



## World Congress of Families X in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, May 15-18, 2016

### Civilization at a Crossroads: The Natural Family as the Bulwark of Humane Values

- The opening session will take place at Tbilisi's Philharmonic Concert Hall, in the heart of the city, with a capacity of 2,200 in the main hall.
- His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Patriarch of Georgia, has blessed and will participate in the Congress.
- Tbilisi will be our first Congress in an Orthodox country, the first in the Balkans, and the first east of Warsaw. It will also be our first European Congress since 2012.

• The host of WCF X is the Georgian Demographic Society which organized WCF regional conferences in Tbilisi in 2014 and 2015. The chairman and executive director are Levan Vasadze and Tinatin Khorbaladze.

• Georgia is the most democratic of the former Soviet Republics. Its people, who cling to traditional values, are under assault by the EU, Western governments and NGOs pushing sexual radicalism.

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## World Congress of Families X and The Future of the Family In Europe

• What happens at World Congress of Families X in Tbilisi will have a profound impact on family policy throughout Europe.

• The fight for the family has come to Eastern Europe and the countries of the former USSR.

• In May 2015, Ireland enacted same-sex "marriage" by referendum (62% in favor), the first country to do by popular vote.

• Greece just passed civil unions

• In December 2015, the people of Slovenia defeated same-sex "marriage" by a landslide vote in a national referendum.

• Romanians have collected 1.3 million signatures on a petition to constitutionally define marriage as the

union of a man and a woman.

• Hungary and Poland stopped a covert attempt to force homosexual marriage on all of the countries of the European Union.

• On January 30, as many as two million people rallied in Rome for the family and against civil unions and same-sex adoption.

• Most of Europe is plagued by plummeting fertility. In the European Union as a whole, the fertility rate is more than 30% below replacement (1.5 versus 2.1)

• In Eastern Europe, the Balkans and nations of the former Soviet empire, traditional, faith-based cultures are under assault by the European Union, the U.S. State Department and increasingly well-funded and aggressive NGOs

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pushing sexual radicalism, marriage deconstruction and indoctrination in the guise of gender theory.

World Congress of Families is increasingly active in this part of the world.

In 2007, World Congress of Families IV was held in Warsaw's Palace of Culture and Science.

In 2011, WCF had the World's first Demographic Summit in Moscow at the Russian State Social University.

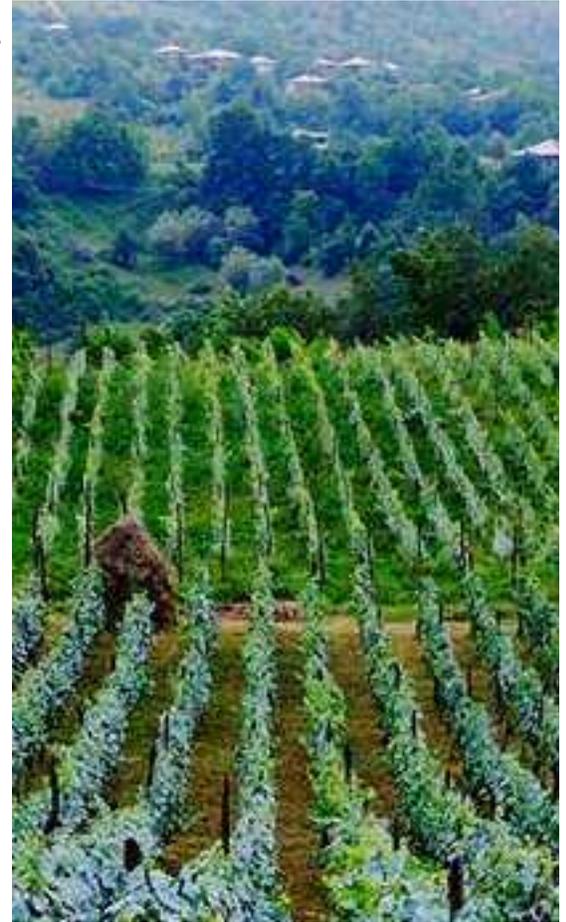
In 2015, WCF held regional conferences in Moldavia, Serbia and Tbilisi. For Serbia and Georgia, these were second consecutive conferences.

Our European Partners include organizations in the United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Serbia, Georgia and Russia.

And now, World Congress of Families X/Tbilisi 2016 (May 15-18) is on the horizon.

Tbilisi will help the international pro-family movement to expand our beachhead in the region. Sexual radicals have targeted these countries to demonstrate their ability to overcome traditional cultures and compel people who cling to normative values to bend to their will.

Tbilisi 2016 could begin the process of rolling back Cultural Marxism across the continent.



