



Celebrating The “Five Practices” *with* Bishop Schnase

Join with churches from all across the Iowa Conference
Saturday, January 10th , at Oakwood UMC in Pleasant Hill
as we welcome Bishop Robert Schnase, author of the
“*Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*” -- celebrating
through the “Practices” what God is doing among us!

The Day Will Include:

- Bishop Robert Schnase – autographing his book, leading our teaching session on “Excellence & Fruitfulness”, and lifting up God’s Word in Worship
 - Iowa Bishop Julius Trimble will host and lead us in devotions
 - Faith sharing and displays of “Five Practices” churches from which you can gather resources and ideas
 - Celebration worship service, lifting up “Five Practices” churches
 - Extravagant Generosity and Risk-Taking Mission and Service “sign-up” opportunity for every church to covenant to be involved in Iowa flood/storm relief in 2009 (you select what works best for you)
 - Cokesbury display
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This event is open to EVERYONE regardless of whether or not your church has participated in the Conference-wide “Five Practices” workshops.

Our Working Schedule:

- 10:00-10:30: Gathering/Bishop Schnase autographing books
Meet Bishop Trimble/"Five Practices" church displays/ Cokesbury book table
- 10:30-11:00: Welcome & Devotional Opening
- 11:00-12:00: Teaching session led by Bishop Schnase, on Excellence and Fruitfulness
- 12:00-1:00: Box lunch (need to reserve ahead of time)
- 1:00-2:30: Ministry Celebration & Worship, with Bishop Schnase preaching

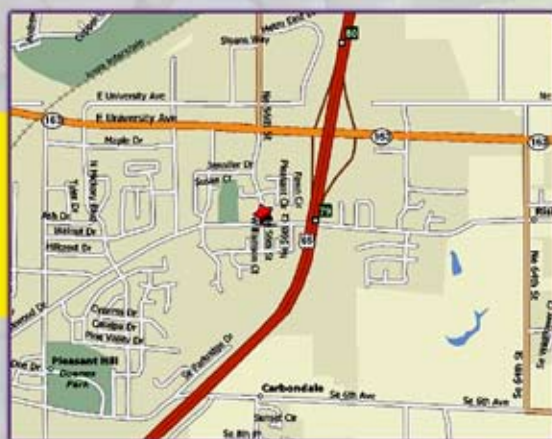
This would be a **great "springboard" event** for a local church to participate in as you launch into a "Five Practices" focus for the New Year of 2009 or upcoming season of Lent.

Meal Reservations:

Box lunches will be available **ONLY for those reserving them ahead of time.** (You may choose to go to one of the local restaurants.) To reserve a meal, contact Dee Dee Sobotka at deedee.sobotka@iaumc.org. Reservations must be made by December 15th.

Cost of Lunch is \$7.00

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