

## **Grace Covenant Church Community Forum VI: Hopeful Developments in Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Sources**

Aware of the serious implications of climate change and seeking to better understand our personal and collective responsibility for appropriate action, Grace Covenant's sixth Community Forum hosted Robert G. Kennedy to speak to **Hopeful Developments in Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Sources**. A resident of Oak Ridge, Robert Kennedy is a registered professional engineer (robotics specialty) and founder and president of The Ultimax Group, Inc. He was selected by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1994 to serve as a Congressional Fellow on the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Space, and he has published extensively on technology, society, and international affairs.

Since 2007, Robert Kennedy has worked with Tetra Tech, Inc, consulting widely on energy-efficiency, renewable resource policy and business development at the local, state, and regional levels. Since March 2008, he has served as vice-chair of the Oak Ridge Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB), tasked by the City Council with developing the city's green energy policy. In February of this year, he helped to initiate policy decisions to solarize Oak Ridge and to convert the city to single-stream-recycling-with-rewards.

Having given numerous public lectures on green energy, Mr. Kennedy's forum presentation and the discussion which followed detailed numerous strategies addressing the issues of conservation and alternative energy development.