

Albany First Christian Church Special Congregational Meetings

Oct. 31, 2021, in person following the 8:30 a.m. service and in person and on Zoom following the 10 a.m. service.

The purpose of the meetings was to hold a re-vote on the three questions related to the church's proposed involvement in Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO). The vote at the previous congregational meetings on Oct. 10 was not done in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, so a second vote was required.

The meetings following the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services Oct. 31 each lasted about 10 minutes. Board Co-chair Paula Moore led both meetings and Pastor Tim Graves gave the opening prayers.

Rick Staggenborg, FCC member who serves on the HCAO membership committee, talked briefly at both meetings. "If we agree it's a moral issue, then it's important we make it happen," he said, noting that there is a \$100 annual fee if we decide to join the coalition of Health Care for All Oregon.

Graham Kislingbury made the following motion at both services:

"I move that we vote on the following three questions:

Question 1: Do you believe that everyone should have access to quality health care when they need it?

Question 2: Would you favor the church taking a position in support of access to care for all Oregonians?

Question 3: Would you support the church joining the coalition of Health Care for All Oregon, the 501c3 nonprofit that is leading this effort to put our Christian values into action?

Seconding the motion were Bob Moore at the meeting following the first service and Jerry Blais at the meeting following the second service.

The results were as follows:

Question 1: 43 yes, 0 no.

Question 2: 39 yes, 3 no, 1 did not vote.

Question 3: 35 yes, 7 no, 1 did not vote.

Submitted by Graham Kislingbury, FCC board secretary