

*"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

**Wednesday, April 5, 2006**  
**Morning Business Session Minutes**

Welcome by Br. Paul Gage. Doctrine & Covenants 140:5c,d was read. Hymn #20 *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* was sung. Br. Randy Spurlock gave the invocation.

Br. Dan Sherer of the Credentials Committee reported two more elders have been credentialed:

Paul Frinsthal

Charles Harcourt

Mike Hood\*

This makes a total of 217 elders credentialed for the conference. Br. Ken Johnson moved to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. Br. Gerald Bird 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed.

Br. Ron Lidberg reported that the corrected Annual Budget from Section 4-3 was not included in the Daily Tidings for Tuesday. (They are included in this Daily Tidings as the last page.) Br. Russ Reid moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Bob Giertz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed.

Michael Prater stood to introduce a motion. Brian Mundy raised a point of order that resolutions are to come from the Quorums. Br. Paul Gage ruled to allow Br. Prater to read his motion. Br. Gage ruled the motion out of order. Br. Prater appealed the Chair's decision. Appeal was presented to the body with a majority of the body supporting the ruling.

Br. Gage opened the discussion and debate on Item 1 in Section 6-7. Quorum # 1 presented an addendum with concerns over or rumors about the JCRB. Several Bros offered comments about the list. Discussion continued concerning the possible merging of the JCRB and the CRE. The discussion on item 1 continued for several more minutes. Br. Reid moved to adjourn for lunch. Br. Crowther 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Br. Vermeland gave the invocation and prayer of blessing on the food.

**Wednesday, April 5, 2006**  
**Afternoon Business Session Minutes**

Welcome by Br. Gage. Doctrine & Covenants 131:4 was read. Last verse of Hymn #238 *Let Us Brothers, Let Us Gladly* was sung. Br. Whiting offered the invocation.

Br. Russ Reid announced that the CRE 2005 donations receipts were available for any donor in the body wanting to pick theirs up. All others will be mailed to donors the next week.

Br. Eugene Story moved to re-consider the Motion to Set Proposed CRE Agenda Aside (see page 6-13).

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\* Mike Hood was credentialed earlier, but not included in Daily Tidings. He is added here.

Br. Mike Prater 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Since he voted against the amendment, he rescinded his 2<sup>nd</sup>). Br. Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Br. Dan Brotherton expressed that the need to remove Resolve #5 was the reason for re-consideration. Br. Jim Noland moved the previous question. The body indicated it was ready to vote. Motion to reconsider was defeated.

Br. Clyde Johnson was given the opportunity to share a personal statement with the body.

Br. Jack Evans moved the resolution from Item 1 page 6-7, which states:

*Be it resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders develop a plan for merging with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches.*

Br. Jim Vun Cannon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Brian Mundy introduced a substitute motion from Quorum #1 to disband the CRE Evangelism Council, and move it's fund balance and the fund balances of the associated CRE missionary boards, to the JCRB Evangelism Committee under the direction of the Restoration Seventy. Br. Noland 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Mundy then spoke to the question.

Br. Vim Horn moved a Substitute Motion to the previous Substitute Motion. The substitute motion resolved that taking steps to organizationally merge the CRE and JCRB was premature, that the CRE needed to remain a separate organization for all restoration branches, and that the CRE would work cooperatively with the JCRB. Br. Mike Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Br. David Bronson stood to make a public apology, which the body accepted.

Br. Jack Evans offered an amendment to the substitute motion to remove the first resolved and some wording in the fourth resolved. Br. Mark Dietrich's 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Tyler Crowell offered an amendment to the amendment to remove all of the whereas's and change "2007" to "next" in the fifth resolved. Br. Sherry Wages 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Mike Sanders moved previous question on all matters concerning the substitute motion under consideration. The body indicated it was ready to vote. The amendments to the substitute motion passed. The substitute motion as amended was passed as follows:

*Be it resolved, that the CRE continue to function as a separate organization seeking to provide a venue for all Restoration Elders, from all Restoration Branches, to be able to confer with one another on matters of common concern within the Restoration Branch movement; and*

*Be it further resolved, that the CRE openly acknowledge that it is not working at cross purposes with the purposes of the JCRB; and*

*Be it further resolved, that the CRE leadership and councils work cooperatively and in harmony with the JCRB; and*

