

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain" (Joel 2:1)

Daily Tidings of Zion

Conference of Restoration Elders

Conference Opens

A prayer service for the upcoming Conference of Restoration Elders was held on Sunday afternoon at Waldo Avenue Restoration Branch. The Spiritual Preparation Fellowship and Patriarchs presided over the service.

High Priest Paul Gage gave the sermon for the evening service with many in attendance.

Monday, April 3, 2006 Morning Business Session Minutes

Br. Paul Gage welcomed all attendees to the conference and opened with a reading from Psalms 133. Hymn #17, *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*, was sung with Br. Howard Parker giving the invocation.

Br. Dan Sherer, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the report of elders credentialed.

Credential Committee Approves the Following Elders *

Sam Agwanda	Chris Capps	Paul Davies	Donald Franklin
Prince Akumaobi	Tom Carnahan	Mark Deitrick	Frank Frye
Dean Alberti	Glyn Carpenter	Jack Delany	Lou Fuller
Steve Anders	Dale Carrick	George Dippel	Paul Gage
Eldon Anderson	Manuel Castillo	Ray Dodds	John Gaughran
Jason Anderson	James Cawley	Mel Doubledee	Robert Gentry
Lowell Augenstein	Carl Cederstrom	Wayne Drosche	Robert Giertz
Alec Bailes	Dayn Cederstrom	Arthur Drummond	Arturo Gomez
Francis Baker	Dick Clark	Jim Dunning	Roger Graybill
Mark Ballantyne	Carl Cogan	Tony Durant	George Gross
Mike Ballantyne	Robert Colville	Dow Eaton	Val Gross
Bill Barrett	John Colyer	John Eichhorn	Marlin Guin
David Bates	James Crane	Joe Essary	Jack Hagensen
Thomas Beem	Jim Crawford	Ed Essig	Leonard Hanson
Gerald Bird	Tyler Crowell	Donnel Etter	Francis Harper
Rob Bird	Glen Crowther	Jack Evans	Harold Hawley
David Bronson	Rex Curtis	Steven Ferdig	Herbert Hawley
Daniel Brotherton	Vernon Darling	Irwin Field	Robert Hayes
Glen Brown	Duff Daugherty	Ed Fitch	Ronald Herring
Robert Bunch	James Daugherty	Robert Flowers	Danny Hight

* The elders credentialed up through Monday afternoon are included in this list.

Gary Holmes	James McKay, Sr	Floyd Pedersen	Steven Soper
Don Holst	George Mefferd	Gary Piatt	Charles Sperry
Burke Holt	Gary Metzger	Harold Plumb	Randy Spurlock
Vim Horn	Dennis Midkiff	Michael Prater	Bruce Stayton
Jesse Huffman	Richard Midkiff	Dale Ratliff	Scott Stayton
Gary Hughes	Dwain Miller	Elmer Rawlins	Eugene Story
Guy Humphrey	Robert Miller	Fred Rawlins	Duane Stowell
Robert Hunt	John Mills	Russell Reid	Jon Tandy
Robert Immer	David Moe	Spencer Reynolds	George Thomas
Ronald Jennings	Rex Monarch	Skip Robison	Ray Treat
Timothy Johns	Gary Moreland	Jerry Rowlett	Brian Tumer
Clyde Johnson	Wray Moreland	Michael Sanders	Frank Van Fleet
Ken Johnson	John Moses	Don Saul	Socorro Vasquez
David Keller	Aaron Mundy	Garland Schnack	Ron Vermeland
Earl King	Brian Mundy	Vernard Schnack	Randy Vick
Gary Kuntz	John Mundy	Dan Schwartz	Jerry Vickery
Ray Lane	Richard Neill	Glenn Scott	Bernard Vlieg
Elzy Lasley	Norman Nelson	Dan Sherer	Dale Volskay
Don Leavengood	David Newman	Daniel Sherer	Barry VunCannon
Les Leutzinger	James Noland	Neil Simmons	Jim VunCannon
Rudy Leutzinger	Clyde Norene	Paul Simmons	Sherrie Wages
Ronald Lidberg	Dan Norman	William Simmons	Clyde Warner
Alvin Lind	Don Norman	Vern Sinclair	Darrell Webster
Paul Ludy	Andrew O Neil	Jared Smith	Phillip Weiss
Dale Machart	Roger Oatman	Lyle Smith	Harold Wheatley
Stephen Mapes	Eric Odida	Richard Smith	Ray Wheeler
Steve Marshall	Thomas Okeyo	Stephen Smith	Robert Whenham
Hensley Mbanso	Antonio Orellana	Leonard Smith	Gary Whiting
Leo McCarty	Howard Parker	Leonard Smith	James Wilkinson
Ray McFarland	Doug Patterson	Art Soldner	Robert Winters
Robert McFarland	Vernon Pearson	Albert Solomon	Rick Wiseman

