



## Ministry Pivot with Special Guest

**Description:** During this episode, Russell St. Bernard speaks with Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown, Rev. Dr. Bobby Manning, and Rev. Walter Thomas Jr about pivots for this year. They discuss some of the pain points and pivots during the pandemic as well as thoughts as most churches begin to shift toward more in-person worship. Listen to the conversation, download the resources, subscribe plus comment and discuss it with your team and staff.

Pastor Danielle Brown, Shiloh Baptist Church in NJ <https://shilohplainfield.org/index.html>

Pastor Bobby Manning, The Heights Church in MD <http://www.fbcdh.org/>

Pastor Walter Thomas, First Baptist Church of Steelton in PA <http://thefirstbaptist.org/web/>

### Takeaways:

- The Pastors agreed that this has been a very different season for everyone and for their church. One key is to remember that the majority of people have always been online but now it is more of the focus.
- Pastor Danielle shared one key point in this season is that the local church still wins. Pastors need to see that what works for someone might not clearly work for you and your Church. Her church didn't really close during the pandemic only for three weeks did they close so they continued having service in-person and now more online.
- Pastor Walter shares that one of the biggest pivots for his Church was making the decision of how do they live WITH this pandemic understanding this season. It won't go away so we have to live with it.
- Pastor Bobby shares the importance of making pivots in discipleship with new members class, life group and Bible Studies. His church has encouraged the deacons of the Church to check on and call the members consistently.

### Resources

- Local Still Matters ([Click Here](#))
- Phygital and Hybrid Ministry ([Click Here](#))
- Picture of Pastor Walter's children serving ([Click Here](#))
- 5 Minute Pivot and Other Podcast by Rev. Russell St. Bernard <https://ministrypivot.com/conversations/>
- Articles from Rev. Russell St. Bernard <https://ministrypivot.com/articles/>
- Riot Starter Book <https://www.riotstarterbook.com/>

### **Final Takeaway:**

- There are pivots that we all can make and no one has the perfect answer, so trying in this season is key.

### **Discussion Questions: (Ask yourself and a friend these questions and answer honestly)**

- How have you began to use different systems this year?
- What mistakes have you learned from this year?
- How are you engaging those in your community with Church opportunities?

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