a [Facebook page](#).

Trueman has also served as special counsel to Alliance Defending Freedom of Arizona, a national public interest law firm where he worked as a legal expert on obscenity, indecency, pornography and the protection of communities from sexually oriented businesses. ADF is a World Congress of Families Partner.

Other organizations benefiting from Trueman's counsel include American Family Association, Family Research Council, the Paul & Lisa Program of Connecticut, and the Guardian of Angels Foundation in Colorado, which targets child sexual exploitation.

Trueman served as a consultant on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue and Restore Anti-Trafficking Campaign, and has advised federal, state, and local law enforcement officials on human trafficking. He is regularly called on to educate and train the public, police, prosecutors, and judges on child sex abuse, child pornography, obscenity, and sexual trafficking.

A recognized international expert, Trueman has traveled to Europe, South American, and the Middle East to speak and train on the issue of human trafficking or deliver papers on the effects of television sex and violence on the family.

A sampling of his training, advocacy, legal briefs and presentations includes: INTERPOL, Lyons, France to twice chair international law enforcement conferences on the sexual exploitation of children: Nicaragua: Trueman led the training of Nicaragua's state police in the recognition and apprehension of perpetrators of human trafficking; Qatar: Trueman authored and delivered, "The Harm from Sex and Violence on Television: Practical Solutions to Protect Society," to the Forum on the Cable Television Channels to the Moral Challenge for Gulf Youth sponsored by Her Highness, Sheikha Mozah, wife of the ruler of Qatar; Romania: Trueman authored and submitted a legal brief to Romania's Parliament in opposition to the legalization of prostitution and incest. The paper, "Legalized Prostitution & Incest Will Harm Romania," was written on behalf of the [continued on page 11](#)



## Susan Roylance

Susan Roylance has participated in over twenty-eight international conferences and traveled to 41 countries. She has visited many orphanages and street-children programs throughout the world, while helping develop family-based care for orphans.



Susan was one of the founders of United Families International – a World Congress of Families Partner — in 1978, and has been actively involved in many pro-family organizations, in addition to serving as a political consultant and the CEO/Manager of Roylance Publishing. She is currently the International Policy and Social Development Coordinator for the Howard Center for Families, Religion & Society.

In response to the AIDS crisis in Africa, Susan developed an HIV/AIDS education program for children called "Stay Alive." Parents are directly involved in each of the lessons in the "I Will Live a Long Loving Life" program, written by Wendy Sheffield. This program is now being used in 16 African countries.

She and her husband, Robert C. Roylance, spent several years doing humanitarian work in Africa (primarily Kenya and Uganda) – helping rural farmers increase their income, while encouraging them to take an orphaned child into their home.

Susan is the author of "The Traditional Family in Peril," the pro-family "U.N. Negotiating Guide," "Mothers and Fathers Defending Marriage and Family in the Halls of the U.N.," and an author/editor of "The Family and the MDGs," subtitled "Using Family Capital to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals."

Susan was a candidate for the U.S. Congress, in Washington State, and chaired several initiatives and referenda in Washington and Oregon. She wrote a blog for the Deseret News (the largest daily newspaper in Utah), called: "Families around the World".

Susan and Robert have seven children, 33 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

[Click here](#) to contact Susan Roylance

# NEW WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES PARTNERS

## Vision America

Vision America was founded in 1998 by Dr. Rick Scarborough, an ordained Southern Baptist pastor. Its stated mission is to identify pastors who understand their civic responsibility to address matters of civil government from a Biblical perspective. Vision America has four core values through which it evaluates its involvement in mobilizing pastors to be salt and light in the culture:

- 1.) The Sanctity of Human Life — that human life is sacred and that all are created in the image of God
- 2.) The Sanctity of Marriage and Family — that God instituted marriage as a sacred covenant between a man and woman for life, and established the family as the basic building block of human culture
- 3.) Personal Decency and Moral Integrity — that God established human sexuality for the physical expression of love and commitment between a man and woman in holy marriage. Apart from that divine intent, sexual activity becomes selfish manipulation of another human being for personal satisfaction or financial gain.
- 4.) Religious Liberty — that freedom of religion is the foundation

## Heartbeat International

Heartbeat International is an affiliate-association and capacity-building organization working to ensure there are always alternatives to abortion. Affiliates receive an array of services including phone and personal consultation, on-site and distance training, e-learning, publications, and informational services. Heartbeat provides a vital connection between women considering abortion and pregnancy-help organizations in their own communities through Heartbeat's Option Line, our 24-hour national call center and website for women in pregnancy-related distress.