Conference Statistics:

Total Registered Elders at the End of Monday: 204

Br. Skip Robison moved to sustain the report of the Credentials Committee. Br. Lyle Smith 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Br. Russ Reid moved to sustain Br. Paul Gage as Chairman and Br. Steve Ferdig as Secretary for the 2006 Conference. Br. Rudy Leutzinger 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Br. Robert Whenham entered a point of order. He was not credentialed this year although he was credentialed last year at the 2005 Conference.

Br. Mark Dietrich suggested that this violates the rules of the Conference. It was stated that they will need to apply for credentialing each year.

Br. Dan Sherer indicated that Br. Whenham's application was still pending.

Br. Jack Evans cited Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines #8 in the Conference notebook. "Appeals of the decision of the Credentials Committee shall be made in writing. This appeal shall be delivered to the Coordinating Council of Elders for review, consideration and action. If, in the event the Coordinating

Council of Elders denies the appeal, the appeal may be delivered to a committee of ten elders elected equally from the quorums of elders of said Conference whose decision shall be final."

Br. Gage ruled that the matter is to be referred to the Credentials Committee for further action.

Br. Brian Mundy moved to appeal the decision of the chair in referring this matter to the Credentials Committee. He desired the body to rule on the matter. Br. Bob Giertz 2nd the motion. The motion was presented to the body with 57 in favor of the motion and 56 against the motion. Motion passed.

Br. Paul Ludy moved to base the discussion on principle and procedure and not involve any specific individual. Br. Mike Sanders 2nd the motion.

After some discussion, Br. Bob Immer moved the previous question. Br. Mel Doubledee 2nd the motion. Motion that discussion be based on principle and procedure passed.

Br. Ludy moved that this body endorse the statement that "the decisions of the Elder's Council begin from the end of the conference of 2005 and finish at the end of the conference for 2006. Br. Rudy Leutzinger 2nd the motion.

Br. Jack Evans moved a point of order. Br. Tim Johns moved the previous question. Motion passed. Robert Whenham is credentialed.

Br. Gage moved to bring agenda to the floor.

Br. Dan Brotherton moved that we change the format on Tuesday from 10:00 to 12:00 noon and from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. to business sessions instead of deliberative sessions. Br. Michael Prater 2nd the motion.

Br. Rudy Leutzinger moved a substitute motion to the entire agenda. Br. Jon Tandy 2nd the motion.

Br. Bob Immer objected to consideration of the substitute motion. Objection was defeated.

Br. Jim Daugherty moved to lay substitute motion on the table. Br. Whenham 2nd the motion and then withdrew his second. Br. Immer then seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Br. Evans made a motion to refer the substitute motion to Quorums this afternoon. Br. Mel Doubledee 2nd the motion. After a short discussion, Br. Doubledee called for the previous question. Passed by 2/3 majority.

Substitute motion to refer matter to the Quorums this afternoon passed.

Br. Brian Mundy moved that we change the agenda on Tuesday from deliberative sessions to business sessions. Br. Immer 2nd the motion.

Br. Vim Horn made a substitute motion that in the interim the Quorum meetings would be from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. on Monday and come back into business session from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. to finalize the agenda. Passed.

Br. Ron Lidberg offered the closing prayer and blessing on the food.

Monday, April 3, 2006
Afternoon Business Session Minutes

The business session convened at 3:10 P.M. We opened with the singing of *Redeemer of Israel* and Br. Gage reading passages from the following sections of the Doctrine and Covenants: 59, 132 and 136. Br. Lidberg and Br. Lyle Smith gave the invocations.

Br. Dan Sherer, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, read some additional names of elders that were credentialed. Those names are included in the above list. The conference voted to accept the list of elders credentialed.

QUORUM REPORTS

Report from Quorum #1: Br. John Mundy called the session to order. Br. Mundy was unanimously sustained as Chairman of Quorum #1. Bros. Dow Eaton and Bryan Turner offered prayer for their session. Br. Jim Noland was elected as scribe. Br. Mundy directed us to discuss the 3rd resolved of the substitute motion presented in the morning session. Br. Nathan Sherer moved that we accept the “Third Resolved.” Br. Noland 2nd. A lively discussion followed. The motion was called for. 12 voted for the resolved and 13 voted against with 3 abstentions. Br. Mike Sanders offered the closing prayer. Report submitted by Jim Noland.

