



Biography of Family Coalition Party Leader Phil Lees

Phil Lees was elected Leader of the Family Coalition Party of Ontario on Saturday, October 24th, 2009 at their Leadership Convention in Hamilton.

Married to wife Ruth for thirty years, Phil is a proud **father to Andrew, Krysten, and Jennifer, along with her husband Daniel and grandson Graden.** The family lives outside Hamilton.

Phil a hands on activist who works with people to make our communities better.

As a **school teacher and University instructor**, Phil has inspired people in the trades and education to work with the next generation. Phil **worked with the Ministry of Education Curriculum Department**, strengthening Ontario's technology programs.

As a member of the **board of directors of an Ontario daycare**, Phil has seen the need to help families back into their natural role as childcare leaders.

Phil's background as the **founder of a small family business** taught him that Ontario needs a political party to fight for the average working family.

Phil's background in **political science**, his work as an **FCP candidate (1999)**, and over a decade of activism gives him the background we need working for Ontario's families.

Since 1995, Phil has worked tirelessly to bring back the rights and freedoms of families. As **President of the Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council**, Phil fought alongside a team of activists to stop local government funding for teen abortion referrals – and won.

An educator for over 30 years, Phil Lees knows the day-to-day impact of controlling government policies on the lives of families in Ontario.

Phil led a multi-cultural, multi-faith coalition of Evangelicals, Catholics, and Orthodox Christians to fight the local school board's move toward explicit homosexual indoctrination, building a team of hundreds of activists to put ongoing pressure on elected representatives to do the right thing.

Phil collaborated on the **"I'm Worth the Wait" campaign**, encouraging abstinence in teens through an extensive local education campaign.

As the **founder of Public Education Advocates for Christian Equity (PEACE)**, Phil Lees has spearheaded a Parent-School Contract now used by hundreds of Ontario families to define and protect their expectations for their kids within the public school system.

Under Phil's energetic, positive leadership the Family Coalition Party looks forward to strengthening the grassroots base of the party, to building our policies for Ontario's families, and to offering every person in Ontario a strong alternative in 2011.