With 1.21 million abortions taking place in the US each year, it is imperative to reach those facing an unexpected pregnancy via phone, text, or web. Ninety-one percent of pregnant women who go to Planned Parenthood have an abortion. However, when at-risk women are reached via our Option Line and connected to their local pregnancy-help

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of America's liberty. Vision America opposes any and all attempts to suppress, marginalize, or prohibit the free expression of religion in America.



Vision America has successfully mobilized more than ten thousand pastors across America, to be salt and light in the civil arena. Hundreds of pro-life and pro-family men and women have been elected to public office as a direct result of the efforts of "Patriot Pastors" who have been encouraged by the work of Vision America.

Vision America was a founding member of the Arlington Group, which for ten years played a major role in passing Federal and State Defense of Marriage legislation, defining marriage in America as a union between one man and one woman. Marriage is now under attack due to rogue judges and the failure of the Obama Administration to uphold the will of the majority of people who believe in traditional marriage.

[Click here](#) for the Vision America website

medical clinic, upwards of 80% choose life for their unborn child.



By connecting these women to our network of pregnancy centers, about 3,000 women per week choose to protect and nurture their precious children. Seven out of 10 women and men who contact Option Line do so during the hours their local pregnancy-help centers are closed. Heartbeat's Option Line connects a desperate woman with immediate peer counseling in English/Spanish, and refers her to the local center, where she can find the on-going emotional, physical, and spiritual help needed to choose life for her child.

The sanctity of human life is Heartbeat's foundation. Through the combined efforts of our network of pregnancy-help organizations, volunteers and donors, we are overcoming abortion every day. [Click here](#) for the Heartbeat International website.



## French March Against Family-Phobia and Gender Theory

As many as half a million French citizens marched through Paris and Lyon on Sunday, February 2, to protest the socialist Hollande government's family-phobia, including legalizing gay "marriage," as well as other planned attacks on the natural family.

The marchers opposed new "sex equality" lessons in schools and urged the government not to legalize medical procedures to help homosexuals have children.

Families dominated the demonstrations. Parents walked with older children and pushed baby carriages—hardly the sort of gathering that would pose a threat to public order, despite Interior Minister Manuel Valls warnings that violence would be dealt with severely. Last year, peaceful protestors were brutalized by riot police.

Having forced same-sex marriage on France, despite an outpouring of protest, the socialist government of President Francois Hollande now has near record low approval ratings.

That notwithstanding, family activists worry the government will try to legalize assisted reproduction for lesbians and make surrogate motherhood an option for male homosexuals

who want genetically related children. French law currently allows assisted reproduction for married couples with infertility problems.

The Lyon march was lead by Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, the Catholic Archbishop of Lyon who said protestors were skeptical of the government's assurances that it didn't plan further attacks on the family at this time. "We are not naive," he told journalists.

Protesters also took aim at new gender equality lessons being tested in some state schools, which they said are covert attempts to teach children "gender theory" — that sex-related roles are social constructs rather than due to natural differences. French families are also concerned that the government eased access to abortion earlier this year and plans to legalize assisted suicide.



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In the March/April 2014 issue, Dr. Allan C. Carlson, International Secretary of World Congress of Families, describes his summer 2013 geological field trip to Greenland with his son, his inadvertent attendance at a wedding among the indigenous Christians, and his reflections on the history of Christianity there from the Vikings to American military bases during and after World War II. You will find "Heaven, Hell & Christ on Ice: What I Encountered During a Geological Expedition in Greenland," available online at [Touchstone's website](#):

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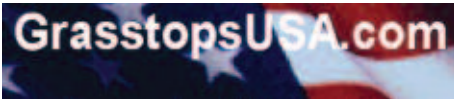
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