## WLOU/WLLV

## **Programs and Issues**

## 3rd Quarter 2019

<u>Education</u> – August is Back to School Time in Kentucky and several organizations in the church Community and Community at Large sponsored events to provide school supplies, backpacks, health screenings, dental cleanings and vaccinations for students. The Stations co-sponsored and did live remote broadcasts with Corinthian Development Corporation, Park Duvalle Health Center, and West End Family Dental to support their events and get parents and kids the information they needed in preparation for back to school

<u>Violence in our Community</u> – The increase in gun violence in our community is alarming. Statistics have nearly doubled previous years for deaths and in many cases innocent people have been injured and killed by stray bullets. There have been several community forums, town hall meetings and public service programs to address what people in the community can do to make a difference. The stations participated in STYC Talks town hall meetings and aired two other forum highlights and ran public service announcements and station liners with insights from Senator Gerald Neal and the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD). They also supported prayer vigils on this subject.

<u>Political</u> – With the General Election political window opening, there are major discussions against ads and smear tactics in the Gubernatorial and Attorney General races. There is also major concern regarding the alleged removal of names from the voter registration lists and the importance of persons to check on their voting status prior to the October deadline. The Louisville Urban League and NAACP held several voter registration drives and the stations actively promoted them.

Homeless Camps Cleared – The City of Louisville cleared two more homeless camps in July 2019. Stating health and safety concerns, the decision was made to clear a site under the viaduct on Brook Street and another site near the downtown area. This will make a total of six homeless campsites cleared this year and leaves hundreds of persons desperate to roam the streets. City budget cuts also caused the closing of the "Living Room", an alternative center for people with mental health issues. The overcrowding in homeless and drug recovery shelters has led to fights and a murder last Quarter. This topic was discussed on community programs and churches held special prayer sessions on this subject.

<u>Health</u> – Vaccination time is upon us not only for school students but for the general population. Several public Health announcements and PSA's were aired to remind us to get those vaccinations early.