

# Congregational Meeting



Some people have been enquiring about information about our annual congregational meeting this January as we continue to be church together while we are apart during this soaring pandemic.

On December 14 Pastor Len and Council President Sheila Bustamante attended a synod hosted Zoom meeting with synod attorneys that outlined the state laws governing non-profit membership meetings. Here is a summary of the laws governing these meetings in Arizona:

- 1) Arizona prohibits electronic annual membership meetings.
- 2) Arizona law states that what constitutes the meeting is a ballot completed and returned by eligible voters on the issues that are to be decided by the membership.

At our council meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>, we determined that it was important to have some information meetings in the month of January to introduce the 2021 budget and the candidates for congregation council. There will also be an opportunity to discuss other matters. Following these meetings, the council will prepare a ballot that will then be made available to all voting members who will cast their vote on the matters contained therein. The results will constitute our congregational meeting and will be shared with the congregation when they are tabulated.

The council will share more specifics about the information meetings in the coming weeks through announcements and emails. Please watch for that information.