

Issues Programs List
Quarterly Issues Programs List
Station(s): 99.1 WAAL, 98.1 WHWK, 1290 WNBC, 104.1 WWYL
July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Community Resources/Education.** There are a wide variety of community resources available to help our residents with various issues. From mental health, to parenting resources, resources for the elderly, housing assistance, and mental health resources. Many in our community are unaware that help and education exists in these areas.
- B. **Diversity.** There continues to be concern about inequity not only for Black and Brown individuals but also the elderly, women, trans-individuals, immigrants, and persons with disabilities in the community.
- C. **Elder Issues.** New York has the fourth largest population of older adults in the nation and 25% of the Broome County population falls in the 65+ age group. Staying well, understanding health issues, and receiving help when needed are important to our older community.
- D. **Religion.** The need for religious resources and outlets for people of all faiths is evident by the request for varying religious services. Broome County has a diverse religious landscape yet many in our community are still unaware of the religious offerings in our community.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Encounter is a locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches that addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion.

Airs every Sunday at 6 a.m. on WWYL, 6:30 a.m. on WNBC, and WHWK at 7:15 a.m. on WHWK, and 7:30 a.m. on WAAL. The program is 30 minutes in length.

Date Aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
07/02/23	Community Resources, Sports. Host Rev. Jeff Kellam, Parish Assoc., Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott interviewed David Sobotka, Owner, Binghamton Rumble Ponies about the ways the baseball team is giving back to the Southern Tier community through raffles and special non-profit nights.
07/09/23	Education, Community Resources. Host Rev. Mark Kimpland, Pastor, Endwell United Methodist Church interviewed Judy McMahan, The Lyceum Program at Binghamton University as well as George Lohmann, and Bill Gorman. The Lyceum Program is run by volunteers and provides the community with adult continuing education in practical life subjects from basic banking to identifying local plants.
07/16/23	Community Resources, Education, Public Safety. Host Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard interviewed Rev. Henry Ausby, Pastor of Hands of Hope Ministries Daniel Flander, and Binghamton Police Lieutenant Daniel Flanders of the Binghamton Police Department to share about National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs. They discussed neighborhood safety, getting to know local officers, and the night of fun coming up on August 1st.
07/23/23 07/30/23	Religion, Diversity. Host: Rev. Mark Kimpland, Pastor, Endwell United Methodist Church interviewed Will Stafford, Translator and Treasurer Sanjay Solomon, Core Team Leader about the need for more diverse religious ministry in Broome County and the formation of a new Hispanic ministry being housed at the Endwell United Methodist Church.

08/06/23	Education, Religion. Host: Rev. Jeff Kellam, Parish Assoc., Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott interviewed Rev. Dr. Joseph Sellepack, Executive Director, BC Council of Churches about continuing educational resources provided to Broome County clergy so that they can continue to serve the spiritual needs of the community.
08/13/23	Community Resources, Food Insecurity. Host: Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard interviewed Kinya Middleton, General Manager/Greater Good Grocery Store. Food insecurity is extreme in Broome County and until recently, the Northside of Binghamton was in a food desert. This segment explained how Greater Good Grocery is offering affordable food to the community as well as resources for those unable to afford nutritious food for their family.
08/20/23 08/27/23	Education, Community Resources. Host Rev. Mark Kimpland, Pastor, Endwell United Methodist Church interviewed Judy McMahon, The Lyceum Program at Binghamton University as well as George Lohmann, and Bill Gorman. The Lyceum Program is run by volunteers and provides the community with adult continuing education in practical life subjects.
09/03/23	Environment, Education. Host: Rev. Jeff Kellam, Parish Assoc., Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott interviewed Chris Berger, Presbyterians for Earth Care about community educational resources for those interesting in learning more about how they can do things from compost to reduce their carbon footprint.
09/10/23	Diversity, Community Resources. Host Rev. Dr. Joseph Sellepack, Executive Director, BC Council of Churches interviewed Hussein O. Adams, Executive Director/CEO, American Civic Association about immigration services offered in Broome County for nationals who are seeking refuge as well as services to assist with employment and housing and English as a second language resources for community members.
09/17/23	Education, Community Resources, Elder Issues. Host Rev. Jeff Kellam, Parish Assoc., Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott interviewed guest: Rev. Jamie Tyrrell, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Delhi about A free community workshop the church is offering called the “Toolbox for Living” which will help community members navigate some of the hardships of life from basic life skills to more difficult challenges for older residents who struggle with modern technology.
09/24/23	Community Resources, Housing. Host Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard interviewed Conant Smith, CEO/Metro Interfaith Housing and Ann Yeager, Chair/Metro Interfaith Housing which helps community members find affordable housing through their diversified rental housing program.