

2008 Conference of Restoration Elders
“Jesus is the Head of His Church”

Ephesians 2:19-22, Colossians 2:17-21

Welcome to the Elders Conference of 2008.

Welcome to the saints from around the world! May the Lord bless all of us this week. May we be blessed with wisdom when we speak, the wisdom when not to speak, and with wisdom and discernment as we listen to each other. Most of all may we "be taught from on high".

Jesus is the head of the Church - the Chief Cornerstone. He is the beginning and the end. He is the starting point and he is the finish line. All that we accomplish will be measured by the Lord's purposes and the will of our Heavenly Father. Jesus submitted his will to that of the Father. Yet, we often struggle even with those things that we know to be wrong or of lesser value. This condition has been on the earth from the time that Adam and Eve fell, throughout the ages, and down to our present generation. Sometimes we get mixed up as to who it is that is in charge. The good news is that a merciful God, and a sacrificial Savior have invited us to be part of a "great and marvelous work".

Colossians 2:17-21

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell:

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unprovable in his sight;

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard ..."

Through Jesus and the sacrifice on the cross, all things may be reconciled to the Father. We were alienated, and without making excuses, we each have done wicked works, yet, the Lord still calls on us and brings us unto Him. That is someone worthy to follow. It is Jesus and no other who merits that kind of response.

First Peter 2:6

"... Behold I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Unto you therefore who believe, he is precious..."

Jesus is the cornerstone of Zion. Precious means not only to be highly esteemed but to be loved. The true believer loves him so much that they also love one another. If Zion is precious to us it will be an extension of our love for Jesus.

As elders, this week, I pray that we look fully to Jesus, the Head of the Church, for the guidance in our deliberations. What would Jesus have us do? From that spirit we should be able to move forward in this work. May we so act with charity toward one other that none of us will be removed *"from the hope of the gospel"*.

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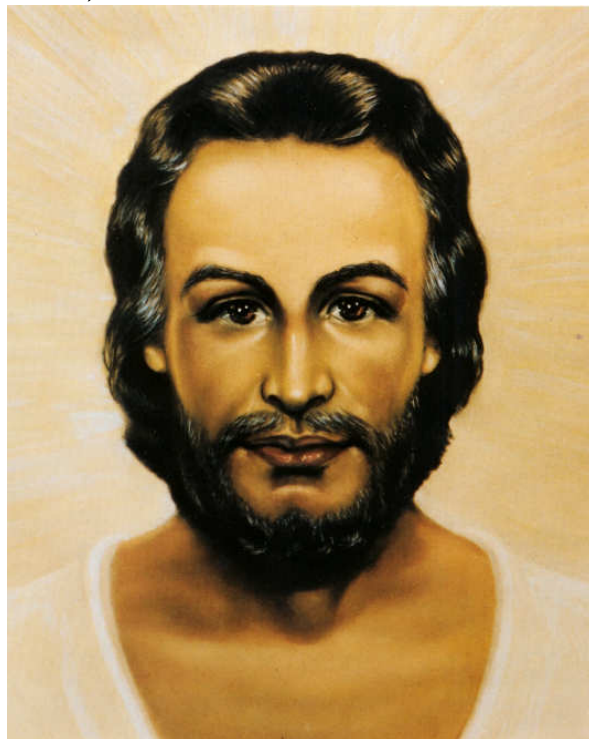
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“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” *Ephesians 2:19-22*

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2008 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule

“Jesus is the Head of His Church”

Sunday, April 6 Afternoon	Conference Theme: “Jesus is the Head of His Church”	Daily Theme:
2:00-4:00	Presentation by B, P, HP & S	Waldo Sanctuary
4:00-4:15	Break	
4:15-6:00	CRE/JCRB Presentation	Waldo Sanctuary
		By Gary Whiting & Doug Smith
6:00-7:00	Reception for everyone	Gymnasium at Waldo
7:00-8:30	Evening Worship	CoC Auditorium (JCRB Sponsored)
Monday, April 7 Morning	Conference Theme: “Jesus is the Head of His Church”	Daily Theme: “Jesus said, I will build My Church”
8:00	Registration open	Gymnasium
8:00 – 9:45	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary--Patriarchs Presiding
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 12:00	Melchisedec Open Forum	Waldo Sanctuary – CCE In Charge
Noon – 1:30	Lunch	Sorensen Room
Afternoon		
1:30 – 5:00	CRE Business Session	Sanctuary – CRE Chair
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Seating of Elders	
	Sustaining of CRE Officers	
	Approval of Conference Agenda	
	Set Conference Length	
	Council Reports	
	Succession of lineage	
	Treasurer’s Report	
	Auditor’s Report	
	2008 CRE Weekly Budget	
	2008-09 CRE Annual Budget	
	Election of Officers	
5:00-6:30	Dinner	On your own
Evening		
6:30-7:00	Hymn sing *	Sanctuary
7:00-8:30	Worship *	Sanctuary
8:30-9:30	Refreshments & Fellowship *	Sorensen Room
Tuesday, April 8 Morning	Conference Theme: “Jesus is the Head of His Church”	Daily Theme: “One Fold, One Church”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:00 – 9:45	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary - Patriarchs--Presiding
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 12:00	CRE Business Session (TBD)	Sanctuary – CRE Chair
Afternoon		
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	Sorensen Room
1:30 – 5:00	Business Session (TBD)	Sanctuary
5:00-6:30	Dinner	On your own
Evening		
6:30-7:00	Hymn sing *	Sanctuary
7:00-8:30	Worship *	Sanctuary
8:30-9:30	Refreshments & Fellowship *	Sorensen Room

Wednesday, April 4 Morning	Conference Theme: “Jesus is the Head of His Church”	Daily Theme: “We are the Body of Christ”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:00 – 9:30	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Patriarch’s Presiding
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 12:00	Closing CRE Business Session	Sanctuary – CRE Chair

*The elders will determine whether the CRE sponsors a worship service in evenings. If they decide to have worship services at Waldo, then the schedule as it is printed will apply.

- CPRS Senior Class will provide childcare services during formal sessions.
- Lunch meals are available in the CPRS Sorensen Room. **Dinner meals are not provided.**

Other scheduled activities for the week:

- Sacrament Service at CoC Auditorium by the Bishops, Patriarchs, High Priests and Seventy
- April 6 10:00 a.m. -
- Joint Conference of Restoration Branches – April 7-12 – Truman Memorial Building

April 2008 Conference Week Lunch Menu

Time: 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Monday 7th	Main Course	Sliced turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy
	Bread	Wheat rolls
	Salad Bar	lettuce, tomatoes, bacon bits, assorted raw vegetables, and various types of salad dressing
	Soup of the Day	Beef Stew
Tuesday 8th	Vegetables	TBD
	Main Course	Meatballs & noodles
	Vegetable	TBD
	Bread	Crescent rolls
Wednesday 9th	Salad Bar	lettuce, tomatoes, bacon bits, assorted raw vegetables, and various types of salad dressing
	Soup of the Day	Minestrone
	Main Course	Turkey Tetrazzini
	Bread	Garlic Toast
	Vegetable	TBD
	Soup	Taco Soup
	Salad Bar	lettuce, tomatoes, bacon bits, assorted raw vegetables, and various types of salad dressing

** Salad Bar will be the same every day

** Dessert will also be served everyday as part of the meal

** Cost of lunches will be announced and posted in the Sorensen Room

**Weekly meal tickets are NOT provided this year due to the uncertain nature of the length of the conference