Report from Quorum #2: Br. Russ Reid submitted the report. A number of prayers were given. Resolves were read and discussed at length. General consensus was that they are looking forward to a merger. However, if the body passes Resolved #5, the Elders Conference would be no more.

Report from Quorum #3: Br. Gary Holmes submitted the report. The session opened with prayers. Had a good discussion over the “Whereas”. The group didn’t see how it could be separated, because they all seem to be interdependent. With a vote of 17 to 7, the quorum rejected all five whereas and will leave the matter to the body.

Report of Quorum #4: Br. Jon Tandy elected chairman. Br. Rudy Leutzinger elected secretary. There were 26 members in their quorum. Approved the substitute motion.

Report of Quorum #5: Br. Mike Prater elected as scribe. Recommended adding to Resolved #3, the wording “the possibility” and strike Resolved #5. There were 26 members in the quorum, with 17 opposed to the motion and 1 in favor.

Br. Reid moved that the body accept the report of Quorum #2, which would amend the resolved paragraphs of the substitute motion that Br. Ruby Leutzinger presented this morning. Br. Randy Vick 2nd the motion.

The amended motion would read as follows:

Resolved that the proposed CRE order of business be amended; and be it further

Resolved that the Restoration Patriarchs be called upon to lead the elders in prayer and worship; and be it further

Resolved that the chairman of this conference be directed to prepare an agenda which will allow for discussion and debate on merging the Conference of Restoration Elder, its councils, boards, and activities with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches; and be it further

Resolved that the agenda shall include discussion of the role of quorums within the government of the church and how they are authorized and organized for consideration of a fall meeting of CRE; and be it further

Resolved that the corporate officers and councils be elected and charged with working with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches with the intent of working out the merging of these conferences. Such merger to be approved by the vote of the body at a later date.

Br. Horn moved to amend the amended motion and that this conference be directed to strike every thing after Joint Conference of Restoration Branches in the third resolved. Br. Lyle Smith 2nd the amendment to the amendment.

Some discussion ensued with Br. Ken Johnson moving previous question of everything on the floor of the conference. Passed. Br. Horn's amendment to the amendment lost. The vote to accept the amendment above received 83 in favor and 42 opposed to the amendment of the substitute motion. Passed

Br. Randy Vick moved that the balance of the business session be spent in prayer and worship under the leadership of the patriarchs. Br. Hensley Mbaso 2nd the motion. At the recommendation of the patriarchs, the worship is scheduled for Tuesday morning.

Br. Lyle Smith moved to adjourn. Br. Giertz 2nd the motion. Passed

Br. Andy O'Neil offered the benediction.

Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Adopted April 1997

Amended April 6, 2005

The following guidelines will serve as a basis for seating all elders in the current assembly and in other CRE activities, and continue in effect unless, or until altered by a future conference.

1. For purposes of these guidelines, the words “Restoration Branch” are defined as any organized body which holds as its tenets the original doctrines of the restored Church of Jesus Christ as founded by Joseph Smith, Jr., through prophetic leadership

2. For the purposes of these guidelines, the word “faction” is defined as any organized body not adhering to the original doctrines of the Restored Church of Jesus Christ as founded by Joseph Smith, Jr., or which practice doctrine not in compliance with the Statement of Faith and Doctrine adopted by the 1993 Conference of Restoration Elders—i.e., the ordination of women to the priesthood offices, the practice of open communion, the practice of washing of feet and the ordaining of men to offices where a proper calling cannot be initiated without authorized apostolic or presidential action.

3. Participation shall be extended to all Melchisedec priesthood accepted by Restoration branches whose office and ordination have been recognized by the same.

4. Participation shall be extended to all Melchisedec priesthood who, while not joined with a branch, have been authoritatively ordained and who have continued faithful to their calling by supporting the ‘Restoration Position’ and have been approved by the Credentials Committee of said conference or the Coordinating Council between conferences.

5. Participation shall be extended to all Melchisedec priesthood who were authoritatively ordained and who, for reasons of conscience or physical location, have continued to minister

within the framework of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, but who have not subscribed to nor participated in divergent practices or doctrine.

6. Participation shall be extended to all Melchisedec priesthood who were authoritatively ordained in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or a restoration branch—but who may have since affiliated with one or more of the factional movements—who are willing to renounce said affiliation and repent of any participation in divergent practices or doctrines; including, but not limited to the rejection of any subsequent ordinations.

