

WIHS GOOD NEWS

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**It's time to get excited about
our 2026 "Family Reunion"
and Fundraiser on October 17th!**

**Buy your tickets and apply for
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display space today at WIHSradio.org**

One of the signs of fall is the **WIHS Celebrate Jesus Gala & Expo at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington**, our annual "family reunion" of the Body of Christ across the State! Hundreds of Christ-followers will gather for a special evening of networking, praise and worship, family-style dining, and "all things **WIHS**" including an opportunity to financially give to the work of our unique, growing and influential media ministry.

The Ministry Expo will open at 4:30 pm with about 30 displays by Connecticut-based ministries, live instrumental music by the Bennett family, and an appetizer buffet.

Dinner will begin with opening praise and worship by the **WIHS** praise band, *In His Service* (IHS). Gerry Williams will serve as emcee, with an invocation by Rev. Steve Rocco with Pillar of God Church. As we dine, music will be provided by a "live" quartet, *The Brothers That Love The Lord*, and recorded Dinner Concert music compiled by Neil Knudsen. Drew Crandall will then give an exciting update on the station.



Our keynote address by Bonnie Sala, President of GUIDELINES, will be on *The Essentiality of Evangelism*. GUIDELINES has been broadcast on WIHS since we went on the air 57 years ago! Bonnie's father Harold was the keynote speaker during our 50th anniversary Gala in 2019.

Robin Hansen will then share listener testimonies. Matt Harper will present our partnership/fundraising appeal. *In His Service* will lead us in singing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, followed by a benediction by Joel Cruz with the Urban Alliance. It's a great line-up! Please mark your calendars, sign up now and join us!



**Please scan the QR code
to buy tickets today!**



WIHS Staff & Volunteer News



Anissa Porticelli. Think about all of the Christians you know. Every single one is made in God's image and is a beautiful testimony of God's creative hand and amazing grace. Very likely, among the people you think of, some are what might be described as "special." They have a particular Holy Spirit anointing, gifting, presence, passion and faith-filled witness about them that influences and impacts others in a consistently profound way. Anisa Porticelli was one of those people.

In April, Anissa, our long-time **WIHS** Faith & Ministry News Director, On-Air Announcer and member of our Keynote Speaking Team, went home to be with her Lord and Savior. We miss her immensely.

We praise God for Anissa! She truly was a special Christ-follower whose ripple effect has been huge and will continue. We can practically hear Jesus saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."



Iviana Bynum. In June, **WIHS** hired Iviana Bynum as our part-time Outreach & Event Coordinator. In this role, Iviana is serving as an important link between **WIHS** and churches, programmers, listeners, donors and other partners.

Iviana was born in Manhattan, New York and served in the children's choir at Times Square Church. Her family then moved to Meriden, where she graduated from Maloney High School. She holds a Bachelor of Political Science from Southern CT State University and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She has experience in bilingual English and Spanish marketing communications as a photographer, writer, editor, designer, digital content creator, podcast host and producer, public speaker, community coordinator and educator. Iviana worships and serves as Youth Ministry Operations Lead at Grace Fellowship Church in Meriden.

Her *Eyes Up* segment is frequently posted on the **WIHS** Facebook page, and she serves as the host of *Ministry Roundtable* and *Grace for Breakfast*. We are thrilled to have her on the **WIHS** team.



Allison Demers. In August, **WIHS** hired Allison Demers, one of the state's most recognized and experienced radio personalities, as full-time Faith & Ministry News Director and Afternoon Drive-time Host. A Waterbury native and resident of Litchfield County, Allison has 30 years of radio and TV experience in Connecticut, including stints at MetroNetworks in Hartford, WKCI 101.3 FM in Hamden, "Lite" WRCH 100.5 FM in Farmington, WTIC 1080 AM in Farmington, WATR 1320 AM in Waterbury, the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Radio and Television (ORTV) Crossroads Magazine TV show and WJMJ 88.9 FM in Prospect, WTNH -TV 8 in New Haven and "The River" WHCN 105.9 FM in Hartford. She has earned a reputation for being a bold and loving witness for Christ in these secular media environments, on the air and off. "I love the Lord and people," says Allison, "so to me, this isn't work, it's ministry. I'm grateful for and enthused about this opportunity to minister through **WIHS**."

WIHS Management & Donor Relations Update



At its Summer meeting in June, the Connecticut Radio Fellowship Board voted **Ronald Kutz, Esquire**, onto the Board for a three-year term. Ron has operated the Kutz Law Office, a law practice in Portland, since 2000. He and his family worship at Wintonbury Church in Bloomfield. Welcome, Ron!

Two additional candidates are expected to be voted onto the Board during our Fall meeting on September 12, and several more candidates are slated to join the Board during our Winter meeting on December 12. Once voted onto the Board, each new Director will be publicly announced to **WIHS** listeners and the wider community.

As part of the process, we invite candidates to “shadow” a Board meeting to get a feel for how we operate, share their testimonies, ask and answer questions. After our June meeting, one candidate said, “Shalom! Thank you for a great meeting yesterday. It was within my expectations of how a board meeting should go. You have a very good team.”

Board President Drew Crandall has prayerfully led the effort to re-engineer the Board since last winter. “Our goal,” he says, “is that by the summer of 2027, we will effectively onboard a good, strong group of new Directors so that some of our extremely dedicated, long-time legacy directors will have more freedom to transition off the Board and we’ll have a new crop of mature, enthusiastic, diligent, Christ-centered, Spirit-led leaders to lead **WIHS** into the future.”

