

Conference Of Restoration Elders 2009

Theme: "Jesus Calls Us"

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The officers, councils and staff offer an invitation and opportunity to all saints and friends to come worship, study and fellowship at the 16th Annual Spring Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE). The conference will be held April 5-10, 2009, at Center Place Restoration School/Waldo Avenue Restoration Branch facility at 819 West Waldo Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

The purpose and scope of the CRE is printed on the inside front cover of every Tidings of Zion magazine. However, with a number of other "Restoration Conferences" taking place at the same time, some may be confused about our Conference and the CRE goals and objectives. Our purpose is to provide ministry for spiritual growth to all saints and branches. We are members of the Church of Jesus Christ, restored in these latter days on April 6, 1830, but do not speak or act as a substitute for the Church, nor do we have a desire to reorganize it. We believe that the Church is in God's hands; and our job, as saints, is to become spiritually mature. The Conference is ordered and structured by an assembly of Melchisedec priesthood that plan and provide an opportunity for ALL SAINTS to fellowship and worship together. All participation is strictly on a volunteer basis.

The format of the 2009 Conference will be similar to past conferences. Sunday afternoon, April 5, will be an opportunity to register for the Conference and pick up Conference notebooks and materials. While there is no cost for registration, a donation is asked to cover the cost of printing. Elders that were credentialed in 2007 and 2008 will not need to go through the Credentials Committee, but still need to register in order to receive a conference notebook and name badge. A Registration Form is included in this issue of The Tidings of Zion. The Conference will begin with a hymn sing on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. followed by CRE Chairman, Seventy Richard Neill, bringing the evening message.

The CRE will continue with worship on Monday, April 6, at 8:30 A.M. and officially convene at 10:00 A.M. The Coordinating Council of Elders (CCE) is recommending that the conference conclude at noon on Friday, April 10, 2009. However, the body of credentialed Melchisedec priesthood will decide the length and content of the conference. It will be most helpful for each one attending to register as soon as possible. There will be various opportunities for worship and study for all those in attendance.

2009 CRE Schedule and Information Weekly Theme: "Jesus Calls Us"

Sunday, April 5, 2009: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" 6:30 P.M. Hymn Sing; 7:00 P.M. Preaching, Seventy Richard Neill.

Schedule Monday-Friday noon.

8:00 - 9:30 A.M. - Worship

10:00-Noon - Business if needed or General Class

12:00 - 1:30 P.M. - Lunch served in the Sorensen room
Monday through Thursday

1:30 - 4:00 P.M. - Afternoon classes and activities

4:00 - 6:30 P.M. - Open and Dinner

6:30 - 7:00 P.M. - Hymn Sing

7:00 - 8:30 P.M. - Preaching

8:30 - 9:30 P.M. - Fellowship, refreshments, visit displays in the gym.

Themes, Teachers and Preachers:

Monday, April 6, 2009: "Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him"

Class: Pastoral Ministry, Elder Jack Hagensen

Preaching: Elder Aaron Smith

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 "Jesus Calls Us by His Mercy"

Class: The Missionary, Elder Doug Smith

Preaching: Elder David Gilmore

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 "Jesus Calls Us to Obedience"

Class: Ministry of Teaching/Preaching, Elder Mark Ballantyne

Preaching: Elder Bruce Levensgood

Thursday, April 9, 2009 "Jesus Calls Us to Love as He Loves"

Class: Discernment of Spirits Elder Dan Brotherton
Sermon: Elder Steve Kropp

Youth Campfire following evening services. Details TBA during the week.

Friday, April 10, 2009 "Jesus Calls Us to Service"
Closing Worship: "May We Hear Thy Call"