6a. As ministers representing the Church of Jesus Christ are charged with the personal responsibility of maintaining the highest standards of Christian conduct, verified failure to maintain such standards may constitute grounds for denying or revoking one’s right to voice, vote, and participation in CRE activities. Unchristian conduct includes but is not limited to any of the following:

“Lying, backbiting, adultery, and kindred sins, as well as contracting bad debts, drunkenness, other substance abuse, willful failure to preserve or maintain a shared confidence, misuse or abuse of priesthood privileges, and such other disregard for the standards of Christian conduct as may result in loss of power to minister effectively. Briefly stated, the facts are that he membership should at all times and in all places remember that the standards of the church are the standards of Jesus Christ. Should doubt arise in the mind as to the legitimacy of certain acts or procedures, reference to the life and pattern of the Master will give all the necessary answers that may be discipleship.”

“It cannot be over-emphasized that any such disciplinary action which may be taken by the CRE is in no way punitive, but in all cases it is to reclaim the fallen, but where willfulness is evidenced in continuing in wrongdoing, the CRE has no option but to act to

preserve its good influence in the community.”

“The church is jealous of its name as the Church of Jesus Christ and is bound morally and spiritually to ensure that it is held high by all who enter into its privileges. At no time should a member of the church give way to temptations that will place in jeopardy the high and holy privileges of sainthood or priesthood.” (Sources: Church Member’s Manual, Chapter Four, The Standards of Sainthood, Herald Publishing House, 1947 and GCR 1158, 1980.)

Upon the written statements of two or more credible witnesses to conduct on the part of any Melchisedec priesthood member that is unbecoming to that priesthood member or conduct that is detrimental to his ministry or the ministry of others, the Credentials Committee—or Coordinating Council between Conferences—may review that person’s participation in the Conference of Restoration Elders and may, if necessary, refuse or remove the person’s authority to participate.

7. Circumstances not covered in the above may be reviewed and acted upon by the Credentials Committee on an individual basis. Effective application of the above is contingent upon a close, cooperative working relationship between branches in sharing of information, records, and decisions.

8. Appeals of the decision of the Credentials Committee for seating shall be made in writing and submitted to CRE Coordinating Council for review, consideration and action. If the appeal is denied, and one of the parties involved desires to appeal the decision of the Coordinating Council, a committee of elders, two from each of the quorums meeting in conference, will be selected to review and consider the appeal. The selected representatives will consider the appeal during the convening conference, and render a decision that shall be final. In this way the rights of the individual, and the rights of the body to consider matters pertaining to the conference will be preserved and protected.

2006 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule Amended Schedule

Tuesday, April 4		
Morning		
7:30	Registration	
8:30 – 9:45	Morning Worship – Men, Women, & Youth Services	Francis Harper Presiding Dale Machart Presiding Nathan Sherer Presiding
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 11:30	Prayer and Worship	Patriarchs
Afternoon		
11:30 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 2:15	Quorum Meetings	
2:30 – 4:30	Business Session	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CRE Council Reports 2. Treasurer's Report 3. 2006 Conference Week Budget 4. 2006-07 Conference Annual Budget 5. Consideration of Resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITEM 1: - Discuss and debate the merging of the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE), its councils, boards, and activities with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB). Action Consideration – Be it resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders develop a plan for merging with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB). (If resolution approved by the Conference – THEN: “The corporate offices and councils be charged with working with the JCRB with the intent of working out the merging of these conferences.” ITEM 2: Discuss, whether or not, to hold a Fall Conference of the Restoration Elders, to discuss the roll of quorums within the government of the Church and how they are authorized and organized. Action Consideration – Be it resolved that the CRE hold a Fall Conference to discuss the roll of quorums within the government of the Church and how they are authorized and organized. 6. Nominations 	
Evening		
6:30 – 7:00	Hymn Sing	Nathan Smith

7:00	Evening Worship	International Service
	Fellowship	

Wednesday, April 5		
7:30	Registration	
8:30 – 9:45	Morning Worship	Allen Smith Presiding
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 12:00	Quorums/Small Group Meetings	
Afternoon		
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 4:00	Business Session	Conference Chairman
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of Officers and Council Members 2. Additional Resolutions from the Quorums 3. Future Conference Dates 	
Evening		
6:30 – 7:00	Hymn Sing	Nathan Smith
7:00	Evening Worship	Danny Hight Presiding/Testimonies
	Fellowship	