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MEMORANDUM TO ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT CLERGY

FROM: District Superintendent Ken Jackson

RE: 2011 CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT ASSIGNMENT

Dear Clergy,

Here is a Charge Conference heads up. One of the reports that you will be asked to present at your cluster charge conference may need a bit more time to prepare so we wanted to get information about that out to you now. Other information and a full agenda will be sent later.

This year each church is being asked to share how you have or will implement a particular *Fruitful Practice* from Bishop Schnase's book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. This report is in place of the "Big Idea" presentation that had been done several times in the past. There will be no "Big Idea" report. Your presentation will be on implementation of an assigned *Fruitful Practice*.

Included with this 'heads up' is a spread sheet listing each of our Alexandria district churches in their charge conference clusters **and** the *Fruitful Practice* each congregation is being asked to present. Check this list and note your *Fruitful Practice* – each church in the charge conference cluster has a different *practice*.

You will also find with this 'heads up' guidelines for this *Fruitful Practice* presentation report. Please be sure to review and follow the guidelines.

Finally, though we hope you have your own copy of this book, the district office does have a couple copies of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase and some additional supplemental materials. You are welcome to review or borrow these. If you would like to do that, contact Herb Brynildsen at the district office.

**Alexandria District
2011 Ministry Report Assignment**

08/04/11

<u>2011 Cluster</u>	<u>Radical</u>	<u>Passionate</u>	<u>Intentional</u>	<u>Risk Taking</u>	<u>Extravaqant</u>
<u>Charge Conference</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Faith Development</u>	<u>Mission & Service</u>	<u>Generosity</u>
Sept 25 @ 7 pm @ St. Andrew's	Roberts Memorial	St. Andrew's	St. James	Immanuel	District Superintendent
Oct 2 @ 3 pm @ Sudley	Buckhall	St. Mark's	Asbury	Nokesville	Sudley
Oct 2 @ 7 pm @ Cranford	Accotink	Washington Farm	Mount Vernon	Cranford	Cana
Oct 16 @ 3 pm @ Manassas St Thomas	Grace	Manassas St. Thomas	Bethel Woodbridge	Prince of Peace	Old Bridge
Oct 16 @ 7 pm @ Wesley	Rising Hope	Franconia	Cameron	Woodlawn-Faith	Wesley
Oct 23 @ 3 pm @ Bethel Fauquier	Bethel Fauquier	Warrenton	Wesley Chapel	Orlean	Gainesville
Oct 23 @ 7 pm @ Cokesbury	Good Shepherd	Dumfries	Spirit & Life	St. Paul	Cokesbury
Oct 30 @ 3 pm @ Aldersgate	St. George's	Messiah	Sydenstricker	Lincolnia	Aldersgate
Oct 30 @ 7 pm @ St. John's	Christ	Springfield	New Light	Silverbrook	St. John's
Nov 6 @ 3 pm @ Fairlington	Trinity	Washington Street	Beverley Hills	Del Ray	Fairlington
Nov 6 @ 7 pm @ Fairfax	Fairfax	St. Matthew's	Annandale	Burke	St. Stephen's

Charge Conference

Schnase's Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations Report Guidelines

1. Your assigned *Fruitful Practice* report may be a **review of how your congregation has implemented this particular practice in the past year or what your plans are for implementing this practice in the coming year.** The purpose here is for you to share how you did or will implement your assigned *Fruitful Practice* **as that practice is describe in Bishop Schnase's book.** For example it is not just hospitality but *radical* hospitality; not merely worship but *passionate* worship. The district office has a few copies of this book and other supplemental resources available for your review. If you would like to borrow these please contact Herb Brynildsen at the district office. Your assigned *Fruitful Practice* is included in this packet.
2. This report shall be prepared for a **presentation to the charge conference AND as an electronic document for the district website.**
3. The presentation to the charge conference:
 - May be made by the pastor or another person designated by the pastor.
 - **Should not exceed five (5) minutes.**
 - **Bring at least (6) hardcopies** (paper copies) to your charge conference.
 - May be a power point presentation (or other multi-media); rap, song or dance but **if it requires special equipment (projectors, screens, etc) you must contact the district office** (Herb Brynildsen) **at least one week before** your charge conference date (two weeks would be even more helpful). It still must be only 5 minutes long.
4. The electronic document for the district website:
 - Must be prepared as a **Word Document** even if your presentation was a power point or other multi media.
 - Should be **1-2 pages long.**
 - May include pictures as desired but **not to exceed 5 pictures.**
 - Should indicate at the top of first page the *Fruitful Practice* being reviewed
 - Document should **include the What and Why of the Practice** (what did you do and why) **and the Response and Impact of the Practice** (what was the response or what do you anticipate the response of the church/community to be; what was the impact or what impact do you anticipate).
 - **Send this document to the district office as an attachment to an email** (if that is not possible for you contact the district office to discuss alternatives).