

Health Care Through a Christian Lens

"Cure the sick ... You received without payment; give without payment." MATTHEW 10: 8

Jesus commanded his apostles to "cure the sick." Our Baptismal Covenant calls for us to strive for justice and peace. Do these statements relate to the practice of health care in the United States today? Is health care a responsibility of faith? How do we as Christians respond to the health needs in the Greater Cincinnati area?

Our new Social Justice Ministries group is sponsoring a series of forums to give members of the congregation an opportunity to explore answers to these questions. Entitled *A Look At Health Care Through a Christian Lens*, the series will be held September on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

One of the goals that grew out of our recent visioning process is for the congregation to "... see and serve Christ in all people through acts of reconciliation, justice and outreach." Through this series and other efforts, Social Justice Ministries hopes to build a consensus among members as to how best to live out this goal. Support of health care reform is one option members can consider.

Forums on Health Care Dates & Topics & Dates

September 7: *Health Care: A Problem? A Right? A Responsibility?*

Canon Joanna Leiserson will speak on what our faith asks of us; followed by Beverly Jones leading a discussion on individual healthcare experiences.

September 14: *Health Care: How It Impacts Consumers*

Peg Helpin will speak about her journey through the world of health care as a patient, followed by an interview conducted by Dave Eschenbach with a guest of the 5000 Club neighborhood supper.

September 21: *Health Care: How It Impacts Physicians*

Donald Nofziger, M.D., pediatrician and past president of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, and Saad Ghosn, M.D., professor at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, will speak about their experiences as physicians.

September 28: *Health Care: Needs and Solutions in Cincinnati, the Diocese of Southern Ohio and the State of Ohio*

Col Owens, attorney with the Legal Aid Society and member of the State Coverage Initiative, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's task force on health care, will speak on the health needs of low-income citizens.

There will be a time for questions and answers at the end of each session.