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**REMINDER**

**"Peace Talks" Webinar**  
**The Covid 19 Crisis and**  
**its Impact on Families**  
**May 15th - 9:30 EST**

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Greetings from UPF International,

We are pleased to announce our next "Peace Talks" Webinar will take place on **Friday, May 15, 2020 at 9:30 AM (Eastern Standard Time New York)**.

May 15 is the UN International Day of Families. We are scheduling our "Peace Talks" Webinar at **9:30 AM** to avoid a scheduling conflict with a webinar being organized by the United Nations Unit on the Family.

**Theme;** The Covid 19 Crisis and its Impact on Families

**Occasion:** UN International Day of Families

**Backgrounder:** The Covid 19 is placing enormous pressure and stress on families, due to the "shelter in place" policies in many countries coupled with the closing of schools, the economic recession with rapidly rising unemployment, not to mention infections and deaths within families. Parents, spouses, children, grandparents are challenged on all fronts. Evidence suggests that cases of domestic violence are on the rise, even as "street crime" declines. There are also reports of wider substance abuse. During this webinar we will hear from experts who will address the impact which the coronavirus crisis places on families.

**Questions to be Addressed:** How is the coronavirus crisis impacting families, especially those who have lost loved ones? How are families coping with "shelter in place"? How are rising unemployment and widespread bankruptcies of businesses impacting families? How is "sheltering in place" affecting children, and their education? What is being done or can be done to address the rise in domestic abuse, substance abuse, and even despair within families?

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**Panelists:**

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**Dr. Bahira Trask**

*Professor and Chair, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware*

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**Dr. Rima Salah**

*Former Assistant Secretary-General of the UN;  
Former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF*

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**Professor Clare Huntington**

*Joseph M. McLaughlin Professor of Law, Fordham University*

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After the presentations, there will be time for Q&A.  
Questions may be sent to [peacetalks@upf.org](mailto:peacetalks@upf.org).

Please click on the following link to register for the May 15th “Peace Talks” Webinar.

[us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HT9TrYjJQmWqrH7N2oNsDw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HT9TrYjJQmWqrH7N2oNsDw)

We hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion.

Sincerely yours,  
*Thomas G. Walsh, Ph.D.*  
Chairman, Universal Peace Federation

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## Upcoming Events

MAY 15: [UN International Day of Families](#)

JUN 1: [UN Global Day of Parents](#)

JUN 30: [UN International Day of Parliamentarism](#)

JUL 18: [Nelson Mandela International Day](#)



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