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WCF NEWS & EVENTS

WCF MOSCOW DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMIT: FAMILY AND FUTURE OF HUMANKIND

The Summit will be held in Russia's capital, July 12-14, 2011. Alexey Komov is chairman of the Summit's organizing committee. (See [Alexey's profile on page 5](#)) Moscow will be the first international conference on the worldwide decline of birth rates.



Moscow at night

Komov discloses: "This will be an historic international and inter-faith Congress. We hope it will include

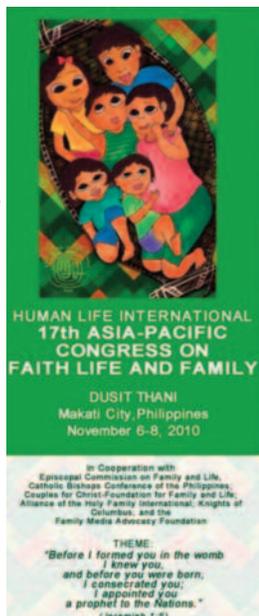
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HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL HAS 2010 ASIA-PACIFIC CONGRESS IN MANILA

Due to its strong defense of both the traditional family and pre-born human life, the Philippines has become a beacon of hope for the family in Asia. As such, the Culture of Death knows that the nation's love of faith, life and family must be progressively eroded and neutralized if it is to enact its worldwide agenda.

The death peddlers' primary weapon in the Philippines is the so-called "Reproductive Health Bill," which is based on the erroneous assumption that a large population is the primary cause of poverty. Although the RH bill has been

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MOSCOW, LONDON AND LATVIA – A SUMMIT AND TWO REGIONAL CONGRESSES

World Congress of Families is currently planning three international events in 2011 – The Riga Family Forum (May 2011), our Second Regional Congress in the United Kingdom (June 2011) and, a Moscow Demographic Summit (July 2011).

These are exciting opportunities to learn, network, build the international pro-family movement, address concerns vital to the survival of the natural family and confront anti-family forces in Europe. In chronological order, the Congress will be traveling to:



Riga, Latvia

In 2009 and 2010, pro-family forces in Latvia's capital held two highly successful Riga Family Forums. The Third Riga Family Forum is

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 9 – the volume “Family in Development: Hopes and Challenges,” edited by Simon Polinder, Evert-Jan Brouwer and Henk Jochemsen, will be presented at a conference celebrating the 10th anniversary of Prisma, one of the supporters of the WCF V. The book includes most of the speeches delivered at day 2 of World Congress of Families V. Further details in the January WCF News.

December 11, 2010 – annual Dutch March for Life. Assembling at 1 pm at the Plein in the Hague, opposite the entrance of the Parliament Buildings. [Click here for more information.](#)

January 24, 2011 – annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. [Click here for more information.](#)

May 13, 2011 – Third Riga Family Forum. See News And Events for more details

May, 2011 – REAL Women of Canada National Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

May 12, 2011 – Canadian March for Life and Rose Dinner in Ottawa. [Click here for more information](#)

May 13, 2011 – Pro-Life Youth Conference, also in Ottawa

June 3-4, 2011 – Third International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Vancouver. See story in News and Events for further details.

June 2011 – WCF United Kingdom Regional Congress. [Click here for more information.](#)

July 12-14, 2011 – World Congress of Families International Summit on the Family and The Crisis of Falling Birth Rates in Moscow. [Click here for more information.](#)

January 23, 2012 – annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. [Click here for more information](#)



EXCERPTS FROM

“THE NATURAL FAMILY IN AN UNNATURAL WORLD”

By Allan Carlson

World Congress of Families International Secretary

For the conference: The Family As A Value In Terms of Religion, Tradition and Modernity – sponsored by The Writers And Journalists Foundation, November 26-27, Antalya, Turkey

“For me, the most discouraging recent marriage statistic came from the Pew Research Center. As recently as 1990, the Pew researchers reported about two-thirds of the American public agreed that children were ‘very important’ to a successful marriage. However, today, only about one of three Americans believes this to be true.”

