

2010 Conference of Restoration Elders

“Today If You Will Hear His Voice”

Welcome to the Elders Conference of 2010!

The first Elders Conference was held in April of 1993. At the time of that conference being held I was living in New Jersey. I traveled to Independence with Elder George Dippel. Sadly, Brother George passed away just prior to the 2009 Conference. He was a very fine man. Since the first conference many other members and priesthood have passed away, men such as Bill Davies and Walter Weldon, men who carried the Spirit of God and exemplified living as a “latter day saint.” We miss them all. Not just for their friendship but the great wisdom and character they displayed that strengthened our walk with God. We felt a sense of loss as each one has departed for their reward. As we begin a new decade in a new century it behooves us to pause and reflect. On the one hand we know that God has blessed us richly through the years. We have the gospel restored through the acts of God working with the men and women of the latter days. On the other hand we know we live in perilous times. Difficult times in the world, our country, the church and our families. Times foretold by the prophets and our forefathers.

So what do we do? Do we live in the past? Do we become paralyzed thinking about the future? We are who we are because of our heritage, both our family and spiritual heritage, but we are also who we are because of our faith in the future. We have heard God's voice and it has caused us to believe, and we will hear God's voice and it will cause us to trust. The theme “*Today If You Will Hear My Voice*” calls us to listen and to seek God out through Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in John 10:27, “*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me,*” Jesus warned about thieves and robbers that would kill and destroy the sheep. He warned about wolves who scatter the sheep. Jesus is calling us. He said he is the door, and “*if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*” This week let us “*enter in, and find pasture.*” Let's find pasture not for our rest alone, although that is important, but let us find pasture to be stronger in our testimony to help others find Jesus and the kingdom of God.

My family and I moved to Independence, Missouri in July, 1995. I have never missed an Elders Conference. Other activities have been very appealing and during the time our children were growing up it would have been nice to spend more time in the Conference week with them. But I knew that the Lord wanted His elders to sacrifice the time from other good activities so that they could come together to be with each other. If the *Melchisedec priesthood is to hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church*, then we have to seek out the voice of the Lord and be prepared to go before the people as servants. Jesus came as a servant. The Good Shepherd is a servant to the master of the Sheepfold. We are called to be no less.

As we enter into our third decade let us be loving, faithful, hopeful, and diligent. Let us prefer one another as the servant would do to his master, and let God speak to us. May His voice be heard above all other voices, and may we listen and obey to none other.

May God Bless You,
Richard F. Neill
Chairman of the Conference of Restoration Elders

2010 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule

“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”

Sunday, April 4	Conference Theme:	Daily Theme: D&C 50:8g
Afternoon	“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”	“Ye Shall See Me And Know That I Am”
1:30	Registration	Waldo Gymnasium
6:30	Song Service	Sanctuary
7:00	Evening Worship – <i>Richard Neill</i>	Sanctuary
Monday, April 5	Conference Theme:	Daily Theme: Hebrews 4:7; D&C 45:2a
Morning	“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”	“Harden Not Your Heart”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:30	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary
9:45	Break	
10:00	CRE Business Session	Sanctuary
	-Credentials Committee Report	
	-Seating of Elders	
	-Sustaining of CRE Officers	
	-Approval of Conference Agenda	
	-Conference Reports	
	-Treasurer’s Report	
	-Auditor’s Report	
	-2010 Conference Budget	
Afternoon		
Noon – 1:30	Lunch	Sorensen Room
1:30	Quorum meeting	Locations TBD
3:00	Break	
3:15	Class-“Harden Not Your Heart” – <i>Verle Cornish</i>	Sanctuary
5:00	Dinner Time	On your own
Evening		
6:30	Song Service	
7:00	Evening Worship – <i>Gary Piatt</i>	Sanctuary
8:30	Refreshments / Fellowship	Gymnasium
10:00	Building Closes	
Tuesday, April 6	Conference Theme:	Daily Theme: John 10:3
Morning	“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”	“He Will Call You By Name & Lead You”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:30	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary
9:45	Break	
10:00	Directed Discussion – <i>Vim Horn Moderator</i>	Sanctuary
Afternoon		
Noon – 1:30	Lunch	Sorensen Room
1:30	Quorum Meetings	Locations TBD
2:45	Break	
3:00	Business Session	Sanctuary
	-Resolution - Coordinating Council	
	-Resolution - Credentials Guidelines	
	-Resolution – Disbanding Elder’s Council	
5:00	Dinner	On your own
Evening		
6:30	Hymn Sing	
7:00	Evening Worship – <i>Dan Brotherton</i>	Sanctuary
8:30	Refreshments / Fellowship	Gymnasium
10:00	Building Closes	

