



Issue and Programs Report

for

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RenewFM, through talking with pastors, community leaders and people with a strong concern for their community, have determined that the following issues are the current issues of highest concern in the area and this report has been created to show how we have addressed these issues.

1. Education

RenewFM believe that a good Biblical education is the foundation of a rewarding and satisfying life (Jesus said that he came to give life and that abundantly!). Education is important because the more knowledgeable we are about God the better equipped we are to make life decisions that will benefit us (and other) in the long-term. We also believe that, in addition to studying God's word, it is important that our children are getting a good education in schools and that our undergraduate and graduate students are being taught unbiased truth in their learning institutions. So we encourage people to stand up for truth and fight for good teachers in educational systems.

2. The Economy & Employment

Due to the current economic recession, families in northeast are experiencing a higher difficulty in being able to acquire a mortgage, find employment and afford health care. We at RenewFM try to provide programming that encourages our listeners to make wise financial decisions through good financial stewardship during these uncertain times and to put their trust in God knowing that he provides for our needs.

3. Family & Marriage

RenewFM understands that no family situation is perfect. We desire to provide programming that addresses all types of issues for struggling families. But our solution to these issues is found in Biblical principles and spiritual wisdom not just in psychologists and self help books. We strongly promote a family first structure of living with a high value put on Biblical marriage.

4. Religious Freedom

We at RenewFM are doing our best to educate people that religious and constitutional freedoms are often an issue in schools and there is a constant struggle to take God out of the schools. RenewFM brings programming that addresses the true heart issues of fear, religious freedom and security.

5. Public Safety

Whether our listeners have to deal with icy roads, blazing fires or windy weather, we want them to be well equipped for anything that could come their way. So we provide programming to deal with some of the safety issues in hopes that it may just save a life one day. That's why it's important to us that listeners be aware of safety hazards within their homes, cars and workplaces.

The following are different types of programming used to address these broadcast issues:

“*Around the Town*”, is a locally produced program focusing on issues, informing the community and encouraging education that relate to the city and county of license (we receive no financial reimbursement).

“*Public Service Announcements*” are messages in the public interest disseminated by the media without charge, with the objective of raising awareness, changing public attitudes and behavior towards a social issue.

“*Community Calendar*” aired twice daily at different times to reach as many listeners as possible. (Community specific)

“*Regular Programming*” Programs from around the country produced by various teachers, Pastors and/or ministries.

Education:

“*Around the Town*”

Title: Pace of Life, Diet & Rest

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Daniel Huerta, Focus on the Family Clinical Social Worker

Aired: January 10 & 11 & 31, February 1st @ 3pm for 19 minutes

Topic: How lifestyles and daily habits of teens directly contribute to anxiety, depression and anger issues many teens face. Daniel gave many strategic tips on how sleep, eating right, exercise and even laughter is proven to combat and turn negative behavior patterns into positive ones.

Title: JUMP, Just Understand My Potential

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Bill Spacciapoli, Founder/Director, J.U.M.P. Inc. Fitchburg/ Leominster, MA

Aired: January 17 & 18 @ 3 pm, 23 minutes

Topic: Training & mentoring disadvantaged youths in Fitchburg/Leominster, MA area with hiking, survival & wilderness skills which builds confidence that they carry with them into school & family and future situations

Title: Worcester County Motorcyclists Survivors Fund

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Deborah Ceccarini, President, Worcester County, MA

Aired: February 7 & 8 @ 3 pm, 18 minutes

Topic: Deb spoke about her non- profit that helps raise money to aid families of riders killed or seriously wounded in motorcycle accidents throughout Worcester County. They also promote safety & awareness and support them emotionally and financially.

Title: Sunshine Soup Kitchen

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Cynthia Dwyer, Executive Director of SSK Derry, NH

Aired: February 28 & March 1st @ 3 pm, 22 minutes

Topic: Soup Kitchen ministry that is serving 5 hot meals Mon- Fri. for anyone in need, also providing bible studies ,meals to homebound, survival packs to homeless, rides to shelter, clothing ministry since 1989.