“This ‘delinking’ of marriage and procreation negatively affects children. The overwhelming message of modern social research is that children predictably do best when they are raised by their two biological parents in a marriage-based home: this is one basis for the label, ‘natural.’ Any variation from this model—be it cohabitation, single parenting, step-parenting, or same-sex couple households—any variation leads predictably to higher risks for the children involved. These children will be more likely—on average—to do poorly in school; to use alcohol and mind-altering drugs; to attempt suicide; to run afoul of the law. They will be less likely to be healthy, happy, productive, and civically-engaged adults. Marriage also predictably delivers a higher likelihood of [continued on page 8](#)

LEADERS WIN “LIFE PRIZES”

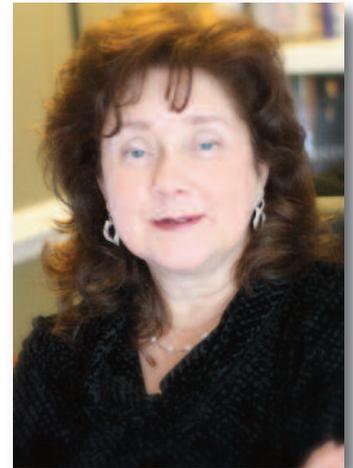
Dr. Alveda King and Marie Smith of Priests for Life, and Douglas Johnson and Jeanne Head of National Right to Life Committee, were among the six recipients of the 2009-2010 Life Prizes, in recognition of their achievement in “awakening the conscience of America to uphold and preserve the sanctity of human life through their leadership and advances in public advocacy, scientific research, outreach and public disclosure activities, legal action and other noteworthy achievements.” Prize winners will share a \$600,000 award.

Niece of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Alveda King has been called the face of the African American pro-life movement. Dr. King is the director of African American Outreach of Priests for Life and addressed Glenn Beck’s “Restoring Honor Rally” at the Lincoln Memorial in August. Marie Smith, wife of Congressman Chris Smith, is Director of Outreach of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, which is affiliated with Priests for Life. Smith has made it her mission to identify, unite and strategize with pro-life groups, legislators and religious leaders worldwide.

Douglas Johnson has been called the indispensable man in helping to rally and guide pro-life forces in the U.S. Congress. As legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee, Johnson has been involved in the greatest pro-life victories of the past four decades. Jeanne Head is the U.N. representative of National Right to Life Education Trust. In that position, she has fought valiantly for the unborn at the world organization and other international forums.

The other recipients of the Norinne A. and Raymond E. Ruddy Memorial Pro-Life Prize are Kristen Hawkins, executive director of Students for Life, and the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network. World Congress of Families congratulates all of this year’s winners. Priests for Life is a World Congress of Families Partner.

[Click here for a Leadership Profile of Dr. Alveda King in the October issue of World Congress of Families News.](#)



Marie Smith



Dr. Alveda King

REAL WOMEN OF CANADA CRITICIZES CANADIAN U.N. DELEGATION



In a release dated Nov 4, 2010, REAL Women of Canada, a WCF Partner, excoriated Canada's U.N. delegation for supporting a report by the U.N. Rapporteur promoting "a newly fabricated human right – the right of children to comprehensive sexual education from 'the early stages of life.'"

REAL Women notes the report advocates a "right" to sex education unfettered by parents or religion, as the report claims that sexual education has been obstructed by religion and that guilt feelings about eroticism could be abolished by way of a diminished parental involvement in children's sexual education. The report continually referenced the government's necessary role in providing 'better sexual lives' for young people. Sexual diversity, and gender rights, are also to be a part of sex education according to this report."

REAL Women wonders why Canada's Conservative government allowed its U.N. delegation to endorse the anti-family report, which was debated on October 25, 2010 at the General Assembly and was met with strenuous opposition from African, Latin American, and Caribbean nations, the Organization of Islamic Conference, Russia and the Holy See.

"It is intolerable that Canada should support such a shocking document which is clearly contrary to the views of most Canadians," REAL Women declared. It urged Canadians to contact the office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper to express their dismay in the strongest possible terms.

[Click here for the REAL Women of Canada website.](#)

AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES BOYCOTT OF HOME DEPOT



American Family Association has launched a boycott of Home Depot for its corporate support of the 2010 Nashville Gay Pride Festival. AFA notes: "The Home Depot paid to print thousands of colored brochures with a schedule and map of hundreds of gay pride activities and booths ... and prominently featured the promotion for a gay marriage 'commitment ceremony' at the event."

