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NEWSLETTER

FACH is a non-governmental, non-political, not-for-profit coalition of NGOs and organizations in Nigeria whose main objective is the shaping of public policy and government legislation through research and advocacy on personal freedom, value-driven health plans, family values, women's rights and empowerment, child survival and protection from conception till natural death.



International Family and Pro-Life Conference 2014

The international family and pro-life conference 2014 with the theme: *Witnessing to the Dignity of Every Human Life* held at the National Christian (Ecumenical) Centre, Abuja from June 5th-6th. Several bishops and archbishops were present with a good number of pro-life speakers and guests from Europe, America and Nigeria.

According to Mr. Smith, who has promoted Pro-life bills in his 34 years as a member of the US Congress; "We have a profound moral duty to protect the weakest and most vulnerable from all existential threats. The right to life – the most basic of all human rights – applies to all regardless of race, colour, creed, sex, religion, disability, age, stage of development or condition of dependency, including unborn children.

Speaking on the evil of abortion, He warned that the promoters of



Members of FACH with Senator Ekaette

this culture of death are clever propagandists and "cloak their violence in sheep's clothing;" adding: "They dress their violence

against women and children as empowerment, freedom and women's rights". Mr. Smith, who is the Congress's Chairman, Africa, Global Health Global Human Rights and Chairman, Us, Helsinki Commission Culture of Life Conference; also expressed concern about the outrageous action of the Boko Haram terrorist group against the girls students of Government Secondary School, Chibok, Borno State.



International prolife conference



Society and Technology Conference 2014

The IWFI and LBS conference on society and technology with the theme: *The E-Citizen: The Future, Today* was held on 28th and 29th of October. It was a huge success. Lots of delegates were present on both days despite their busy schedules.

The welcome address was given by the Chairman of IWFI, Engr. Charles Osezua (OON, KSG). The discussions were held in four sessions. There were panels and each person had a topic to dissect and discuss. The first featured experts from the industry like Mr Tomi Davies, (CEO Techno Vision Communications), Mr. Chike Maduegbuna (MD Afrinolly), Mr Chukwuka Monye (Founder Ciuci Consultings). Mr Tomi Davies talked about digital citizenship with its elements and how consumers could use technology better and be technology masters and not technology slaves by doing everything in moderation and realizing that technology is another component that is a part of our lives.

Prof Chantal Epie (Head, School of Business Administration, PAU) gave insights as to how to exercise dominion over social media, to adopt "e-tiquettes" when online and she advised everyone to restrain the urge to be hooked to gadgets.

The Society and Technology conference will be a yearly event organized by the Institute for Work and Family Integration (IWFI) with a focus on Technology and its impact on the society.

Protection of the Family UN Side Event 2014

The UN Family Rights Caucus and Family Watch International cosponsored by FACH and other Non-Governmental Organizations held her UN Side Event at the UN council in Geneva with the theme: *"The Family and the SDGs: Family Based Solutions to World Problems."* on the 15th of September 2014. The programme was moderated by Annie Franklin, (Director of UN Activities of Family Watch International, Spokesperson for the UN Family Rights Caucus). Other speakers include: Susan Roylance, (author/editor of the book *The Family and the MDGs*), Cindy Packard, (founder of Care for Life), Obianuju Ekeocha (founder of Culture of Life Africa), Karen Bogenschneider, (founder of the Family Impact Seminars) and other speakers from different parts of the world. They gave presentations on topics such as *How empowering families contributes to the United Nations goals. Research findings showing how family-based initiatives yield better results.* Regional speakers highlighted family protection provisions from national

constitutions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The Geneva Launch of the "Include the Family!" petition to the UN (already signed by over 125,000 people in 170 countries) was done by Sharon Slater, President of Family Watch International. This petition is a call to UN Member States to establish a stand-alone post-2015 UN sustainable development goal to protect the family.

For more information about the UN Family Rights Caucus or to join online go to www.UNFamilyRightsCaucus.org.



Sharon Slater, President Family Watch International

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Nigerian Association For Family Development (NAFAD) invites couples and interested individuals to her 14th biennial conference, theme: The

Role of the Father in the Family: Revisiting Cultural Stereotypes from Friday 7th Nov to Saturday 8th November. Venue: Lagos Resource Centre 9, Anifowoshe Street, off Adeola Odeku & Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.



For more information, please contact 08027759101, 0805476332, 08033093658, 08083727335

- The fourth International Law Conference on Women and Children will take place from 13-14 November, 2014 at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), 13/15 Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island, Lagos. Theme: *The Family as the Bedrock for attaining International Development Goals: Accessing the contribution of legal, policy, research and community frameworks.*



- A bioethics seminar on “eggsplottation” organized by Doctors Health Initiative (DHI) will be held at University of Lagos for female undergraduates. For more information contact 0802 7195 124



theme: A weekend of true love and rediscovery will be coming up from November 28-30. To register call 08160537922, anne.osezua@iwfionline.com

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- OCETSMA invites single professionals to her forum on the 30th of November 2014. Theme: *Making the right choice*. The forum will cover other issues such as: inter-tribal marriage, finance in marriage and will also include extensive interactive sessions. For registration please text/call 08033030512, 08035087797, 08032874562, 08079976306 or ocetsma@yahoo.com



- Married Couples Retreat 2014 organised by Institute for Work & Family Integration,