Title: Beacon of Hope

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Vicki Briggs, Executive Director, Leominster, MA

Aired: March 7 & 8 @ 3 pm, 13 minutes

Topic: A ministry serving the handicapped since 1987 providing an evening respite and meal twice a week with activities and socialization. They also offer them life skill classes with various teachers volunteering their time throughout the community.

Title: Elizabeth Freeman Center (addressing sexual & domestic violence)

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Deborah Parkington – Programs Director in Pittsfield, MA

Aired: March 14 & 15 @ 3 pm, 23 minutes

Topic: Deb shared tips to alert community & family to signs to look for domestic violence situations. She told us about upcoming fundraising events in the community. She discussed the various teaching/training courses available to all local schools and made listeners aware of counseling and workshops available to families

“Community Calendar”

In accordance to our commitment to **Education** the Community Calendar airs announcements for current events taking place in northern Worcester County twice daily.

“Regular Programming”

The Word Remains with host George Small of Fitchburg, MA, and is a locally produced, 15 minute daily program expounding the Bible.

Pastor’s Perspective with host Don Stewart and visiting Pastors who take live calls addressing questions and comments from listeners. Program airs Monday through Friday 6:00-7:00 pm. One Friday a month is an East Coast version with Pastors from the East Coast using the same call-in format.

World News Briefing with hosts Pastor Don Stewart taking a look at current events in the Middle East and around the world. Program airs Fridays 6:00-7:00 pm.

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The Economy & Employment:

“Around the Town”

Title: Tech Soup (Global)

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Dan Webb, Vice President of Technology solutions & Services

Aired: February 14 & 15 @ 3 pm, 14 minutes

Topic: Dan spoke of his outreach campaign to include faith based organizations as participants in their program which offers free & discounted software & equipment to non-profits to better equip them in their mission to impact their communities.

Title: Tri Cities Community Development

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Marc Dohan, Executive Director

Aired: March 21 & 22 @ 3pm for 22 minutes

Topic: An organization that partners with the community to rebuild neighborhoods to be safe, strong, thriving. They offer classes to educate on understanding mortgages, affordable housing, job readiness/training & small business development. They help transform neighborhoods alongside it's own residents.

Title: Crisis in Northern Uganda

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Conrad Mandsager, President & CEO of Child Voice Int.

Aired: March 28 & 29 @ 3pm for 22 minutes

Topic: A Christian humanitarian relief for girl victims of sex slavery & brutality in war-torn Uganda. They provide safe homes, counseling, medical care, education & vocational training which gives them hope for a peaceful future with economic stability.

“Regular Programming”

IRN USA News updates every hour.

SongTime with host John Debrine of Hyannis, MA, a locally produced, 57 minute daily program, which airs 11:00-12:00 pm Saturdays. And a 27 minute program which airs Saturdays at 7:00am, which discuss various current events in America & around the world, and how the Bible applies to these events.

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Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Joan Bailey, Executive Director of FOTU

Aired: February 21 & 22 @ 3pm for 20 minutes

Topic: A private non-profit offering a pro-life alternative for homeless pregnant girls. In a structured environment they educate, guide, and provide loving care and safe housing to these girls and their babies from conception until 1 year old. They offer bible studies, homemaker/parenting skills, and also budgeting and computer literacy that prepares them for when they get a place of their own.

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New Man, a 5 minute weekday program at 5:00pm. This show focuses on a man’s role in society and the family, encouraging them to walk boldly with the Lord. They provide timely resources and interview many who have committed their lives to supporting men.

Proverbs 31 Ministries twice daily at 11:00am & 2:00pm. Proverbs 31 Ministries is a 1 minute program focusing on marriage, family, parenting and motherhood issues. The purpose of the program is advice, instruction and encouragement to women in these varying roles.

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Religious Freedom:

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Title: The Power of Forgiveness

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Robin Farnsworth, Cape Cod, MA

Aired: January 24 & 25 @ 3 pm, 21 minutes

Topic: A personal testimony of how God used a small town tragedy and the forgiveness and obedience of a grieving mother and transformed the lives of many in the community with his redemptive love and the power of the gospel.

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