A World Congress of Families Partner, AFA has collected over 300,000 signers on its boycott pledge. [You can add your support by clicking here.](#)

Over the years, American Family Association has successfully brought pressure to bear on corporate giants like the Ford Motor Company and Dick's Sporting Goods. [Click here for the AFA website.](#)

UNITED FAMILIES INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MIKE DUFF DISMISSES LESBIAN PARENTING STUDY

United Families International President Mike Duff more than held his own in an exchange with Kathy Young of the homosexual Human Rights Campaign on lesbian parenting. The forum was the website of ABC 15, the network's Phoenix affiliate.

Speaking of the so-called U.S. National Longitudinal Lesbian Study by Dr. Nanette Gartelle of the University of California at San Francisco, Duff revealed, "This study was commissioned and sponsored by a pro-homosexual group intent on advocating its agenda and seeking a vehicle to perpetuate its propaganda campaign..."

Duff disclosed: "It is basically a poll of lesbians' adult children (78 children over 20 plus years). It consisted of interviews who 'self-selected' to take part in the study. It is also a survey of children's opinions of themselves. It 'polls' on how lesbians perceive and rate their children in terms of a few parameters. Using such methodology means the results are virtually pre-determined."

Duff noted that most of these studies of lesbian "parenting" compare children raised by lesbians to those from single-parent families, not to the children of intact, two-parent households – again, tilting the results. Duff: "Children learn about family life by observing crucial relationships up close: interactions between men and women, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, and parents and children of the same and opposite sexes. Human experience and a vast body of social science research show that children do best in married, mother-father households. It is wrong to create fatherless or motherless families by design. The arrangement may gratify some adults, but is not in the best interests of children."

[Click here to read UFI President Mike Duff's complete commentary.](#)
UFI is a World Congress of Families Partner.
[Click here for the UFI website.](#)



MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION DEFEATED IN CALIFORNIA – WCF OPPOSED

BALLOT MEASURE

California families emerged victorious when voters defeated Prop.19, a ballot measure to legalize marijuana, by a vote of 56% to 44%, notwithstanding California’s notorious social liberalism and massive spending by the drug legalization lobby.

On September 13, Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse, Ph.D. represented World Congress of Families at an anti-Prop 19 press conference at the National Press Club in Washington.

Crouse is a member of the WCF Management Committee and Senior Fellow of the Beverly LaHaye Institute of Concerned Women for America, a WCF Partner.

At the press conference, Dr.



The future of legalized marijuana



Dr Janice Crouse

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ABORTIONS AND CONTRACEPTIVES ARE ECONOMIC STIMULUS, ACCORDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD

In one of its Weekly Briefings, Population Research Institute exposed the abortion lobby’s attempt to present government subsidies for abortion and contraception as economic stimulus.



Obama at Planned Parenthood

In “Planned Parenthood Wants to Abort Us Into Prosperity,” Steven W. Mosher and Colin Mason write that appearing on the nationally syndicated Bill Press Show, Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards, “claimed that birth control is one of those issues that actually saves the government.” In other words, every child not conceived or born is a tax-savings.

Mosher and Mason respond: “No one denies that it costs money to raise a child, of course, but those who do so are making a fundamental investment in the future. Children grow into adults, who not only contribute to the GDP by entering the workforce, but also contribute, using their own special gifts, to creating families, communities and societies. To view babies as economic liabilities, as Richards does, is not only dehumanizing: it makes no economic sense whatsoever.”

With humanity hurtling toward Demographic Winter, Planned Parenthood is urging national suicide.

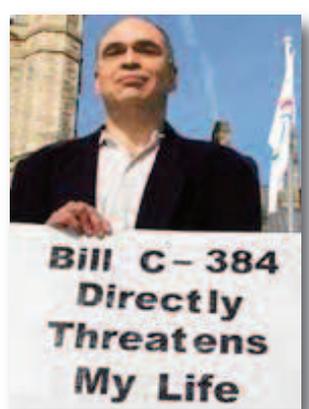
[Click here for the full PRI Weekly Briefing.](#) Population Research Institute is a WCF Partner.

