

## **Conference on Family Values Planned in Toronto**

Franco Famularo  
May 15, 2012

**Toronto, Canada** - UPF-Canada will hold a joint conference with the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in Toronto on June 9 at the Don Valley Hotel in Toronto in support of the UN International Day of Families. The theme is Promoting Strong Family Values as a Foundation for a Peaceful Nation.

Building on themes emphasized during previous conferences that have focused on faith, family, service, and peace, it was decided to focus this year's gathering on strengthening the family as the foundation for peace in support of the International Day of Families promoted each year by the United Nations.

The family in Canada is undoubtedly experiencing continual evolution as the cultural, religious, and ethnic composition of family life is enhanced by the arrival of new immigrants. In addition, the challenges of intercultural marriages, the declining birth rate, and the aging population are issues of common concern. The conference will explore some aspects of the impact of this process as it affects the expression of cultural and religious values through social encounters.

**Keynote Speaker: Hon. Inyumba Aloisea**  
Minister of Gender and Family Promotion - Rwanda

### **Session I: Restoring the broken family**

**Moderator – Mr. Mitch Dixon – Director, UPF-Central Canada**

**Hon. David Kilgour**  
Former Cabinet Minister – Canada

**Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish**  
Founder, Daughters of Life – Author

**Rev. Darryl Gray**  
Senior Pastor – Imani Family & Full Gospel Church - Montreal

### **Session II: The challenges of interreligious/intercultural families**

**Moderator – Mr. Alan Wilding – Director, UPF-Western Canada**

**Mr. Armand La Barge**  
Former Chief of Police – York Region – Ontario

**Mrs. Raheel Raza**  
Author – Diversity Consultant – Interfaith Advocate - Toronto

**Mr. Franco Famularo**  
Secretary General – UPF-Canada

### **Session III: The influence of women in establishing strong families**

**Moderator – Mrs. Eveline Stewart – Director, WFWP-Toronto**

**Hon. Jean Augustine**  
Fairness Commissioner – Ontario, Former Cabinet Minister and Member of Parliament - Canada

**Hon. Inyumba Aloisea**  
Minister of Gender and Family Promotion - Rwanda

**Mrs. Lilly Tadin**  
President – WFWP-Canada

The Canadian chapters of the Universal Peace Federation and the Women's Federation for World Peace share common goals through developing networks of individuals, organizations, and Ambassadors for Peace committed to all aspects of peace through promoting dialogue, education, and service. Both organizations seek to bring civil society solutions to critical local and global problems. Educational initiatives can make a significant contribution to the building of a world of lasting peace. Educating for peace starts in the family.

For more information email Franco Famularo