

UPF International: Health, Dignity and Responsible Love

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A United Nations High-Level Meeting in New York on June 23, 2026, adopted a Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, "United to End AIDS by 2030." It underscores that addressing HIV/AIDS extends beyond clinical services to include family stability and international solidarity. The declaration reaffirms the commitment contained in [Sustainable Development Goal 3](#), including the objective of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

Significant progress has been achieved in recent years. By 2024, approximately 31.6 million people were receiving treatment, and advances in science have contributed to reductions in both mortality and new infections. Expanded education, testing, community-based care, and international cooperation have played a central role in changing the trajectory of the epidemic. However, the global response remains off track to meet the 2030 target. New infections persist, gaps in treatment coverage remain, financial resources are under pressure, diagnoses are often delayed, and stigma and discrimination continue to discourage individuals from seeking care.

Addressing HIV/AIDS requires more than numerical targets. It requires sustained efforts to reduce stigma

and ensure that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect. Stigma continues to divide families and discourage people from seeking care. The Universal Peace Federation affirms that people living with HIV and affected families all deserve equal dignity and inclusion. Public health responses must ensure that no individual is excluded from care or support due to illness or social status.

The declaration recognizes the importance of social and cultural contexts in shaping effective responses to HIV/AIDS, including the contributions of families, traditional and religious leaders, and faith-based organizations in prevention and support.

UPF views the family as a foundational environment for education, responsibility and mutual care. In this context, abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage are not presented as slogans or as judgments of others. They express a positive vision of sexual integrity, in which love is joined with responsibility, respect, trust and long-term commitment. Encouraging abstinence before marriage means helping young people develop self-respect, self-control and the capacity to make decisions that protect their dignity, their future relationships and the well-being of others. Fidelity within marriage means that husband and wife honor their exclusive commitment to one another and build a relationship of trust, emotional security and mutual care.

This approach has moral, social and public health significance. Stable and faithful relationships reduce exposure to sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and strengthen the family as a place where children can learn responsibility, respect and compassion. This does not replace medical prevention, testing, treatment or access to healthcare. It complements them by addressing the human and relational environment in which choices are made. A comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS can include scientific evidence, equitable healthcare, public education, community support and moral formation.

UPF therefore affirms both inclusion and responsibility. People living with HIV deserve dignity, care and freedom from stigma. Young people also deserve guidance that does not reduce sexuality to risk management alone, but presents it as part of a whole vision of life, love, marriage and family. In this way, the family and responsible love become an essential part of a comprehensive response to health, prevention and human dignity.

The declaration further calls for equitable access to prevention and treatment. This aligns with the [Global AIDS Strategy 2026 - 2031](#) and related UNAIDS materials accompanying the UN secretary-general's report on AIDS, which emphasize sustained financing, innovation and strengthened health systems.

The vision of UPF's founders, [Dr. Hak Ja Han](#) and the late [Rev. Sun Myung Moon](#), that we are One Family under God, guides our engagement in this field. In the context of HIV/AIDS, this vision supports collaboration with faith communities, civic leaders, educators, health professionals and families through education and interfaith dialogue in diverse national settings. UPF remains committed to expanding its educational initiatives and supporting efforts to reduce stigma in partnership with faith-based and community organizations.