

## **HONORARY PATRONS**

SHERI DEW Deseret Book Company REV. JIM GARLOW Skyline Church JESUS AND MARIE-CLAIRE HERNANDEZ Red Familia (Mexico) DR. ALVEDA KING Priests for Life JOHN KLINK International Catholic Migration Commission DRS. PAIGE AND DOROTHY PATTERSON, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary CHRISTINE AND ALBERTO VOLLMER Latin American Alliance for the Family (Venezuela)

**SELECTED LIST OF PLANNING COMMITTEE** DEE ALLSOP Heart & Mind Strategies IGNACIO ARSUAGA HazteOir.org (Spain) DR. TED BAEHR Movieguide BRIAN BROWN National Organization for Marriage Alliance Defending Freedom DR. ALLAN CARLSON The Howard Center SILVIO DALLA VALLE Defense of Christian Values (Italy) DR. PAT FAGAN Family Research Council BABETTE FRANCIS Endeavor Forum (Australia) REV. GREG JOHNSON Standing Together LECH KOWALEWSKI Friends of Human Life (Poland) GWEN LANDOLT Real Women of Canada KEITH MASON Personhood USA TOM MCCALLIF Maclellan Foundation MIGUEL MORENO Leadership Institute ERROL NAIDOO Family Policy Institute (South Africa) DEAN NELSON Frederick Douglass Foundation THERESA OKAFOR Foundation for African Cultural Heritage (Nigeria) LONNIE POINDEXTER The Black Conservative Summit DR. JENNIFER ROBACK-MORSE AUSTIN RUSE Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute VICENTE SEGII Fundacion Incluyendo Mexico MICHAL SEMIN Action DOST (Czech Republic) GLENN STANTON Focus on the Family SENATOR FRANCISCO TATAD Phillipines ERIC TEETSEL Manhattan Declaration FATHER JOSIAH TRENHAM Saint Andrew Orthodox Church ANDREA VICICH Angels of Charity Music (Peru) LUCA VOLONTÉ Former MEP, Novae Terrae Foundation (Italy) ANDRFA WILLIAMS Christian Concern (UK) CHARMAINE YOEST Americans United for Life

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—October 21, 2015

CONTACT—Benjamin May bmay@policyimpact.com (202) 737-5339 www.wcf9.org

## **World Congress of Families Announces Additional** Participants and Latest WCF IX Schedule

Salt Lake City will host thousands of pro-family advocates and the first World Congress of Families in the United States

**SALT LAKE CITY**—Today the World Congress of Families (WCF) announced the names of four additional participants who will speak at WCF IX next week. The ninth World Congress of Families will take place at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City, on Oct. 27-30, 2015.

"The build-up to WCF IX has truly been a remarkable and exciting experience, but we still have one final week of preparation left," said Janice Shaw Crouse, executive director of WCF IX. "However, next Tuesday, we will make history in the United States by joining together in celebrating, affirming, and defending the natural family as the fundamental unit of society."

The additional speakers announced this week include the following:

**Ted Baehr, Ph.D.,** is the founder and publisher of Movieguide: The Family Guide to Movies and Entertainment and Chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission, as well as a noted critic, educator, lecturer, and media pundit. Dr. Baehr's work focuses on encouraging Christian values in the media and entertainment industries. A noted author, Ted has written numerous books, including "How to Succeed in Hollywood (Without Losing Your Soul)" and "The Culture-Wise Family." His annual Movieguide Faith and Values Awards Gala and Report to the Entertainment Industry includes two \$100,000 Epiphany Prizes for inspiring movie and television programs and a \$50,000 Kairos Prize for spiritually-uplifting screenplays by new screenwriters. Ted graduated summa cum laude from Dartmouth College, studied in several international universities and received a Juris Doctor form New York University School of Law. He has received numerous awards for television programming.



C. Preston Noell III has devoted his adult life to a Catholic-based cultural organization the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP). The organization, which started in Brazil in 1960 and came to the United States in 1974, makes its voice heard through street demonstrations, postcard and e-mail campaigns, and a sister lobbying organization in Washington, DC. TFP counts about 100 full-time volunteers and several thousand donors. Noell, who was raised in St. Louis, works as Chicago coordinator and as a lobbyist and publication editor in Washington, DC.

Wendy Ulrich, Ph.D., is a psychologist, educator, and writer with a passionate quest: helping people create meaning-rich lives, healthy relationships, and empowering trust in God. She founded Sixteen Stones Center for Growth (sixteenstones.net) to foster the spiritual development and emotional resilience of LDS women and their loved ones. Dr. Ulrich obtained a Ph.D. in education and psychology from the University of Michigan and an MBA from UCLA. She is a former president of the Association of Mormon Counselors and Psychotherapists, has been a visiting professor at Brigham Young University, and serves as an advisor on missionary mental health for the LDS Church. Her books include Forgiving Ourselves; Weakness Is Not Sin; Habits of Happiness; and the national best-seller The Why of Work, co-authored with her husband, Dave Ulrich. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Nanci Coppola, Ph.D., is the CEO of Program Reach and the Healthy Respect Program, a youth development and education model that focuses on identifying and building on individual, family, school, and community assets. Dr. Coppola received her undergraduate training in biology and psychology at the University of Rochester. She received a doctorate in podiatric medicine from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and a master's degree in health administration and wellness education from the California College of Health Sciences. She has 30 years of experience in the fields of education and medicine. Prior to becoming Executive Director, she served as Healthy Respect's Director of Curriculum from 2005-2008.

A full schedule and lineup of speakers and participants can be viewed on WCF IX's website at wcf9.org/schedule/.

WCF is the largest gathering of pro-family advocates in the world. WCF IX will seek to provide participants with sound scholarship and effective strategies, as well as mobilize intellectual and advocacy resources, to affirm and defend the natural family.

For more information, please visit <u>wcf9.org</u> or follow WCF on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and Instagram.