

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.

"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 weekly at different times to reach as many listeners as possible. (Community specific)

"Regular Programming" Programs from around the country produced by more than 25 Pastors, teachers and/or ministries. They unquestionably address our broadcast issues on a daily basis.

Education:

"Around the Town"

Title: Bible Quiz NE

Host: Quenton Chestang-Pittman

Guests: Nancy Lambert, Director/ Coach of Northern NE Bible Quiz

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Host: Ouenton Chestang-Pittman

Guests: Maria DeGenova – Program Director, Liz Babot- Church Relations

Aired: July 15th & 16th at 3pm for 20 minutes

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Title: Tech Soup (Global) **Host**: Paula Bishop

Guests: Dan Webb, Vice President of Technological solutions & services

Aired: August 26th & 27th at 3pm for 15 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.

"Regular Programming"

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

Pastor's Perspective with host Robert Baltodano, Don Stewart, Brian Broderson and visiting Pastors take live calls addressing questions and comments from listeners. Program airs Monday through Friday 6:00-7:00 pm.

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The Economy & Employment:

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Guests: Vicki Briggs, Executive Director, Leominster, MA **Aired**: August 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th at 3pm for 13 minutes

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Title: Massachusetts Sexual Education Bill

Host: Quenton Chestang-Pittman

Guests: Andrew Beckwith- President of focus on the family **Aired**: July 29th, 30th August 5th & 6th at 3pm for 26 minutes

Topic: Our guest spoke with us about a Bill that contained a sexual education curriculum that would be mandatory for schools to apply to their health curriculums with no parent consent necessary. In the interview, Andrew presented information about the curriculum that parents and communities may deem inappropriate for the targeted ages. He also shared multiple resources in helping understand the bill and the alternative options to opposing the bill.

"Regular Programming"

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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Title: Assisted Suicide

Host: Quenton Chestang-Pittman

Guests: Andrew Beckwith, President of Massachusetts Family Institute

Aired: September 23rd, 24th at 3pm for 18 minutes

Topic: Andrew spoke with us about the hearing held on September 26th that specifically addressed a assisted suicide bill hear in Massachusetts. The Bill was in favor of the Doctor prescribed assisted death. MFI alarmed our listeners with vital information about the bill, the possible threat they believe it will have on our families, and a solution to combat the bill from possibly being passed as active legislation.

Title: Bring Your Bible To School Day

Host: Quenton Chestang-Pittman

Guests: Candi Cushman – Education Analyst for Focus on the Family/ Founder of Bring Your bible To School Day Initiative

Aired: September 30th & October 1st at 3pm 17 minutes

Topic: Candi shared with listeners her initiative for youth to be bold and unashamed of their faith by taking their bibles to school on October 5th, 2017. Students are encouraged to start conversations with the resources provided by BYBTSD, protect and express their freedom of religion right, and encourage other students in their common walks of faith.

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