*Be it further resolved, that the CRE Coordinating Council explore viable and concrete ways to organizationally work more cooperatively with the JCRB and to report back to the next conference on these ways; and*

*Be it further resolved, that this body of Restoration Elders acknowledge and recognize that there exists a common desire amongst the Elders to find ways for Restoration Branches to work together and to ultimately function under a singular head, even if there does not currently exist common agreement or vision on how best to accomplish this; and*

*Be it further resolved, that this body of Restoration Elders acknowledges and recognizes that Jesus Christ is the head of His Church, and all of us need to humble ourselves before Him, and all of us need to acknowledge that fraternal harmony is the consequence of charity ruling in the hearts of the Brethren.*

Br. Jon Tandy reintroduced Quorum #1's Resolution to disband the CRE Evangelism Council, and move it's fund balance and the fund balances of the associated CRE missionary boards, to the JCRB Evangelism Committee under the direction of the Restoration Seventy. Br. George Mefferd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Mike Sanders moved an amendment striking the action to eliminate the CRE Evangelism Council and to instead encourage the Evangelism Council, and the associated missionary boards to come under the direction of the Restoration Seventy. Br. Bud Solomon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion ensued. Br. Bob Immer called for the previous question on the entire matter. Br. Gage asked the body if it was ready to vote. The vote was ordered. The amendment to the resolution failed. The resolution failed.

Br. Nathan Sherer moved the resolution from Item 2 on page 6-7, which states:

*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.*

Br. Roger Oatman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Brian Mundy moved to amend the resolution from "Fall Conference" to a Spring Conference"(2007). Glen Crowther 2<sup>nd</sup>. The amendment passed. The amended resolution passed.

The motion introduce by the National Ministers Committee was reintroduced for consideration. Br. Skip Robison 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed reads as follows:

*Moved 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.*

Br. Jack Evans moved a resolution from Quorum #2 in regard to merging the conferences. Br. Mark Dietrich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Vim Horn raised a point of order requesting the Chair to rule consideration of the proposed resolution out of order since it pertained to a matter already considered by the body earlier, (Item 1). After some additional discussion, the Chair ruled consideration of the resolution out of order.

Br. Jack Evans moved a resolution from Quorum #2 pertaining to record keeping and credentialing for future conferences. Br. Ron Vermeland 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Mike Hood offered an amendment to the motion requesting an official card for the priesthood. Br. Reid 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Glen Crowther moved a substitute motion from the Credentials Committee pertaining to this subject. Br. Duane Stowell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Paul Ludy offered an amendment to remove the word "time" from the Second resolved in the substitute motion. Br. Chuck Sperry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members of the Credentials Committee agreed to the proposed word change. No vote was needed on the amendment Br. Mark Dietrich moved the previous question. The body indicated it was ready to vote. The substitute motion from the Credentials Committee passed as follows:

*Whereas, the Conference of Restoration Elders has established and adopted an official document known as the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines; and*

*Whereas, such guidelines were approved as amended in 2005 by an overwhelming majority; and*

*Whereas, credentialing of the elders takes place for each conference; and*

*Whereas, the Credentials Committee is charged with the task of approval of registrations (per the guidelines); and*

*Whereas, this committee has different members from year to year and doesn't have sufficient documentation to accomplish it's task; therefore*

*Be it resolved, that the Elder Conference Councils publish in the Jan/Feb Tidings of Zion all approved Restoration Branches; and*

*Be it further resolved, that each elder desiring to be credentialed for seating in conference provide with registration a copy of ordination certificate or other official documentation, including date, place and ordaining ministers to be kept on file at Conference of Restoration Elders Office; and*

*Be it further resolved, that once credentialed at the Elders Conference, the elder is approved until new circumstances are brought forward that would change his status.*

Br. Jack Evans moved the following resolution from Quorum #2.

