



## Celebration of the UN International Day of Families

Oslo, Norway, May 27, 2021

By Steinar Murud

**O**n the 27th May UPF Norway organized a webinar to celebrate the UN International Day of Families. Our topic was «The Significance of Norms – How to take care of the best and at the same time be open for renewal?».

In a time when traditional norms are challenged by new technologies, ideology, and politics, we invited an author, a politician and a psychologist to address this topic.

The politician spoke about the new gender-ideology that challenges the traditional understanding of gender. He commented on the rising number of young people with gender dysphoria. He spoke of possible causes, treatment offered and its consequences.

The author of the Norwegian book «Normless» commented on how quick the view on traditional norms has changed in our

country. The traditional family used to be the norm while now many new constellations are established and welcomed.

The third speaker was a psychologist who was overly concerned about the children's rights. Many changes in adoption- or fertilization-practices are done to please adult individuals or couples. However, how will the respective child appreciate these new practices? The psychologist could refer to many problems where the child's perspective had been neglected.

The fourth speaker was the Norwegian UPF leader who commented on historical experiences. He referred to the British anthropologist Joseph D. Unwin, who spoke warmly of monogamy as the main success factor in all the cultures that he had studied.

All speakers agreed that the evening's topic is a sensitive issue and that it is a strong trend in the Western world. However, it is always necessary and useful to present alternative perspectives.