## Come to Tbilisi – A Message from Levan Vasadze

During his visit to Tbilisi in 2005, President George W. Bush called Georgia the “beacon of democracy.” Long regarded as the most pro-Western of the former Soviet republics, Georgia is no ordinary place. Legendary for its majestic beauty and authentic culture, Georgia has been a legend among travelers from time immemorial.

On visiting Georgia in 1948, John Steinbeck wrote: “It is a magical place, Georgia, and it becomes dream-like the moment you have left it. And the people are magic people. It is true that they have one of the richest and most beautiful countries in the world, and they live up to it. And we understood thoroughly now why Russians had always said to us, ‘Until you have seen Georgia, you have seen nothing.’”

Regarded as the birthplace of wine-making, metallurgy, agriculture and polyphonic singing, having one of the world's 14 original alphabets, and as one of the oldest Christian countries in the world (Christianity became Georgia's state religion in 327 AD), Georgia has so much to offer visitors.

Located at the crossroads of Asia and Europe, Georgia has absorbed many of the great cultural influences. When in Georgia, you will be reminded of many of great cultures you have experienced. Yet, Georgia is unique.

Georgia has been more successful than most of the former Soviet republics in modernizing (you will first encounter this in the ease of entry at Tbilisi's Airport) and at democratic reform. At the same time, Georgia is under relentless assault by George Soros-sponsored Western NGOs, which are making it



their business to interfere with the policies of the region's sovereign states. Georgia's traditional family-based culture is under siege by international organizations, including the European Union, which seek to transform our society with so-called anti-discrimination laws and gender-ideology in our schools.

When we gained our independence from the USSR, Georgia looked to the West as a model of self-government, civil liberties and property rights. Now, the

West, which should be championing these values, seems to be attacking our Christian culture with atheism, new forms of socialism and sexual radicalism – worse than what we saw during the last 25 years of the Soviet empire.

This is why we need you to come to Tbilisi for World Congress of Families X (May 15-18). Please come and share your wisdom and heart with us. Enjoy our unrivaled wine, cuisine, music, culture and hospitality, but also work with us, speak with us, listen to and plan with us.

Last but surely not least, bring your family, if you can. For what is a World Congress of Families if we gather without our loved ones. We want your spouses and children to rejoice with us in celebrating Georgia, for there is no greater joy and honor for a Georgian than to host guests. One thing more, citizens of the U.S. and EU don't need a visa.

*Levan Vasadze*  
Chairman  
WCF X

# WCF X Topics

Among the timely topics to be discussed at World Congress of Families X are:

- *The Family as the natural and fundamental group unit of society*
- *The obligation of society and the state to support and defend the natural family*
- *Marriage as the foundation of civilization*
- *Marriage deconstruction in the name of equality*
- *The role of religion in supporting the family*
- *Parental rights, including the right to home-school*
- *Declining fertility (Demographic Winter)*
- *Abortion, euthanasia, surrogacy and other life issues*
- *Gender theory and sexuality education and how they undermine the family and parental authority*
- *Anti-family indoctrination in education, media and the courts*
- *The Sexual Revolution and Cultural Marxism.*

## Speakers include :

1. **Toni Brandi – Pro-Vita (Italy)**
2. **Patrick Fagan – Family Research Council**
3. **Dr. Allan Carlson – WCF founder and prominent historian of the family**
4. **Ann Kioko – Kenya Christian Professionals Forum**
5. **Babette Francis – Endeavour Forum (Australia)**
6. **Brian Brown – National Organization for Marriage**
7. **Christine de Marcellus de Vollmer – Latin American Alliance for the Family (Venezuela) and the Pontifical Council on the Family**
8. **Don Feder – WCF Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Conferences**

9. **Doug Clark – Interim President, World Congress of Families**
10. **Dr. Everett Piper – president, Oklahoma Wesleyan University**
11. **Errol Naidoo – Family Policy Institute (South Africa)**
12. **Fr. Shenan Boquet – Human Life International**
13. **Francisco (Kit) Tatad – former Majority Leader, Philippine Senate**
14. **Irina Shamolina – home-school advisor to the Russian Orthodox Church**
15. **Janice Shaw Crouse – Executive Director, World Congress of Families IX**
16. **Katharina Rothweiler – Red Familia (Mexico)**
17. **Larry Jacobs – Managing Director, World Congress of Families**
18. **Levan Vasadze – Chairman, World Congress of Families X, Chair of Georgian Demographic Society**
19. **Luca Volonte – Novae Terra Foundation (Europe)**
20. **Alexey Komov – WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS**
21. **Kevin Andrews – former Australian Minister of Defense**
22. **Sharon Slater – Family Watch International**
23. **Rebekah ali-Gouveia – WCF Representative in the Caribbean (Trinidad)**
24. **Silvio Della Valle – In Defense of Christian Values (Italy)**
25. **Stanford D. Swim – Chairman, WCF IX**
26. **Theresa Okafor – Foundation for African Cultural Heritage (Nigeria)**
27. **Tinatin Khorbaladze – Georgian Demographic Institute (Republic of Georgia)**
28. **Lech and Ewa Kowalewski – Human Life International Europe (Poland)**
29. **Dr. Suja Koshy – SVT College (India)**
30. **James Mueller – Ethics and Public Policy Center**
31. **Justin Murff—Christian Broadcasting Network**
32. **Rev. Gregory C.V. Johnson – National Association of Evangelicals**
33. **Benjamin Bull – Alliance Defending Freedom International**



