

## UPF International's webinar observing the UN's annual Global Day of Parents

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Today, June 1, we celebrate all parents throughout the world as we observe the UN's annual [Global Day of Parents](#). UPF International is hosting a webinar on June 2 to commemorate this special day.

The importance of parents' role in the family has increasingly come to the attention of the international community in recent years. In 2012, the UN General Assembly established Global Day of Parents to emphasize the critical role of parents in rearing children and recognize that the family has the primary responsibility of nurturing and protecting children. Global Day of Parents provides an opportunity to "appreciate all parents for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship," states the UN.

True Parents, co-founders of UPF, have also emphasized the importance of the parent-child relationship and family values, establishing in the Unification movement a Parent's Day and Children's Day, among others. As the backbone of the family and the foundation of our communities and societies, parents are fundamental to creating a healthy, thriving world. Through parental care and support, children's health, education, and emotional well-being is enhanced, contributing to the overall function of society.

True Parents also shared that the original parent - our Creator and Heavenly Parent - teaches us how to practice true love within the family. They shared that in order for children to have full and harmonious development, they must grow up in a family environment of happiness and love.

"Children are the fruit of love," said True Father in a 1973 speech at Belvedere in Tarrytown, New York. "Your children are not your own, but God's ... You, yourselves must be returned to God, and after returning all you have back to God on the vertical level, you will be elevated to that standard ... to be given those things you can enjoy as your own."

"If you have such an attitude ... on this foundation, you will be able to celebrate on the family level, tribal level, national level, and worldwide level," he said.

The UPFI webinar will feature two esteemed psychology professors from the University of California, Berkeley, whose research has shown that parent effectiveness and happiness increases when a couple's relationship is strengthened. The professors will discuss the irreplaceable role and responsibilities of parents, and share best practices from around the world that have increased couple cooperation and effectiveness as a parenting team. Topics such as "Why Parents' Job is So Critical and So Hard" and "Strengthening the Couple to Parent Better Together" will explore the challenges of parenthood and new approaches to helping parents.

With more than two billion parents in the world today, educational programs and campaigns continue to emerge to encourage stability within nuclear families. Let's celebrate Global Day of Parents with reflection and gratitude toward our own parents and Heavenly Parent!

You can register [here](#) for UPFI's Global Day of Parents webinar on June 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT.



## Global Day of Parents 1 June



Dressed in his firefighter uniform, Mohammad Jahirul Islam, 28, carries his daughter, Jisha, 3, to the daycare center she attends at the garment factory, where he and his wife (right) work in Narayangonj, outside Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 2018.

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## Appreciate All Parents Throughout the World

Since the 1980s, the important role of the family has increasingly come to the attention of the international community. The General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions and proclaimed the International Year of the Family and the International Day of Families.

Emphasizing the critical role of parents in the rearing of children, the Global Day of Parents recognizes that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children. For the full and harmonious development of their personality, children should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding.

Designated by the General Assembly in 2012, Global Day of Parents provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents for their "selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship."

### Greater support needed for working parents as COVID-19 takes hold

Families bear the brunt of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#). As the anchors of the family and the foundation of our communities and societies, parents have the responsibility of sheltering their families from harm, caring for out-of-school children and, at the same time, continuing their work responsibilities. Without support from parents, children's health, education and emotional well-being is at risk. By introducing family-friendly workplace policies and practices, companies and organizations will be in a better position to promote children's safety and wellbeing and provide systematic support to employees.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues its exponential growth, [a technical note from UNICEF, ILO and UN Women on family-friendly policies](#) and other good workplace practices in the context of COVID-19 shows that it is essential to support working families to minimize negative consequences for children.

## Background

During the 1980's, the United Nations began focusing attention on the issues related to the family. In 1983,

based on the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development in its resolution on the Role of the family in the development process (1983/23) requested the Secretary-General to enhance awareness among decision makers and the public of the problems and needs of the family, as well as of effective ways of meeting those needs.

In its resolution 44/82 of 9 December 1989, The General Assembly proclaimed 1994 as the **International Year of the Family**; and in resolution 47/237 of 1993, the General Assembly decided that 15 May of every year to be observed as the **International Day of Families**.

In 2012, the General Assembly proclaimed 1 June as the Global Day of Parents, to be observed annually in honour of parents throughout the world.

## Related links

- [General Assembly resolution establishing the global Day](#)
- [UN Reports and Resolutions on Family](#)
- [Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention](#)
- [Maternity Protection Convention](#)
- [Equal Remuneration Convention](#)
- [Maternity Protection Convention \(Revised\)](#)
- [Discrimination \(Employment and Occupation\) Convention](#)
- [Workplace Solutions For Childcare](#)
- [Reconciling Work And Family Responsibilities: Practical Ideas from Global Experience](#)
- [Declaration on Social Progress and Development](#)
- [International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)
- [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

## Related Observances

- [International Day of Families](#)
- [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- [International Day of Family Remittances](#)
- [International Widows' Day](#)
- [World Children's Day](#)
- [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

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## Support for parenting

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Like no one else, parents and caregivers shape the experiences that build their children's brains and set them on a path towards healthy development. Parenting is too big a job for parents and caregivers to do alone. They need support to give their children the best possible start in life.



## Families and Parents: Key to Achieving the SDGs

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Families remain at the centre of social life, ensuring the well-being of their members, educating and socializing children and youth and caring for young and old. In particular, family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals relating to doing away with poverty and hunger; ensuring healthy lives and promoting of well-being for all ages; ensuring educational opportunities throughout the lifespan and achieving gender equality.



## Why do we mark International Days?

International days and weeks are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. The existence of international days predates the establishment of the United Nations, but the UN has embraced them as a powerful advocacy tool. We also mark other UN observances.



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**Topic** GDP: Honoring Mothers' and Fathers' Hard and Gratifying Journey

**Description** Commemorating United Nations Global Day of Parents: Honoring Mothers' and Fathers' Hard and Gratifying Journey

**PROGRAM**

- Moderator: Dr. Taj Hamad, Vice President, Universal Peace Federation, Director, Office of UN Relations, and Chair, World NGO Association

- Lynn R. Walsh, MSW, MDiv, Director, Office of the Family, Universal Peace Federation, and Executive Member, NGO Committee on the Family, NY "Most of Us Don't Know What We Are Getting Into"

"Why Parents' Job is So Critical and So Hard"

- Carolyn Pape Cowan, PhD is Adjunct Psychology Professor, Emerita, UC Berkeley.

"Best Practices: Strengthening the Couple to Do Better Parenting Together "

- Philip A. Cowan, PhD is Psychology Professor, Emeritus, UC Berkeley.

The Cowans co-directed together three longitudinal intervention studies on how family relationships affect children's adaptation and showed how those relationships can improve.



**Time** Jun 2, 2022 01:00 PM in [Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

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