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## **World Congress of Families IX Announces New Additional Participants**

Religious leader, international choir are among the experts and advocates coming to S.L.C

**SALT LAKE CITY**— The World Congress of Families (WCF) has announced four additional participants who will speak, influence, and entertain at the ninth World Congress of Families to be held Oct. 27-30, 2015, in Salt Lake City.

"To keep the momentum going, it is with great pleasure that we announce the next group of special guests who will be in attendance at the World Congress of Families IX," said Janice Shaw Crouse, executive director of WCF IX. "We hope that families from all over the world, in this critical moment of history, will come and enjoy the remarkable, fun-filled weekend and stand with other pro-family advocates."

The previous slate of speakers and participants can be viewed on WCF IX's official website, wcf9.org. WCF will be announcing four participants each week throughout the summer.

The names released this week include:

International Children's Choir is world renowned for singing in many languages and performing in authentic, colorful costumes from around the world. The choir was founded by Dr. Kathy Sorensen, who believes music warms hearts and unites people, and that multicultural music allows us to share another person's culture and thereby, a part of his or her soul. The International Children's Choir has performed all over the world and was invited to represent the American Continent in the Opening Ceremonies of the World Choir Olympics in Xiamen China, and received multiple medals during the competition involving over 20,000 participants.



<u>John-Henry Westen</u> is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of LifeSiteNews.com, a non-profit Internet service dedicated to issues of culture, life, and family. Westen has spoken at conferences and retreats, and appeared on radio and television throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Westen serves on the executive of the Canadian National March for Life Committee, and the annual National Pro-Life Youth Conference.

Bradford Wilcox, Ph.D., is the Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and interdisciplinary initiative that analyzes the social and cultural forces shaping contemporary marriage. The Project provides research and analysis on the health of marriage in America and identifies strategies to increase marital quality and stability. Dr. Wilcox's research has been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, Slate, National Review Online, NPR, NBC's The Today Show, and many other media outlets.

James Kushiner is the Executive Director of The Fellowship of St. James, which serves to encourage Christian unity and Fidelity to the historic doctrines and moral teachings of the Christian faith. Kushiner is the Executive Editor of Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity magazine and Salvo, a quarterly for young adults seeking intelligent responses to the secular atheism and materialism dominating schools, media, and society. He has spoken at the World Congress of Families in Amsterdam in 2009 on "Prodigal Research: Religious Faith as it Relates to Family Life, Democracy, and Social Development."

The World Congress of Families (WCF) is the largest gathering of pro-family advocates in the world. WCF IX will seek to provide sound scholarship and effective strategies, and it will 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.