

*"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

**Tuesday, April 4, 2006**

## **Afternoon Business Session Minutes**

Br. Gage offered a welcome to all. Hymn #366 *Loving Each Other* was sung. Scripture from D&C 130.8 was read. Br. Ken Johnson gave the invocation. Br. Gage reminded us as we share today to do so as if we are talking to God.

Br. Dan Sherer gave an update on the elders that were credentialed for today. There are 212 registered elders. List of members credentialed approved for today are:

Donald Cogan	Wayne Kent	Kenneth Short	Richard Rowland
Dick Hacker	George Dunning	Maurice Bryant	Drexel Mustain
Dale Bainter	George Hawkins	David McLean	Douglas Smith

The "Daily Tidings for Monday's Business Session presented to the conference for consideration. Corrections to the list in the "Daily Tidings of Zion" for Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> are: Paul Davis, Dowe Eaton, Hensley Mbanaso, Clyde Noren, Nathan Sherer and Brian Turner for spelling errors. Also, remove Ronald Herring as he was not credentialed and Leonard Smith as he was listed twice.

Quorum #3 has corrections for their report on pg 6-4. Replace the "Whereas" with "Resolved" in both places.

Quorum #5 has corrections to their report on pg 6-4. Voted on substitute motion without changes with the motion not passing at 17-1. With the changes stated in the "Daily Tidings" for Monday, the motion was approved 18-3.

Quorum #4 has a correction to their report on pg 6-4. Add the following resolution which Br. Rudy Leutzinger presented: To make the working together of the two conferences the primary topic of discussion for this conference. This motion passes in quorum with 23 yeas and 2 nays.

Br. Glen Crowther gave the closing prayer and blessing on the food prior to the lunch meal on Monday.

And finally, on pg 6-4, sixth line up from the bottom, should read Br. Rudy Leutzinger.

Daily Minutes were reviewed. After corrections were completed, Br. Russ Reid moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. Br. Ron Vermeland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes as corrected approved.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

The conference received the following reports. They were all approved with corrections:

Domestic Outreach	SEAAM Council
Publication Council	LAMB
Education Council	MMSG
Stewardship Council	Navajo
Women's Council	IMCA
Youth Council	GEM
Evangelism Council	Historian's Report
Aaronic Priesthood Council	Coordinating Council

ARM - corrections and additions were for Liberia on page 5-25: 97 baptized members and Monrovia is now a mission. For Nigeria on page 5-13, first paragraph: should read Nkpa in Abia State and the date was January 15 and not March 15.

Br. Richard Neill gave report on National Churches and National Ministers. Said report was prepared at the direction of the 2005 conference. Br. Neill then presented the following motion to the body:

That the Elders Conference accept the report of the National Ministers Committee. The committee further recommends that the Conference investigate possible involvement with the National Ministers in those lands in which the Restoration is located.

The motion was presented to the body, but no action was taken on the motion.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Br. Vim Horn requested a Point of Privilege, ie., to commend the efforts of Br. Ron Lidberg in his stepping in at the last minute to provide the treasurer's report for the conference.

Br. Lidberg then presented the Treasurer's Report with the following corrections: pg 3-6, 3<sup>rd</sup> column, Special Projects (Restricted) should be zero instead of \$7,800; same column for total; with the same column for Net Income/(Loss) at (\$4,000); with a Consolidated Fund Balance of \$1,090.13. Also, at the bottom of the same page, note 2 should indicated Self Supporting Missionaries and a note 3 to see the page 10... Lyle Smith moved that Treasurer's Report be approved. John Eichhorn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

Conference Budget with corrections presented by Ron Lidberg. Russ Reid moved that we accept the Budget with corrections. John Eichhorn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

## LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS:

The following people were nominated from the floor:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Paul Gage	<b>Secretary/Recorder:</b>	Steve Ferdig
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Russ Reid	<b>Historian:</b>	Jim Daugherty

**Coordinating Council**

Dan Sherer  
Steve Ballantyne  
Wayne Kent  
John Mundy  
Garry Piatt  
Lyle Smith  
Skip Robison

**Education Council**

Joan Vun Cannon

**Evangelism Council**

Jack Evans  
Dayn Cederstrom  
ARM – Bill Barrett  
LAMB – Jack Delaney  
SEAMM – Jeff Morrison

**Publications Council**

Glenn Crowther  
Rebecca Bowen

**Corporate Officers**

President: Skip Robison  
Secretary: Steve Ferdig  
Treasurer: Russ Reid

**Stewardship Council**

Ray Dodds  
Harry Williams

**Womens' Council**

Mary Prater  
Marcia Bird  
Peggy Feagins  
Sylvia Powell

**Youth Council**

Michelle Sherer  
Roger Gummerman  
Chris Morris  
Josh & Elyse McLeod

**Aaronic Council**

Michael Beem  
Richard Hoff Sr.  
James Bullard  
Jason Howard  
Jeremy Lidberg  
Rod Madson

Each quorum will select two members for the Elders Council. Each quorum will submit their respective names Wednesday morning after their session.

