

Five Practices for Fruitful Congregations



Reconnect with God's Purpose

Seven Sessions at Your Church with a Trained Facilitator

Five Practices will help you take practical steps to strengthen the quality of your church's essential ministries and reconnect with God's purpose. These are two important components of making a change from Maintenance to Mission.

Our text is *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase, which focuses on the five essential activities of vital, healthy congregations. The Five Practices are:

- Radical hospitality
- Passionate worship
- Intentional faith development
- Risk-taking mission and service
- Extravagant generosity

Your team will assess these areas and consider what is going well and where your congregation could be more faithful. Then you create an action plan for strengthening your ministries.

How does this work?

- Each church recruits a team made up of the pastor and at least three lay members.
- The team meets with a Conference representative and a facilitator for a Five Practices orientation.
- Then your team will meet with the facilitator an additional six times. The group works the *Five Practices* themes plus a planning session guided by a trained facilitator.
- Some pastors have benefited from working with a coach during this program. We can provide a coach for the pastor for seven sessions for an additional \$100.

Your church will benefit from the Church Renewal Program if it:

- Is interested in new ideas and changing but isn't sure where to focus and how to begin;
- Has resources of faith, leadership, and finances that make it possible to devote time to new ideas or projects;
- Is not experiencing serious conflict and has a pattern of healthy communication among members and leaders;
- Can put together a team of lay leaders who can envision a renewed future;
- Can commit to full participation in all seven at-home sessions.

To register for Five Practices: wcucc.org/fivepractices



- To register or if you have program questions, please contact
Bonnie Andrews (andrews.bj@gmail.com) if you are in the SE or SW;
Cathy Wille (cwille2@me.com) if you are in NE or NW;
Tisha Brown (tbrown@wcucc.org) or your Associate Conference Minister.
- Take a short survey to indicate your readiness for the process.
- Recruit a team.
- **Details:** The cost to church includes: \$225 registration fee to the Wisconsin Conference; the facilitator's travel; and the cost of one book for each team member.

Please order books for you team - *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (Revised and Updated) by Robert Schnase is available from several online vendors for around \$15. (Please order the book for Fruitful Congregations, not the series on Fruitful Living.)



When registering, please be prepared to give the name of the team members who will participate in the program.

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