



Issue and Programs Report

for

**WJWT**

97.1 FM Gardner, MA  
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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 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:** Living Stone Foundation (God’s word carved in stone)

**Host:** Paula Bishop

**Guests:** Carol Tellier Owner/Manager- Leominster, MA

**Aired:** January 14th & 15th 2017 for 21 minutes at 3pm

**Topic:** A charitable & spiritual organization dedicated to proclaiming the word of God carved in massive stones. This is a free attraction open to all the community and visiting guest from around the world. You can walk and reflect upon the word of God and it is a place to fellowship and to pray. She opens her door to large church groups of all ages and to schools for worship and prayer gathering & outings.

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

**Host:** Paula Bishop

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**Host:** Quenton Chestang-Pittman

**Guests:** Michael King – Director of community alliances

**Aired:** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> for 15 minutes at 3pm

**Topic:** Michael shared with us MFI’s mission to host pre lobby days across the state of Massachusetts to inform voters on legislation that will affect our communities such as the recreational marijuana law, the repeal of the bathroom and locker room law, assisted suicide, etc. MFI holds an annual event called lobby days, and invite citizens of Massachusetts to go down to the state house to speak with their representatives and senators.

**Title:** Sonshine Soup Kitchen

**Host:** Paula Bishop

**Guests:** Cynthia Dwyer, Executive Director of SSK Derry, NH

**Aired:** February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> for 24 minutes at 3pm

**Topic:** Soup kitchen ministry that is serving five hot meals Monday through Friday for anyone in need. Also providing bible studies, meals to homebound, survival packs to homeless, rides to shelters, and clothing ministry since 1989

**Title:** NewVue Communities

**Host:** Quenton Chestang-Pittman

**Guests:** Meredith Geraghty, Director of Community Organizing in Fitchburg

**Aired:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> for 18 minutes at 3pm

**Topic:** NewVue communities are a community development cooperation lead by community members based out of Fitchburg. Meredith spoke about the many endeavors of NewVue such as housing development services, home ownership coaching and counseling for first time home buyers, establishing and maintaining small businesses, and, promoting neighborhood leadership and civic engagement through community organizing.

**Title:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**Host:** Quenton Chestang-Pittman

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### ***“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.

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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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**Title:** Not For One Minute Campaign

**Host:** Paula Bishop

**Guests:** Rayna Charles, Parenting Expert @ Children’s Trust Org.

**Aired:** February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> for 10 minutes at 3pm

**Topic:** Public awareness alert informing parents with tips to avoid leaving kids in hot cars this summer, which causes heat stroke, brain damage, and even death. They provide informational posters available to retailers, child care centers, and medical facilities throughout Massachusetts.

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**Title:** Safe Medicine Storage

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**Guests:** Dr. Marcee White Medical Director, Mobile Health Programs, Children's National Health System

**Aired:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> for 5 minutes at 3pm

**Topic:** Dr. White spoke about the increasing number of accidental child poisonings happening in our homes due to convenience over caution when not properly storing prescription medication in the home. She also provided solutions to help parents prevent these accidental child poisonings as well as sources to use if an unfortunate occasion does occur.

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