# World Congress of Families – A Brief History



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The World Congress of Families, affirms, defends and promotes the natural family as the life-long union of a man and a woman through marriage, bound by faith and tradition, for the purposes of sharing love and joy,

children, providing for their moral education, building a vital home economy, offering security in times of trouble, and binding the generations.

The Congress seeks to shift the terms of the social and policy debate:

- From "The family as an obstacle to development" to the "family as the source of social renewal and progress";
- From "overpopulation" to "under-population" as the demographic problem facing the 21st century;
- From "the small family and voluntary childlessness as good" to "the celebration of the large family as a special social gift";
- And from religious orthodoxy as a "threat to progress" to "religious orthodoxy as the source of humane values and cultural progress."

World Congress of Families was founded in 1995 by Dr. Allan Carlson, Ph.D., prolific author and one of the foremost historians of the family. To date, WCF has had the following Congresses (international gatherings of pro-family leaders, activists, political officials and scholars):

- WCF I, Prague (1997)**
- WCF II, Geneva (1999)**
- WCF III, Mexico City (2004)**
- WCF IV, Warsaw (2007)**
- WCF V, Amsterdam (2009)**
- WCF VI, Madrid (2011)**
- WCF VII, Sydney (2013)**
- WCF IX, Salt Lake City (2015)**

The Congress has also had regional conferences in such places as Ottawa, Trinidad, Santa Cruz (Bolivia), London, Belgrade, Moldova, Moscow, Ulyanovsk, Abuja (Nigeria), Nairobi, Sydney, Melbourne and Christ Church (New Zealand). This year, regional conferences are planned for Barbados and Argentina, among other locations.



The Congress works with more than 40 Partners in 14 countries to strengthen the family. It publishes World Congress of Families News (monthly) and Leadership Memos (twice-monthly)

For more information, go to [www.worldcongress.org](http://www.worldcongress.org)

## What They're saying about World Congress of Families

"WCF's international conferences, or 'Congresses,' function as key sites of right-wing strategy development and dissemination. These events typically attract thousands of participants, and build WCF's international influence by bringing together sympathetic elected officials, religious leaders, scientists, scholars, and civil society from around the world." **Southern Poverty Law Center** (one of the most influential anti-family groups in the U.S.)

"The World Congress of Families has brought together the leadership of an increasingly trenchant and powerful wing of the international pro-family movement." **Ms Magazine**

"By becoming a Partner of the World Congress of Families, we are acknowledging and supporting its great work in uniting us all in the most formidable challenge of the 21st century – to protect and promote the natural family." **Gwendolyn Landolt**, National Vice-Chairman, REAL Women of Canada

"The academic work produced by the World Congress of Families has had a huge impact...part of the fallout of their work is networking of people around the world with shared values and concerns about the deterioration of the family structure." **Ellen Sauerbrey**, head of U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, and U.S. Representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, under President George W. Bush.

"One should be concerned about World Congress of Families, not just because of what they say, but because of what they do: influence domestic and international policy." **Sex Information and Education Council of America** (SIECUS), 2009

"Great job, wonderful conference and I think, great work done. There was a tremendous amount of networking done. I know I advanced my work more at this conference than at any other." **Dr. Patrick Fagan**, Family Research Council on WCF V

"Seen from the Latin American perspective the World Congress of Families V was a wonderfully encouraging occasion. Not only were the talks and activities of exceptionally high quality, but the opportunity to network with the top leaders of pro-family activities worldwide was very empowering. Together we can change the way the international agencies are taking the world!" **Christine Vollmer** President of Latin American Alliance for the Family, member, Pontifical Council on The Family

"There is no doubt WCF has had a profound impact on the debate in the Netherlands. The issues raised up till now were almost taboo. Left-wing politicians even tried to prevent our

Family Minister from opening the conference with its 'despicable views.' Leading newspapers however took the other side, defending freedom of speech; but, moreover, acknowledging that, on a worldwide scale, WCF represented the majority view on a number of these issues. The scope of the debate has broadened." **Peter Cuyvers**, family expert, the Dutch Christian Democratic Party of WCF V

"Possibly the largest pro-family conference ever held concluded last week with the passage of a declaration seeking to reestablish recognition of the family as the 'fundamental' unit of society, and to seek protection for the traditional family from persistent cultural and governmental attacks." **Catholic World News**

"Founded by right-wing 'family values' ideologue Allan Carlson, the WCF inveighs against abortion, same-sex marriage and secularism and promotes large 'natural families' and 'religious orthodoxy.'" **Katha Pollitt** in The Nation

"It is important that conservatives all over the world remain united in defense of the non-negotiable principles of life and family values. In this common fight, the World Congress of Families plays a crucial role." **Silvio Dalla Valle** of the Italian organization In Defense of Christian Values.