[Click here to watch the trailer of the documentary “Demographic Bomb: Demography Is Destiny.”](#)

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION FINDS OPPOSITION TO EUTHANASIA RISING IN CANADA

For many years Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (a World Congress of Families Partner) has been analyzing Canadian survey results related to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

A recent Environics Group Survey shows that the EPC strategy not only convinced Canadian MPs to vote against legalizing euthanasia and assisted suicide, but has also helped to shift public opinion against



legalization in Canada. (Bill C-384, which would have legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide was defeated by 228 to 59 on April 21, 2010.) The survey on euthanasia was based on 2,025 Canadians questioned between September 15 – 22.

The research indicates that Canadians are concerned that if euthanasia were legal that it

would negatively affect vulnerable people and that support for legalizing euthanasia is falling.



The poll found that:

-In 2010, 59% supported legalizing euthanasia, with 22% strongly supporting. By contrast, in 2009, 61% had supported legalizing euthanasia, with 25% strongly supporting.

-This year, 63% were concerned that the elderly would feel pressured to accept euthanasia to reduce health care costs. Last year, 56% shared the same concern.

-78% were concerned that a significant number of people who are [continued on page 9](#)

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



ALEXEY KOMOV

With a background in management and consulting, Alexey Komov is the Chairman of the upcoming “Moscow Demographic Summit: Family and Future of Humankind” (July 12-14, 2011), the world’s first summit on the causes and

consequences of rapidly falling fertility.

Head of the WCF Representative Office in Russia and the CIS, Alexey is also the International Pro-Life Projects Coordinator of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Fluent in the four main European languages, Alexey has 17 years of international business experience and has previously worked in the areas of management and real estate consulting (founding partner of Integrity Consulting Boutique), general management in fast-moving consumer goods corporations, special events (congresses, exhibitions, large-scale concerts and racing championships), marketing and sales (Cushman & Wakefield - Big 4 in commercial real estate), business development (Zurich Financial Services - Fortune 500) and show business projects (organizing events for 5000-plus).

Alexey has an MBA (Open University, Business School, UK), an MA in US contemporary history (Moscow State Lomonosov University), and has studied business law (State University of New York at Albany) and theology (St. Tikhon Orthodox Humanitarian University).

Alexey is the author of the book “Stock Markets Regulation in the USA and Russia,” published in 1998.

Currently Alexey is working on a Ph.D. Dissertation on “Demographic Modeling in the 21st Century” under the supervision of Prof. Anatoly Antonov (Sociology

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ANDREA MINICHIELLO WILLIAMS

Andrea Minichiello Williams is a founder and currently CEO of both Christian Concern (formerly Christian Concern for Our Nation) and Christian Legal Centre, in the United Kingdom.

Andrea qualified as a barrister at the Inns of Court School of Law, after gaining a degree in Law and Italian from the University of

Wales in Cardiff, one of Britain’s major teaching and research universities. She spent a year abroad studying in Italy, where she lived with her Italian family.

She excelled in advocacy and mooted at the Inns of Court School of Law and went on to her pupillage (apprenticeship to a barrister) in 2 Dr. Johnson’s Chambers.

Andrea specialized in criminal and family law and practiced at the English Bar for eight years. She also did cases in the Old Bailey, England’s Central Criminal Court and regularly appeared in the High Court

Andrea began her public policy work within the Lawyers’ Christian Fellowship and developed the Public Policy Unit there.

Christian Legal Centre was founded in September 2007 and Christian Concern (then CCFON) separated from the LCF in July 2008 in order to pursue campaigning work without the strictures of charity law.

Andrea is frequently asked to comment on issues of importance in national media outlets. During the year she lived in Atlanta, Georgia, Andrea was involved in Women for Women, an abortion counselling ministry that reached out to women on the sidewalks facing crisis pregnancies. She was assigned 3 women who had been counselled out of having an abortion and was able to meet some of the babies that would otherwise have been killed.

Andrea is a wife and the mother of four children (7 to 15 years of age), and attends a small outreach church in central Haywards Heath.

Christian Concern is the newest World Congress of Families Partner. Andrea will be the chairman of the organizing committee for a WCF Regional Congress in the United Kingdom in 2011.

