

## Special Issue

# Creating a Robust Spirituality in Family and Relational Life in a Challenging World

### Message from the Guest Editor

Cultural and community challenges worldwide create opportunities for families and relational lives to develop a robust spirituality that fosters personal and communal growth. This Special Issue of *Religions* invites scholars from social science, psychotherapy, and spiritual backgrounds to submit articles exploring how family and relational dynamics can address both individual and broader societal issues. Key areas of focus include developmental family lifecycles, spiritual growth, cultural uniqueness, and community connections. By examining families as sources of change, we can enhance our understanding of larger cultural systems, such as societal and political structures. A spirituality that supports family life can effectively counteract oppressive mechanisms that contribute to family breakdown, promoting flexibility and strength. Ultimately, this interplay between families and the world can elevate values and beliefs that sustain hope for a better future filled with thriving families.

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