"If you miss the World Congress of Families, you will miss the cutting edge on how to take the family back from the social radicals." **Austin Ruse**, president, Center for Family and Human Rights Institute.

"The World Congress of Families (WCF) is one of the most influential American organizations...active across five continents. Since 1997, WCF has held conferences and events around the world...protecting the 'natural family.' It is connected to some mainstream conservative organizations and to the very highest levels of government in the countries where it operates." **The Human Rights Campaign**, from its report "Exposed: The World Congress of Families"

"It (WCF) is a locus for heavyweight U.S. conservative actors, from the Heritage Foundation, the Family Research Council and James Dobson's Focus on the Family – to network with representatives of the Vatican, conservative Christians from developing nations and a smattering of Muslim groups seeking allies to fight gay and women's rights. The result is the spread of the U.S. culture war across the globe." Feminist author **Kathryn Joyce** in her book "Quiverfill: Inside the Christian Patriarchy Movement."

"The World Congress of Families is the only organization successfully addressing the importance of the natural family in an international setting." **Dorothy Patterson**, professor of theology in women's studies and first lady at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

# Georgian Patriarch Ilia II Blesses and Will Participate in WCF X

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**To Mr. Lawrence (Larry) D. Jacobs**

Dear Mr. Lawrence D. Jacobs,

We greet you and confirm our respect to you, and with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II we express great joy over the fact that the tenth Congress of Families is planned to be held in Tbilisi on 16-18 May 2016.

We consider the work done by your international organization throughout these 20 years of great value in protecting the family and in maintaining morals, in general.

We also inform you that His Holiness and Beatitude will participate in the Congress, and we pray to God that it may become a display of peace and love, of Christian values and culture.

We congratulate you on the Nativity and the beginning of the New Year. May God bless you and the people working with you; may God grant you the strength and power to accomplish many more good deeds to come.

With best regards,

Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs of

The Patriarchate of Georgia, Metropolitan of Tsaishi and Zugdidi

# Meet The Organizers of WCF X – Tbilisi 2016

## Levan Vasadze, Chairman

An active pro-family advocate in the Republic of Georgia, Levan Vasadze has a BS/MS in geophysics (1992) from Tbilisi State University. He also holds an MBA from Emory University in the United States. He currently chairs Prometheus Capital Partners with business interests in several countries of the former Soviet Union. Levan founded, sponsors and chairs a private school near Tbilisi where children are involved in a unique full-day program which focuses on comprehensive academic education, extensive sports and athletics programs, unique spiritual and religious education and an interactive manual labor program. Levan also chairs Georgia's Demographic Society, the principal NGO working with the Georgian government to promote a large- family and anti-abortion agenda aimed at combating the country's steep demographic decline.

Vasadze is the author of a 2013 Open Letter ("Respect Our Traditions") signed by 36 prominent Georgian intellectuals protesting a report by the EU's Special Advisor on Human Rights, which criticized the nation's treatment of so-called sexual minorities.

The Open Letter, which was published in Georgia's leading newspaper, read in part, "We believe that equating those who practice sexual perversions with representatives of religious and ethnic minorities ...is an artificial, deliberately imposed ideology that has nothing to do with the age-old rules that are common to human society."

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/65554.htm> Levan is a former professional rugby player in Georgia, and is married and the father of seven children.



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## Tinatin Khorbaladze, Executive Director

Tinatin Khorbaladze holds Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia (Atlanta).

She also has a degree from Tbilisi State University (TSU), Department of Eastern European Languages and Literature, with specialization in English Philology, and a certificate in Management Psychology, Personal Branding and Leadership and Effective Communication.

Tinatin has been a pro-family advocate actively involved with Georgian Demographic Society, the principal NGO that works with the Georgian government to promote a pro-life agenda and support improvement of the extremely grave demographic situation in Georgia.

With special emphases on education and pension-system reform, during her work, Tinatin has been actively involved in fighting against new global education subject introduction in Georgia's National Curriculum.

Through the Georgian Demographic Society, she helped to organize World Congress of Families regional conferences in Tbilisi in 2014 and 2015 and has participated in TV shows, high level meetings and debates to defend Georgian traditional society and its roots, in an era of globalization. She's also the founder of the pro-life NGO Eber.



For more information and to register for World Congress of Families X [www.worldcongress.ge](http://www.worldcongress.ge)

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