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Episode 1 – The State of the Church: You’re Not Alone

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Host – Rev. Lisa Yebuah, Lead Pastor, Southeast Raleigh Table, Raleigh, NC

Panelists –

Rev. Justin Coleman, Senior Pastor, University United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, NC

Rev. Dr. Mary Louise McCullough, Pastor and Head of Staff, Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN

Mark McPeak, VP, Research & Organizational Strategy, 5by5 Agency, Nashville, TN

Rev. DJ del Rosario, Lead Pastor, Federal Way United Methodist Church, Federal Way, WA

In this first webinar, researcher Mark McPeak discussed a survey of 1,000+ church leaders about the impact of COVID-19 on their ministries. Panel pastors reacted to the findings and shared their own experiences.

You may read the research at AmplifyMedia.com/StateOfTheChurch.

Pastors reiterated that we’re all in this new experience together. As host Lisa Yebuah said, “none of us had a class in seminary of how to pastor through a pandemic.”

In this episode, as the panelists reacted to the survey results, they shared these inspiring and practical ideas, along with others:

- At Second Presbyterian, more lay people are now involved in the service, including teens and children. They film their portions on their smart phones beforehand, which are then edited into the worship service to be shown later.
- For churches in the area that don’t have virtual services, Federal Way UMC invited those pastors to participate in their virtual services.
- Many churches are having weekly virtual potlucks and smaller video meetings for people to continue to interact with their small groups.
- Financial insecurities are a concern for most churches right now. The panelists discussed vulnerably and openly multiple suggestions for inspiring giving right now - as people are able - and looked forward to the future webinar that will center on this topic.

In future episodes detailed questions and concerns around technology, connection, giving, and what’s next for church will be discussed. In Episode 2 – Digital Church: A Practical How-To Guide – panelists will review platforms and their experiences of an authentic, digital worship experience. They will also discuss how to involve those who are not digitally well connected and how to connect with the new people joining your congregation online. Practical considerations and software examples will be provided.

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