[Click here for the website of Christian Concern.](#)

[Click here for Christian Legal Centre, and here for Andrea’s blog.](#)



Christian Concern (formerly Christian Concern for our Nation) seeks to introduce a Christian voice in law, media and government in the United Kingdom. It encourages churches and Christians to speak out on issues that matter.

In 2010, Christian Concern launched its "Not Ashamed" campaign as an opportunity for Christians across the country to declare their confidence that Jesus Christ is good news not only for individuals but for society as a whole.

"Not Ashamed" is about Christians living their faith in public. In Britain, there have been cases where employees have been told they cannot demonstrate their allegiance to Christ by wearing a cross, or come under pressure for speaking for Jesus at work.

On December 1, 2010, Christian Concern asked Christians across the nation to wear a cross to show their support for Christ and this campaign, and are praying that many opportunities will be created for Christians to share Jesus with their friends.

Not Ashamed Day will see the delivery of a "Declaration of Christian Hope for our Nation" to leading figures in public life.

The "Choose Life" initiative was launched by Christian Concern this year to help Christians speak with conviction and compassion about the sanctity of life.

Christian Concern's "Stop and Think" campaign is the first phase of this initiative. On the anniversary of the Abortion Act 1967 (October 27), the group held a prayer vigil outside Parliament and a service of lament and repentance in Westminster Abbey, where Bishop Nazir-Ali spoke. Christian Concern intends to make its "Choose Life" campaign an ongoing activity.

Christian Concern responds to a wide range of policy issues. It won an important victory when a freedom of speech clause was inserted into the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill in 2006, without which Christians would have been prevented from preaching the Gospel. The Government was expected to win but lost by one vote after CC organized a campaign to protect freedom of speech. That was only the second time the Government had been defeated since 1997.

CC also led successful campaigns against the legalization of assisted suicide in 2006 and 2009.

Christian Concern remains very concerned that the Public Sector Equality Duty Act of 2010 (PSED) will be implemented in such a way that Christians organizations will be forced to choose between implementing the law's politically correct definitions of "sexual orientation," "gender" and religious belief, or losing public funding for vital projects.

CC has also created the Wilberforce Academy, a week-long public policy training program for aspiring Christian lawyers, politicians, journalists and business people.

Christian Concern is an offshoot of Christian Legal Centre. CLC is a legal action group that promotes Christian truth in the public arena and protects the freedom of Bible-believing Christians to speak the truth on matters such as life, marriage and the family, and to live their lives in accordance with their Christian beliefs.



Christian Concern leaders Peter Norris, Andrea Minichiello Williams, Alex Chowdhry and Wilson Chowdhry

[Click here for the website of Christian Concern](#) and [here for Christian Legal Centre](#).

[Click here to read the Declaration of Hope for Our Nation](#).

[Click here for the Choose Life Campaign](#)

[Click here for information on the Wilberforce Academy](#).

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scheduled for May 13, 2011. The event (which could be 1, 2 or 3 days) is being organized by the Family Association, and will be held at a yet to be determined location.

The theme of this year's Forum is the economic and social impact of demographics on Latvia. The goal will be to demonstrate how revitalizing the natural family is not only best for children and society, but is the only way to avert a looming demographic crisis.

Possible speakers will include statisticians, sociologists, economists and psychologists discussing the necessity of the intact family for healthy human development and a sound economy.

The Forum is expected to draw participants from Latvia and the other Baltic states, Russia and the CIS and Western Europe and the United States. Further details will appear in the January World Congress of Families News.

For more information, click here to contact Marika Bertule.

For a story on the last Riga Family Forum in the June World Congress of Families News, click here.



London Regional Congress

Christian Concern (*see Partner Profile on page 7*) is spearheading

organizing the World Congress of Families 2nd. Regional Congress in the United Kingdom, in London (June 2011). The first UK Regional Congress was held June 2-3 of this year, thanks to the Family Values Committee and the hard work of Vanessa Theed and David Eaton. (Click here for story in the June 2010 World Congress of Families News.)



Christian Concern is in the process of putting together an organizing committee, to be chaired by Andrea Minichiello Williams (*see page 5 profile*). Expect more details in the January World Congress of Families News.