THANK YOU! Since launching our new Donor Relations and Planned/Legacy Giving campaign two years ago, Matt Harper, Kevin Baldwin and Drew Crandall have met



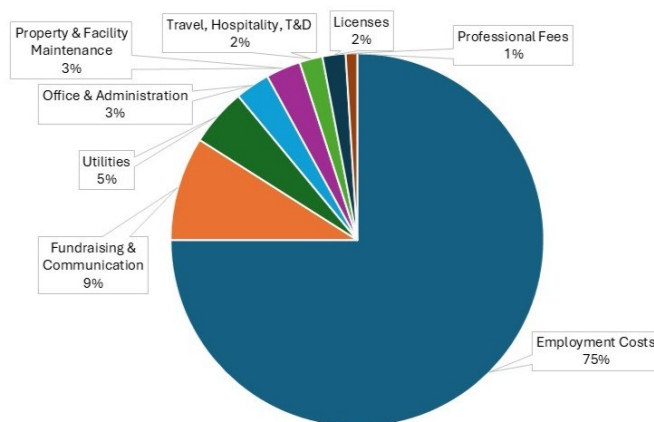
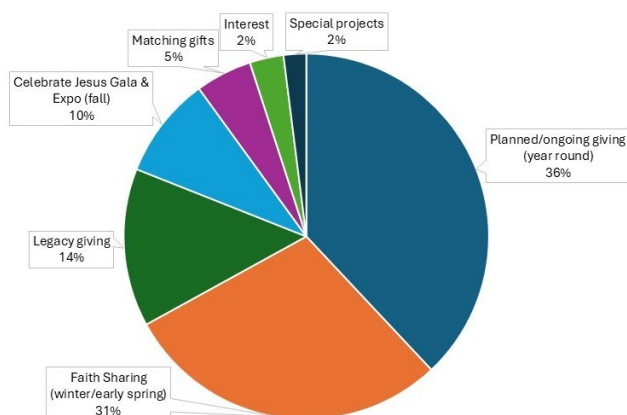
with many donors in-person, by phone or by Zoom. The person-to-person relationships that we have built and the feedback that we have received have been extremely encouraging. Time after time, we hear testimonies about how **WIHS** has ministered to donors, family, friends and churches. Our donors are passionate about **WIHS**, they love where we’re going, are praying for us and partnering with us financially. It is wonderful to see God at work!

To help you to prepare for conversations with your financial advisor, we host group informational meetings that cover the basics of planned/legacy giving, answer questions and provide helpful resources. These gatherings include light refreshments and warm fellowship. If you’d like to attend an upcoming meeting, please call Matt Harper at 860.346.1049.

Year after year, the “Triple-Braided Cord” (Ecclesiastes 4:12) is Getting Stronger!

- **Braid #1: Our Legacy Platform, 104.9 FM Radio.**
- **Braid #2: Our Multi-Media Digital Platforms.**
- **Braid #3: Our In-Person Relationship-Building & Outreach.**

Praise God! This ongoing, God-inspired strategy is a sustainable way for us to survive and thrive in the future.



These charts give you a snapshot of our revenue sources and operating expenses.

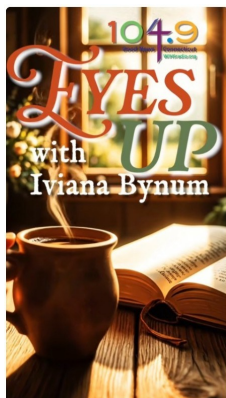
Our 2026 budget is \$902,000. Without your Spirit-led support, we couldn’t continue this unique, high-tech, high-touch approach to radio and media ministry. People love the station and where the Lord is leading us in the future, but like everything in life, there’s a price tag attached to it. Please help us to expand our donor base and generate the funds we need to operate and grow!

WIHS Online & Outreach News



It's easy to install the new, free WIHS App for Apple and Android devices! Just scan the appropriate QR code above. It only takes about 30 seconds, and you'll be immediately thrilled to have us at your fingertips 24/7 from anywhere!

Podcasts reach new audiences through Facebook and YouTube



Check out our growing collection of podcasts which are posted on the WIHS Facebook page and YouTube Channel, including *Eyes Up with Iviana Bynum* and *Aging Gracefully with Julie*.

Our big July events went great!



Summer is Amphitheater Season! Our Saints & Patriots celebration (left) at the WIHS Amphitheater in Middletown on July 25 went very well. The Gospel was declared and souls were saved!



The WIHS display at the main entrance of the For Kings & Country concert (left) at the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater in Bridgeport on July 30 also went well. Praise God for these opportunities!

Ministry Roundtable is now broadcast on TV across CT



In addition to airing on WIHS and being posted on our YouTube Channel, you may also watch it on public access TV:

- Sundays at 8 am in Cromwell, East Hampton, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland.
- Sundays at 11 am and Fridays at 5 pm in Danbury, Bethel and Ridgefield.
- Sundays at 8 pm in Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Lisbon, Norwich, Preston and Sprague.
- As periodic specials in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Naugatuck, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton.

Ministry Roundtable is also posted 24/7 in the On Demand section of CommunityMediaStudios.com.

New Town-by-Town Social Media Outreach

As you know, Connecticut is very “provincial.” To introduce residents of all 169 towns and cities to WIHS, we are now gradually creating and posting customized, permission-based, town-by-town graphics on Facebook community pages and groups. WIHS friends will also be able to use these graphics to inform their neighbors and local communities about WIHS.



Please pray for our first-ever trip to Israel

After several years of delays for safety reasons, a contingent of WIHS listeners and friends is going to Israel from September 15-23. Please pray for their safety and that each soul will be profoundly touched by the Lord in the Holy Land.

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