

## Healthy Churches – a potted history

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### **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**

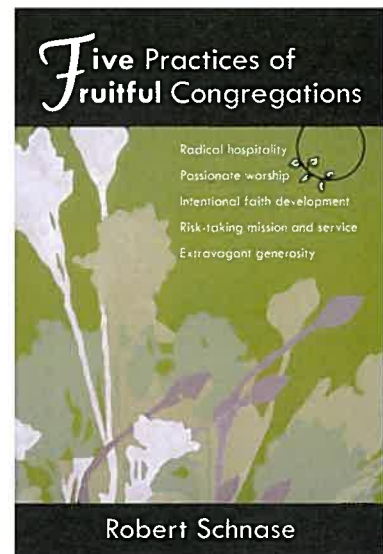
Radical hospitality

Passionate Worship

Intentional Faith Development

Risk-taking mission and service

Extravagant generosity



### **Seven Levers: Missional Strategies for Conferences (Synods)**

A strategy for starting new churches

A strategy for clergy peer learning

A strategy for congregational intervention

A strategy for cultivating clergy excellence

A strategy for aligning budgets and resources

A strategy for creating technically elegant governance systems

A strategy for reconfiguring conference (Synod) sessions