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participation by the leading scientists worldwide, professional demographers and researchers, and U.S. Senators and Congressmen, as well as the Russian Orthodox Church and government representatives. More than 1,000 are expected to attend.

“Reports and articles of the leading international scientists will be published as a separate book (*after the Summit*), in English, Russian and Spanish and distributed to leading universities and libraries all over the world.

“All this will help to attract media and public attention to the current crisis of the family and strategies to overcome it, and to counteract anti-family initiatives in Russia.

“Russia's pro-life and pro-family movements will be strengthened, showing the Russian government, politicians and also opponents that we have strong international support and are united to fight for the family. That is of paramount importance, due to increased threats and fierce attacks on traditional values in Russia and worldwide.

“The Moscow Demographic Summit of 2011 will be a great stimulus for further consolidation and active growth of the pan-Russian pro-family movement, which may culminate in World Congress of Families VII for 5,000 people in the Moscow Kremlin in 2014.”

The Summit will also be the first World Congress of Families event in Russia.

With this conference, WCF will return to its roots. The possibility of a World Congress of Families was first discussed by International Secretary Allan Carlson, Prof. Anatoli Antonov (Moscow State Lomonosov University) and the late Viktor Medkov (also a professor at the Lomonosov University) in a chilly Moscow apartment in January 1995. Two years later, the first Congress was held in Prague in the Czech Republic.

Click here for more information on the Moscow Demographic Summit: Family and Future of Humankind.

EXCERPTS FROM “THE NATURAL FAMILY IN AN UNNATURAL WORLD”

health, wealth, longer life, and happiness to the women and men who take these vows.”

“The central purpose of my book, *The Natural Family*, is to offer a fresh vision for the future; one unencumbered by tired language (such as the term, ‘traditional family’) and by negativism (such as the usual focus by family-advocates on what they oppose). The book also grounds this vision in the research findings of the biological and social science. My co-author Paul Mero and I summarize our vision in two paragraphs. As you will note, restoring the bonds of marriage to procreation and of the family to the economy are central to our vision.

“We see a world restored in line with the intent of its Creator. We envision a culture—found both locally and universally—that upholds the marriage of a woman to a man, and a man to a woman, as the central aspiration for the young. This culture affirms marriage as the best path to health, security, and fulfillment. It casts the home built on marriage as the source of true political sovereignty, the fountain of democracy. It also holds the household framed by marriage to be the primal economic unit, a place marked by rich activity, material abundance, and broad self-reliance. This culture treasures private property in family hands as the rampart of independence and liberty. It celebrates the marital sexual union as the unique source of new human life. We see these homes as open to a full quiver of children, the source of family continuity and social growth. We envision young women growing into wives, homemakers, and mothers; and we see young men growing into husbands, homebuilders, and fathers.”

“As you can see, *The Natural Family: A Manifesto* is unabashedly pro-natalist. The so-called ‘population bomb’ was the last century’s fixation, misleading in its assumptions. The true challenge facing the 21st century is demographic implosion, the depopulation now found most acutely, in modern industrial societies: yet spreading to all parts of the globe. Only those nations that welcome and encourage larger families built on marriage have viable futures, a conclusion that underscores the importance of this conference. “

[Click here to order “*The Natural Family: A Manifesto*.”](#)
[Click here to read Allan Carlson’s “*The Natural Family In An Unnatural World*”](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION DEFEATED IN CALIFORNIA – WCF OPPOSED BALLOT MEASURE



Crouse said in a prepared statement: “Over the past four decades, liberal ideas and values have often prevailed in the competition

with traditional values and ideas. My work documents the disastrous consequences suffered by several generations of our nation’s children as a result of 40 years of policies based on the prevailing ideology and the shift away from Judeo-Christian values as the nation’s moral touchstone.”

Regarding Proposition 19, Shaw warned: “The research is clear: marijuana is the ‘gateway drug,’ meaning that users are susceptible to moving on to even more destructive drugs, like heroin and cocaine. Further, we know that legalization increases use. The Netherlands liberalized their drug laws and marijuana use among those 18-20 years of age increased from 15% in 1984 to 44% in 1986.”