Br. Horn moved to adjust the Quorum sessions on Wednesday morning, giving the Quorums time that they need to complete their business and then go into the business sessions for the rest of the day. Garry Piatt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Each quorum would like approximately 30 minutes for prayer and choosing two elders for the Elders Council. Passed.

Ron Lidberg moved that the Budget in Section 4-3, with corrections, be accepted. Gary Whiting 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

Lyle Smith moved to adjourn. Bob Giertz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Lyle Smith gave the benediction.

### Corrected 2006 Conference Budget

The following estimated budget is presented simply as information for all registrants and visitors. As you are aware, once again this year there is no registration fee for participating in the Conference. However, as can be seen by the proposed budget below, there is a good deal of cost associated with conducting the Conference. Please keep these expenses in mind as opportunities to contribute to the Conference are presented.

### Estimated 2006 Conference Budget

Equipment - Rental (Chairs, Tables, etc.)	\$ 250.00
Facilities Rental – CPRS	3,000.00
Food Service	1,250.00
Printing, Mailing (Survey, Brochure, <i>The Tidings</i> , etc.)	2,500.00
Supplies - Materials (Binders, Badges, Misc.)	800.00
Publicity	500.00
Cleanup	150.00
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,700.00</b>

Several members requested that the secretary include the entire motion presented on Monday. The entire motion is listed below with the amended resolves also listed. This is the entire motion that the conference body approved.

### **Motion to Set Proposed CRE Agenda Aside**

**Whereas**, the Conference of Restoration Elders has chosen to represent only the actions of those elders who are present and there have been no provisions made for these actions to be binding on any specific group or body; and,

**Whereas**, there is no formal written record of these previous legislative initiatives that could be used to guide any relevant concurrent discussions and or recommendations; and

**Whereas**, no branch has been asked to endorse the CRE or its resolutions in the 14 years of its existence which could have identified those conflicting legislative actions and brought forth a system of checks and balances that would assure accountability to the church at large by the voice and vote of the branches ; and,

**Whereas**, elders conferences are not a governing body in the government of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (*Articles of Incorporation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, Plano, IL, 1872; *Articles of Association*, Lamoni, IA, June 6, 1891); and,

**Whereas**, such conferences have been specifically discouraged by General Conference actions (Adopted April 6, 1868. No. 87. That all private members, male and female, have a right to vote on all questions that the elders may deem of sufficient importance to bring before the church.; Adopted April 9, 1873. No. 145. Whereas, The String Prairie and Nauvoo District conference at its last session, as published in the *Herald*, adopted a resolution expressive of their opinion, to the effect, that none had a legal right to vote on the business before the body except the elders, or Melchisedec priesthood; and whereas, The General Conference of 1868, resolved and decided affirmatively, "That all private members, male and female, have a right to vote upon all questions that may be brought before the General Conference;" it is hereby Resolved, That this conference considers the action of the String Prairie and Nauvoo District conference, on the suffrage question, premature, and disrespectful to the entire body, and that said conference is hereby respectfully requested to reconsider and rescind said resolution at their next quarterly conference session.) as "disrespectful to the entire body" of the Church; and,

**Whereas**, the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches provides voice and vote to all members of the Church of Christ and has received the endorsement of a growing number of branches; and,

**Whereas**, both the CRE and the JCRB have been directed by their respective conferences to work in harmony with other Restoration organizations of like faith and goals in order to eliminate duplication of efforts; and,

**Whereas**, the elders exercised significant responsibilities as official members in district, stake, and general conferences throughout the history of the RLDS church; therefore be it

**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.

**2006 SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK IN AFRICA**

	CAMEROON	KENYA	LIBERIA	NIGERIA	TANZANIA	UGANDA	Totals
Elders	1	4	6	8			19
Priests		9	4	2	1	1	17
Teachers		5			1		6
Deacons		5		2			7
Total Priesthood	1	23	10	12	2	1	49
Members	4	300	95	150	20	6	575
Branches or Groups	1	13	1	5	1	1	22
	Cameroon	Nairobi Nakuru Sotik Oyugis Nyalenda Rapogi Sori-bay Ringa Ahero Korowe Katito Awasi Kisumu	Buchanon	Umuahia Alagbado(Lagos) Ugwueke Umuokoro Farm Settlement	Mwanza town	Uganda	
Missions			3	2	1		6
			Monrovia Gardours Town Teah Town Koons Town	Owerri Nkpa	Musoma		
Potential Areas		6		3			9
		Rakwaro Chemellili Wangapala Riat Homa-bay Eldoret		Enugu Benin City Aba			