IMAP and UPF: Addressing Teen Pregnancy and Sex Related Topics in the Age of Social Media

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<u>Universal Peace Federation's</u> <u>International Media Association for Peace</u>

Addressing Teen Pregnancy and SexRelated Topics in the Age of Social Media

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 2-3 pm EST

See flyer attached

Navigating adolescence is always challenging, but today's teens face an additional risk: the constant presence of social media. In Canada, 44% of children aged 7-11 and 83% of those aged 13-17 use social media platforms. The average American teen spends 4.8 hours per day on the 7 most popular social media apps. It is clear that social media can have a significant impact on self-esteem and body image. How can we effectively address teen pregnancy and sex-related topics in this digital landscape, where young people are constantly bombarded with idealized images and misleading information?

Join us and our panel of experts as we explore solutions to help our youth navigate a troubling digital landscape.

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Dr. Robert S. Kittel is currently the Senior Advisor for Mother Moon's foundation in the Asia Pacific region. He is also the Co-Chair for the Universal Peace Federation and its Director of Education. Dr. Kittel received his Doctoral Degree from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, USA in 2004 specializing in family-values based character education for adolescents. He has published 14 books, articles, curricula, and in-depth research papers along with being a photo-journalist with stories running in seven international publications. He has lived and worked in Asia since 1975. Currently he is living with his wife in Manila, Philippines and they have two daughters and two and half grandchildren.

Amelia Lindemann is from Seattle, WA. She moved to South Korea when she was 12, completed middle and high school there. She was blessed/married in 2012 and has been living in Germany since. She has been a full time mom for 12 years, with 2 girls and 2 boys ages 4 - 12. She completed her online degree in design shortly after her 3rd child was born. She and her husband pastor their local church community since 2019.

Since last year, Amelia has started work as director for School of Love, working to empower parents to engage in the crucial role they play in their children's understanding of sex.

Cheryl Wetzstein is an award-winning news journalist with 40 years experience in New York City and Washington, D.C. Prior to her retirement in 2018, she spent 33 years at *The Washington Times*, mostly as a national reporter covering federal and state family issues such as poverty, teen pregnancy, abortion, pornography, marriage, and gay marriage. She currently advises the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) and edits books and websites. She and husband Douglas live in Maryland and have three adult children and two grandchildren.

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