Among organizations represented at the press conference were the Drug Free America Foundation, Family Research Council (also a WCF Partner), the National Black Church Initiative, the National Sheriffs Association and Drug Watch International. On November 2, pro-drug referenda were also



defeated in Oregon, South Dakota and Arizona. Much of the drug lobby is funded by anti-family funder George Soros.

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION FINDS OPPOSITION TO EUTHANASIA RISING IN CANADA

sick, disabled or elderly would be euthanized without their consent. Last year, 70% shared the same concern.

-71% believe that the government needs to place a greater priority on improving palliative care rather than legalizing euthanasia — versus 69% in 2009.

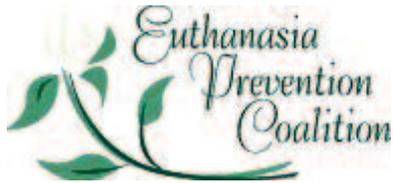
Compared to years past:

-Canadians are more concerned that people will feel pressured to accept euthanasia in order to reduce health care costs.

-Canadians are more concerned, that if euthanasia were legal, a significant number of people would be euthanized without their consent. This concern is a well-founded. A study that was published in May, 2010 found that 32% of euthanasia deaths in the Flanders region of Belgium were done without explicit request or consent.

-Increasingly, Canadians in all regions want the government to improve end-of-life care, rather than legalize euthanasia. In Quebec, where the government is attempting to find a consensus to legalize euthanasia through the backdoor, 60% preferred improving end-of-life care, instead.

[Click here for the entire poll findings](#)



EPC will hold its Third International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, June 3-4, 2011, in Vancouver.

For more information, Contact Alex Schadenberg at the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition: 1-877-439-3348 or info@epcc.ca

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PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP ALEXEY KOMOV

faculty of Moscow State Lomonosov University), a distinguished demographer who spoke at almost every WCF Congress since 1997.

Komov is an active member of the Russian Orthodox Church and a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple of Annunciation in Moscow, which is the “HQ” of the Russian pro-life and pro-family movement under the leadership of the renowned Fr. Dimitry Smirnov and Fr. Maxim Obukhov. He is married and the father of three — soon to be four.

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repeatedly defeated, anti-lifers have a better chance of passing it next year than ever before, since a pro-RH President was recently elected in the Philippines.

This ongoing battle is why the Philippines was the ideal location for Human Life International’s 17th Asia-Pacific Congress, held in Manila on November 6-9, 2010.

With representatives from more than 13 Asian nations, the Congress was designed to train pro-life leaders from each of these countries in the basics of the anti-life assaults, and to awaken and inform them as to the many directions from which these assaults may come. The Congress addressed the RH Bill, the New Age movement and moral relativism, and also discussed the ministries of the Catholic Church, the family and the media.

More than 500 attended the Congress, and there were more high-ranking Church officials there than at any of HLI’s previous conferences. The Congress also helped achieve more strategic goals than at any past HLI conference, the most important being the organization of the pro-life leaders of the Philippines to fight the Reproductive Health Bill.

The two-and-a-half day event included 11 addresses as well as extensive open-forum discussions. As usual, the most important work happened behind the scenes with meetings and networking.



Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales

Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales, Archbishop of Manila, encouraged attendees during his homily at the closing Mass of the Congress, emphasizing that prayer and action are both needed in the world today.

The Congress organizer was Dr. Ligaya Acosta ([click here for pre-Congress story in the September World Congress of Families News](#)).

For more information on the Manila Congress and upcoming HLI events, [click here](#). Human Life International is a World Congress of Families Partner.



Dr. Ligaya Acosta, Congress organizer

MEMO TO CONSERVATIVES: IF WE LOSE MARRIAGE, WE LOSE EVERYTHING

EXCERPTS FROM A COMMENTARY BY WCF COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR DON FEDER
PUBLISHED ON WORLD NET DAILY (AUGUST 13, 2010)

“Memo to conservative defeatists: Surrender on gay marriage is surrender on marriage – which is surrender on the family and, ultimately, surrender on civilization.”

“This unwillingness to fight for the family, on which civilization depends, is another sign of the failure of modern conservatism. The right can win a thousand battles against big government and lose the war for America’s future if it surrenders on marriage and the family.

