

UPF USA Attends Conference on Family

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New York City, NY – The UN Non-Government Organization (NGO) Family of New York in cooperation with Universal Peace Federation, International Council of Psychologists and the LDS Charities hosted a program entitled “*Grandparents in the Family: Key for Intergenerational Solidarity*” in observance of the United Nations International Day of Families on Thursday May 19th at the UN Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza, NY.

Four (4) experienced speakers gave a wide spectrum of insights and perspective from aging, to remembering, to influencing and having satisfying relationships as well as the challenges that grandparents are experiencing.

Ed Ryan, Senior Legislative Advocate of AARP Pennsylvania and a great-grandfather of 2 boys said that his relationship with his grandchildren makes him more alive and at the same teaching him life’s lesson and reminding him to do things that he had forgotten to do. Nandi Bengu from Women’s Federation for World Peace shared her personal experience with her grandparents and how they molded her to become a successful and socially responsible person now. Dr. Kevin Brabazon, a professor at New York University shared how the brain is wired and how it responds to aging and also remembering the moments in our life. And Renata Kaczmarska, the UN Focal Point on the Family mentioned several programs and policies that are being pushed forward to protect and preserve the rights and privileges of senior citizens.



Question and answer session followed after the presentations, facilitated by Clarence and Lynn Walsh.