*Resolved, that the Publications Council prepare a publication to be available as an advisory publication of all official actions of the CRE since its inception to be made available to the branches at large for informational and advisory purposes as the official recommendations of this body to the branches, including any doctrinal and procedural resolutions but excluding those measures of electing officers and councils of the CRE.*

Br. John Eichhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Br. John Tandy moved a resolution from Quorum # 4 on prayer and fasting for the church. Br. Lyle Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Br. Paul Ludy moved to amend the resolution to change “set aside” to “designate”. Br. Rick Wiseman 2<sup>nd</sup>. The amendment passed. The amended resolution passed reads as follows:

*Whereas, many of the saints are confused because of the many voices calling for there(sp) allegiance and commitment; and*

*Whereas, the only way to receive direction is to humble ourselves and call on the Lord in mighty prayer and fasting, (Alma 12:5); and*

*Whereas those who call themselves the Lord's church as stated in II Chronicles 7:14 will be led out of this confusion by humbling themselves and praying; and*

*Whereas, the trumpet in Zion is blowing uncertain sounds, when the sound from the center place should be very clear. (Joel 2:1, 15); and*

*Whereas, the missionary needs are great and the missionary effort is blessed when the call is to pray for and witness to those that know no the Christ, (Alma 4:6)*

*Therefore be it resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders, encourage branches, missions and study groups throughout the world to designate the morning services the second Sunday of each month for fasting and prayer, seeking direction from The Almighty for the church.*

Election results were read. The table on page 6-6 reflects the election results, and provides a listing of the conference leadership and council membership for 2006-2007.

The Chair introduced consideration of the dates for the next conference. Dates for the 2007 Conference were proposed for April 2 thru 6. Br. Rudy Leutzinger moved to refer the matter of setting the dates for the next conference to the Coordinating Council. Jack Hagensen 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed.

A standing ovation, with resounding applause, was given to the Chairman, Secretary, his assistant, those helping with conference management and registration, and the ladies in the kitchen.

Doug Patterson gave the benediction.

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### **Quorum Meeting Reports provided to the Secretary for today:**

#### Quorum 1, April 5, 2006

John Mundy asked that we open with three prayers and then called the quorum to order. Twenty-three members were in attendance. Br. Brian Mundy brought a resolution to be taken to the conference floor, seconded by Br. Nathan Sherer. Br. Mike Sanders moved an amendment, which failed. The main motion was approved. Br. Brian Mundy closed the session.

#### Quorum 2

Twenty-six men were present for the meeting. Period of prayer in which 4 men offered a prayer. Dale Carrick and Russ Reid selected for the Elder's Council. Br. Horn visited the quorum to explain item # 1 and 2. Discussion continued with a feeling that more studying and investigating is needed before merger to take place. Vote was taken to explore merger with passing in a vast majority. Voted to present the following motion: (did not receive it from spokesperson)

#### Quorum 4, April 5, 2006

The quorum reconvened at ten today. Jon Tandy opened with prayer. Nominations were taken for those to nominate to the Elder's Council. Those elected were: Harold Wheatley and Don Norman. A motion was presented to the elders, which would open the discussion of the controversial JCRB issues to the conference floor, in order to air these questions openly prior to any vote on the merger proposal. Moved by Mark Dietrich and seconded by Jim McKay.

Br. Jack Hagensen made a motion to encourage branches, missions and study groups to engage in prayer and fasting the second Sunday of each month. Seconded by Jim McKay and passed unanimously.

## 2006-2007 Conference of Restoration Elders Leadership

### Conference Officers

### Corporate Officers

Chairman	Paul Gage	(816) 833-6552		President	Skip Robison	(816) 373-9044
Secretary	Steve Ferdig	(816) 630-6033		Secretary	Steve Ferdig	(816) 630-6033
Treasurer	Russ Reid	(816) 650-5667		Treasurer	Russ Reid	(816) 297-4370
Historian	Jim Daugherty	(816) 297-4370				

### Aaronic Council

### Evangelism Council

Michael Beem*	461-5227	1 yr	Nathan Sherer VC	645-6051	1 yr
Richard Hoff, Sr.*	729-4757	1 yr	Richard Smith C	461-3461	1 yr
James Bullard*	405-4277	1 yr	Jack Evans*	524-2279	2 yr
Jason Howard*	796-9399	1 yr	Dayn Cedarstrom*	419-5887	2 yr
Jeremy Lidberg*	694-4323	1 yr	Bill Barrett – ARM S	796-0484	
Rod Madson*	461-6143	1 yr	Jack Delaney – LAMB	380-6665	
			Jeff Morrison - SEAMM	650-5550	