America’s social traumas – illegitimacy, juvenile crime, drug abuse, female-headed-households – can all be traced back to the decline of the family: which started with the Great Society in the ‘60s, accelerated with no-fault divorce in the ‘70s, continued with the rise of cohabitation, and reached its culmination with same-sex marriage.

Offering competing models, socially sanctioned, undermines heterosexual marriage. Two men engaged in what used to be described as unnatural acts, become the legal/moral equivalent of a man and woman (husband and wife), joined by faith and tradition, doing society’s essential work of childbearing and childrearing.

Schools will teach that any living arrangement is as good as any other. Employers will be forced to provide ‘family benefits’ to same-sex couples, regardless of religious scruples.

The state will be required to place children with gay couples for adoption — depriving them of the father/mother role models necessary for successful adjustment. In Massachusetts, Catholic Charities ended its adoption program (the largest in the state), rather than submitting to placing children with



homosexuals, as required in the nation’s first gay-marriage state.”

“Homosexual activists (among the most driven ideologues on the planet) will insist that all churches perform same-sex ceremonies – and push for withdrawal of charitable tax-status of those that refuse. Hate-crime laws will be applied to the

ministers and priests who preach Leviticus or Romans 1: 26-27. In Europe and Canada, clerics have been hauled before human-rights tribunals for defending their faith from the pulpit.”

“Unfortunately, many conservative intellectuals have lost sight of a crucial fact: American exceptionalism rests on three pillars – faith, family and freedom. Remove any one, and the entire structure collapses.

How can you have a strong economy without strong families? As economist Ludwig Von Mises noted, deferred consumption is necessary for capitalism to work. That means individuals willing to sacrifice for the future – and that means families.

Without the family, it doesn’t matter how many times we defeat socialism (nationalized health-care, government take-over of business, soaring deficits, redistributionism), in the end, we lose – which is why the left has made same-sex marriage its priority, and why it is less tolerant of dissent here than anywhere else.

Conservatives who don’t understand this, understand nothing.”

[Click here to read Feder’s complete commentary on WorldNetDaily.com](#)

IN MEMORIAM: DR MILDRED FAY JEFFERSON



On October 15, 2010, the unborn lost an articulate, impassioned, tireless champion with the death of Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson at age 84.

Dr. Jefferson was a pioneer of the U.S. right-to-life movement. She was one of the founders of the National Right to Life Committee and served three terms as the organization's president.

She was also a founder, director and president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. At the time of her death, Jefferson was president of the Right to Life Crusade. She was also active in Black Americans for Life.

Dr. Jefferson was the first black woman to graduate from the Harvard Medical School, the first woman admitted to be a surgical intern at Boston City Hospital and the first woman admitted to membership in the Boston Surgical Society. She taught surgery for several years at the Boston University School of Medicine.



In the early 1970s, Dr. Jefferson gave up a brilliant career in medicine to spend the next four decades fighting abortion.

Testifying before Congress in 1981, Jefferson declared: "I became a physician in order to help save lives. I am at once a physician, a citizen and a woman, and I am not willing to stand aside and allow the concept of expendable human lives to turn this great land of ours into another exclusive reservation where only the perfect, the privileged, and the planned have a right to live."



Raised in Texas during the era of Jim Crow, Jefferson often compared Roe. v. Wade to the pre-Civil War Dred Scott decision – another case where the U.S. Supreme Court denied the humanity of an entire class of people.

The recipient of 28 honorary degrees, Dr. Jefferson spoke and debated at college campuses and other forums across the United States. She was widely considered the most eloquent spokesman for the right-to-life movement.



Whenever he saw her, President Ronald Reagan exclaimed, "There is my favorite doctor." Reagan credited an appearance by Jefferson on the PBS show "The Advocates" with helping him to change from a pro-choice governor of California to a fervent right-to-lifer.

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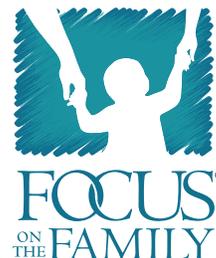
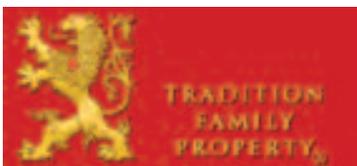
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