

Mount Zion Temple
Resolution on Comprehensive, Affordable Health Care in Minnesota

Whereas, there are over 400,000 people in Minnesota who do not have health insurance, including 85,000 children.

Whereas, the Union for Reform Judaism adopted a resolution on Health Care at the General Assembly in December of 2007 and instructed congregations to advance the goals of the resolution including assuring that every person in our community has access to affordable health care.

Therefore, be it resolved that Mount Zion Temple supports efforts to ensure that all Minnesota children have access to comprehensive, affordable health care, which includes regular preventive care and care for acute and chronic illness.

Be it further resolved that Mount Zion Temple supports future efforts to make comprehensive health care more accessible to the uninsured and underinsured adult population in Minnesota.

To achieve this end Mount Zion Temple will: (a) reach out to existing coalition efforts and participate in coalition-building to expand health care access; (b) facilitate other forms of state-level advocacy, including face-to-face meetings with policy makers and letter writing; and (c) review and where appropriate take positions on proposed legislation related to health care access.

Mount Zion Temple's Board of Directors authorizes the Tzedek Committee, clergy, and President, acting by consensus, to implement this position by taking a congregational position on specific legislation and/or signing onto specific coalition efforts on behalf of the congregation. The President shall report any such actions to the Board of Directors, and to the Congregation, within one week of such action.