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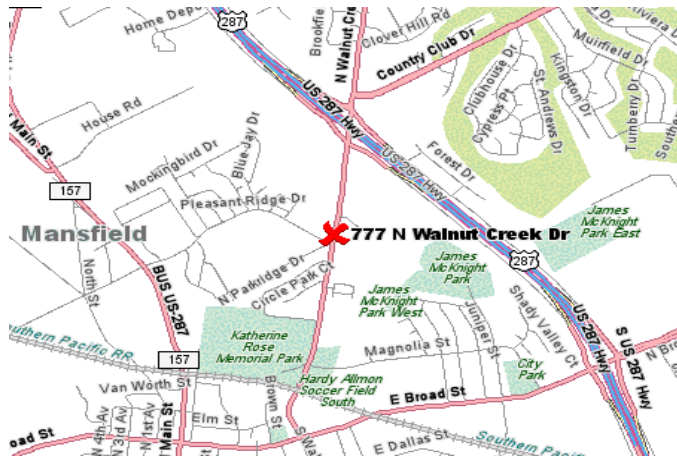
There will be a Cokesbury bookstore with Bishop Schnase's books and resources available, as well as other options for each of the Five Practices.

## Questions?

Contact Susan Briles or Karen Granderson at 817/877-5222, 800/460-8622 or [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org)

*"People of all ages hunger for congregations that ..... receive them graciously and invite them in, ..... connect them to God through authentic worship, ..... deepen their faith, and ..... stretch them so as to make a difference in the lives of others through service and generosity".*

**First United Methodist Church of Mansfield** is located at 777 N. Walnut Creek Drive which is at the corner of Walnut Creek and Pleasant Ridge Drive across from Wal-Mart, 817/477-2287.



Robert Schnase serves as Bishop in Residence of the Missouri Area of The United Methodist Church. From 1989 to 2004, he served as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of McAllen, Texas. First Church was recognized for congregational growth, bi-cultural ministry, young adult ministry and commitment to mission as the congregation relocated and built new facilities to serve the Rio Grande Valley. From 1984 to 1989, Rev. Schnase served as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Harlingen, receiving the Circuit Rider Award for Church Growth and the Denman Evangelism Award. From 1982-1983, he served the Farnham and Alton Circuit of five churches with the British Methodist Conference.

As a writer, he's the author of three books by Abingdon Press, including *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2007), *Ambition in Ministry: Our Spiritual Struggle with Success, Achievement and Competition* (1993), and *Testing and Reclaiming Your Call to Ministry* (1991). He worked as editorial consultant for the *New Interpreters Bible*, and has contributed chapters to Weaver and Stapleton's *Reflections on Marriage and Spiritual Growth and Grand-Parenting and the Spiritual Journey*.

*"I believe it is important to find common language where pastors and laypersons can easily understand each other," said Bishop Schnase. "We need a word that captures the essence of the Great Commission and the teachings of early Christians. To me, 'fruitful' is that word. 'Fruitful' is a word that shows action. It stretches us. And as a church, we are called to act and to stretch ourselves."*

# FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT November 14, 2009

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## Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Presented by  
Bishop Robert Schnase

Central Texas Conference  
United Methodist Church  
MISSION MINISTRIES

**Working Lunch/Breakout Session Options - ✓ one**

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Extravagant Generosity

A ministry that is radical, passionate, intentional, risk-taking, and extravagant is never complacent and is never finished.

*Choose one option per person. Groups please indicate the names of persons choosing each option. Boxed lunches (included in registration fee) will be available to pick up and take to your chosen breakout session. Central Texas Conference leaders will offer their experience and ideas in each of the Five Practices and facilitate a dialogue among the participants.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (group registrations requires a list of all names with workshop choices)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City Zip

Telephone #(s): ( ) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer a vegetarian lunch # needed \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Options:** (registration fee includes boxed lunch)

**Deadline – November 6**

- Early Bird by October 23 is \$20 each
- Early Bird by October 23 with 10 or more from one church is \$15 each
- Registration October 24–November 6 is \$25 each

**Payment:**

Check payable to Central Texas Conference

**Childcare:**

Childcare requested for \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren)  
 Name & Age of Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

You will need to provide a sack lunch. (FUMC Mansfield is peanut free)

Detach and send this form with payment to:  
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**FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

November 14, 2009

First United Methodist Church, Mansfield

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**SCHEDULE**

9:30 a.m.	Registration/Gathering
10:00	Introductions
10:15	Plenary 1 - Bishop Robert Schnase
11:30	Lunch with Breakout Sessions
12:45 p.m.	Plenary 2 - Bishop Robert Schnase
2:00	Energy Break
2:15	Plenary 3/Dismissal - Bishop Robert Schnase



**Working Lunch / Breakout Sessions**

At 11:30 a.m., participants will pick up a boxed lunch in the designated area and proceed to their chosen breakout session. Central Texas Conference leaders will be present to lead a dialogue on the practice and offer resources, suggestions and ideas on how to get started, how to grow the ministry, what obstacles you may encounter and other questions. Come prepared to participate in a lively discussion and offer your own experiences and ideas, as well as any resources you may have to share.

Choose one: Radical Hospitality  
 Passionate Worship  
 Intentional Faith Development  
 Risk-Taking Mission and Service  
 Extravagant Generosity

**SHARE YOUR STRENGTHS WITH OTHERS**



**IMAGINE! A fruitful, vital, growing congregation. . . . . What does it look like?**

“**Hospitality** is a mark of Christian discipleship, a quality of Christian community, a concrete expression of commitment to grow in Christ-likeness by seeing ourselves as part of the community of faith, ‘not to be served but to serve.’” (Mt. 20:28) **Radical Hospitality** would move us outside the walls of our buildings, past the barriers of our comfort zones, to “become part of God’s invitation to new life, showing people that God in Christ values them and loves them.”

“**Worship** describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ ... **Passionate Worship** means an extraordinary eagerness to offer the best in worship, honoring God with excellence and with an unusual clarity about the purpose of connecting people to God.”

“From the first generation of Christians to the earliest Methodists to the youngest generations of faithful members today, the followers of Jesus mature in faith by **learning together** in community. Churches that practice **Intentional Faith Development** offer high quality learning experiences that help people understand Scripture, faith, and life in the supportive nurture of caring relationships.”

“The word **mission** turns church service outward. Mission reminds congregations that Christ’s compassion, grace, mercy, and love extend to the entire world, and these fruits are cultivated not only within the walls of the church or among the people of the Body of Christ who are regularly seen and already known.” **Risk-Taking Mission and Service** “steps into greater uncertainty, a higher possibility of discomfort, resistance, or sacrifice.”

“First-century Christian communities, the Methodists of the 1700s, faith mentors, and models of Christian living today---all have discovered a truth as sure as gravity, that **generosity** enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the Body of Christ, and strengthens congregations to fulfill Christ’s ministries. Giving reflects the nature of God.” Churches that practice **Extravagant Generosity** “teach, preach, and practice proportional giving with a goal toward tithing....practice generosity by their extraordinary support for missions, connectional ministries, and organizations that change people’s lives...thrive with the joy of abundance rather than starve with a fear of scarcity...give joyously, generously, and consistently in ways that enrich the souls of members and strengthen the ministries of the church.”