### Coordinating Council

### Publication

Russ Reid	650-5667	1 yr	Joy Muir	254-5523	1 yr
Vim Horn C	650-5660	1 yr	Barbara Ruggles	461-0084	1 yr
Danny Hight	224-6912	1 yr	Julie Smith	836-3559	1 yr
Dan Sherer* S	650-9357	2 yr	Glenn Crowther* C	816-675-2248	2 yr
Lyle Smith*	229-5192	2 yr	Rebecca Bowen*	257-5344	2 yr
John Mundy*	650-6969	2 yr	Randy Spurlock	417-683-2910	1 yr
Garry Piatt*	650-9650	2 yr			

### Education Council

### Elder's Council

Laura Westermeyer	712-647-3162	1 yr	Dwain Miller*	836-5985	1 yr
Mark Westermeyer	712-647-3162	1 yr	Clyde Johnson*	252-1524	1 yr
Jim Vun Cannon C	795-9540	1 yr	Dale Carrick*	796-6577	1 yr
Helen Brotherton	690-3646	2 yr	Russ Reid*	650-5667	1 yr
Christina Easter	816-732-6883	2 yr	Ray McFarland*	456-7747	1 yr
Cathleen Greer	833-0209	2 yr	Randy Vick*	660-238-1800	1 yr
Joan Vun Cannon* VC	836-3259	3 yr	Harold Wheatley*	747-6989	1 yr
Kathy Kline**	356-6889	1 yr	Don Norman*	625-8165	1 yr
Stephanie Hasselman**	255-6980	1 yr	Ron Lidberg*	697-2716	1 yr
			Michael Prater*	836-5227	1 yr

### Stewardship Council

### Women's Council

Tim Johns	836-8882	1 yr	Ann Taylor C	796-6178	1 yr
Gary Metzger	833-5140	1 yr	Pat Chadwick	230-7075	1 yr
Ray Dodds*	373-5056	1 yr	Darcy Brotherton	690-7685	1 yr
Harry Williams*	580-7947	2 yr	Mary Prater*	836-6109	2 yr
			Marcia Bird*	660-584-3056	2 yr
			Peggy Feagin*	318-4488	2 yr
			Sylvia Powell*	240-0095	2 yr

### Youth Council

Linda Trimble	506-1463	1 yr	Roger Gummerman*	210-0138	2 yr
Jon & Tamara Tandy	833-2944	1 yr	Chris Morris*	836-3942	2 yr
Lee & Crystal Hillard	254-5076	1 yr	Josh & Elyse McLeod*	726-6491	2 yr
Michelle Sherer*	726-3550	2 yr			

\* - denotes elected at 2006 Conference

\*\* - denotes added after the 2006 Conference

**Proposed FY2006-07 Budget (March 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007)**

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	Resource Center	Coord Council	Publ Council	Steward Council	Aaronic Council	Women's Council	Youth Council	Educ. Council	TOTAL
Printing and Copies	\$ 1,500	\$ 200		\$ 500	\$ 275	\$ 800	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 4,375
Postage	\$ 1,200		\$ 100	\$ 200		\$ 500	\$ 100		\$ 2,100
Tidings – Printing			\$ 15,000						\$ 15,000
Tidings – Postage			\$ 6,500						\$ 6,500
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 50				\$ 50			\$ 1,100
Rent/Utilities/Repairs	\$ 6,400								\$ 6,400
Telephone	\$ 2,400	\$ 50							\$ 2,450
Office Equipment	\$ 2,000								\$ 2,000
Insurance	\$ 600								\$ 600
Travel – Domestic		\$ 500				\$ 450			\$ 950
Trips/Missions/Evangelism							\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Printed Materials					\$ 1,000	\$ 550	\$ 750	\$ 9,500	\$ 11,800
Meeting Expenses						\$ 250	\$ 50		\$ 300
Miscellaneous	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ 5,000	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 500		\$ 7,050
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 15,600</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ 26,600</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ 1,775</b>	<b>\$ 2,850</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 61,625</b>
Evangelism Council Budget	Same as 05-06								\$ 22,900
SEAAM Budget	Pg 3-6								\$ 53,050
LAMB Budget	Pg 3-7								\$ 42,400
ARM Budget	Pg 3-8								\$ 94,950
Total CRE 2006-07 Budgets									\$ 274,925