

*"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

**Thursday, April 9, 2009**

These are the additional Melchisedec members approved by the Credentials Committee on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

## **Credential Committee Approves the Following Elders**

Dennis Brown  
Todd Smith

### **Conference Statistics:**

**Total Registered Elders as of Wednesday evening, April 8, 2009: 96. Total registered non-Melchisedec: 52.**

### **Minutes of the business session for April 8, 2009, 1:30 PM.**

Prior to the business session Brother Richard Neill asked for a moment of personal privilege. He expressed his concerns about the session yesterday and some insight he felt he had regarding a path or course that we could chose as a body. He read his statement. Following the statement, he opened the session with singing "Let Us Pray For One Another" and had an opening prayer by Elder Allen Howen.

The chair recognized Andy O'Neil from the credentials committee. Brother O'Neil read the names from the Wednesday Daily Tidings and moved that they be accepted. The chair once again, as in previous sessions, spelled out the course of challenges to those who the credential committee had approved. Brother Bruce Levensgood seconded the motion. The vote carried.

He then entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Two changes were noted, first that Wray Moreland on page 5-10 needed to change to Ray Wheeler and second that Russ Reid be added to the list of three names presented by Quorum #2 for the Elder's Council at the top of page 5-8. The motion to approve the minutes with the changes noted carried unanimously.

Brother Allen Howen then moved to bring the tabled item back to the floor. Dan Brotherton seconded the motion. There was a question of clarification by Brother Jim Daugherty about how this would impact what the chair had shared prior to the business meeting. Brother Neill answered that since this motion was on the floor we would need to deal with it right now. Upon seeing no further discussion the chair asked for a vote. The vote to bring the substitute motion back to the table failed.

Jim Daugherty then moved that we suspend the order of business for the day. Brother Darrell Webster seconded the motion. The vote to suspend carried.

Brother Daugherty then moved that what had been proposed by the chair before the business session began be brought up for a discussion. Brother Paul Gage seconded the

motion. Brother Bob Immer indicated that the body did not have a copy of what was printed and needed one to discuss it.

The proposal suggested the following four points:

1. "A committee of seven be formed immediately to create a letter.
2. This committee be made up of two elders seeing the need for justice first, two elders seeing the need for mercy first, two elders who would feel evenly both ways, and a chairperson.
3. A letter is to be composed that would outline the feeling of this body toward the actions of the other body. This would include the statements made yesterday of having good will to the other body and brethren, but also outlining where there is disagreement. The letter should be composed in charity, but clearly stating the feelings and belief of this body towards the actions taken by the other body. If this letter is agreed upon by the elders the letter would be sent immediately to the other conference.
4. After the Elder's Conference agrees on the wording of the letter and the letter is approved, if the Elder's Conference so desired, this letter could be sent or taken to all Restoration Branch Pastorates asking them for endorsement, if agreeable to them, and even the signing of the document by Pastorate or Branch as they would feel appropriate. In this way the message would be clear that this is not just the desire of 50 elders."

As copies were being made the chair then made comments regarding the proposal. Because of the nature of this situation the chair asked if anyone objected to the way in which this was being handled. There were no objections to the bringing forth of his recommendations to the floor in this manner. He then excused himself as the chair and (now that the body had copies) asked Brother Howard Parker to serve as temporary chairman.

Brother Parker then opened up a time of discussion and indicated we would not be following Robert's Rule's of orders strictly but that this would be an open discussion among the elders. For the next 1-1/2 hours many elders spoke in favor and against the original substitute motion, what Brother Neill had presented and the larger issues facing the conference. At the conclusion of this time, which sharing was done in a very appreciative way, there were some questions as to the mechanism that would be available. Through questions and answers from Brother Neill it was finally moved by Brother Jim Daugherty that we cease debate and move into quorums to begin consideration of the proposals by Brother Neill. Brother Darrell Webster seconded the motion. Brother Parker then turned the chair back over to Brother Neill and instruction was given to move into their respective quorums to deal with the proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Smith,  
Secretary

**Friday's Schedule of Events:**

8-9:30 AM – Prayer service (all invited) in the sanctuary (Pete Hughes presiding )

9:30-10:00 – Business session if needed

10:00-noon – Closing worship – (Seventy Richard Neill presiding)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Lost and Found will be at the registration area in the Gym. If you find anything that is not yours please turn it in to one of the workers at that area. WE HAVE A BOOK LIGHT AND A SET OF SCRIPTURES WITH NO NAME!

**ONE FINAL DAILY TIDINGS WILL BE PRODUCED FOR FRIDAY'S EVENTS. IT WILL BE POSTED ON THE CRE WEB-SITE NEXT WEEK. PLEASE CHECK BACK BY WEDNESDAY TO VIEW THE LAST DAILY TIDINGS.**

-If you've had any experiences with the Lord this week please take the time to write them down and give them to someone on the Publications council. They would like to consider them for a future issue of the Tidings of Zion. Thank you.