Wednesday, April 7	Conference Theme:	Daily Theme: Deuteronomy 4:36
Morning	“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”	“He Will Instruct You”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:30	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary
9:45	Break	
10:00	Class–“He Will Call You By Name & Lead You”– <i>Mark Ballantyne</i>	Sanctuary
Afternoon		
Noon – 1:30	Lunch	Sorensen Room
1:30	Quorum meetings	Locations TBD
3:00	Break	
3:15	Business Session	
	-Budget	
	-Nomination for CRE Officers & Council	
5:00	Dinner	On your own
Evening		
6:30	Hymn Sing	
7:00	Evening Worship – <i>Mike Stephenson</i>	Sanctuary
8:30	Refreshments / Fellowship	Gymnasium
10:00	Building Closes	
Thursday, April 8	Conference Theme:	Daily Theme: D&C 38:5b
Morning	“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”	“Follow Him & You Shall Be A Free People”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:30	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary
9:45	Break	
10:00	Business Session	Sanctuary
	-Election of Officers and Council Members	
Afternoon		
Noon – 1:30	Lunch	Sorensen Room
1:30	Class–“Follow Him & You Shall Be A Free People”– <i>Bruce Levensgood</i>	Sanctuary
3:30	Quorum Worship	Locations TBD
5:00	Dinner	On your own
Evening		
6:30	Hymn Sing	
7:00	Evening Worship – <i>Missionary Service</i>	Sanctuary
8:30	Refreshments / Fellowship	Gymnasium
10:00	Building Closes	
Friday, April 9	Conference Theme:	Daily Theme: 3 Nephi 7:20
Morning	“Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice...”	“Ye Shall Be One Fold”
8:00	Registration	Gymnasium
8:30	Morning Worship (ALL invited)	Sanctuary
9:45	Break	
10:00	Open Forum/Discussion Period	Sanctuary
11:30	Closing Worship “Ye Shall Be One Fold”	Sanctuary
	Conference Ends	

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

Worship Services and Class Detail

	Morning Prayer Service	Classes	Evening Worship	
	Presiding	Teacher	Presiding	Preaching
Sunday April 4 th			Oak Grove Restoration Branch	Seventy Richard Neill (Living Hope RB)
Monday April 5 th	Bishop Joe Burkhart	“Harden Not Your Heart” Patriarch Verle Cornish	Atherton Restoration Branch	Elder Gary Piatt (Grain Valley RB)
Tuesday April 6 th	Patriarch Mike Ballantyne		South Chrysler Restoration Branch	Elder Dan Brotherton (South Chrysler RB)
Wednesday April 7 th	Elder Gary Piatt	“He Will Call You By Name & Lead You” Elder Kreg Levensgood	Colbern Road Restoration Branch	Elder Mike Stephenson (Adrian RB)
Thursday April 8 th	Elder Skip Robison	“Follow Him & You Shall Be A Free People” Elder Bruce Levensgood	Elder Lyle Smith Evangelism Council	Missionary Service
Friday April 9 th	To Be Announced	Closing Worship “Ye Shall Be One Fold” Seventy Richard Neill		

CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT STAFF

Conference Manager	Harold “Skip” Robison
Daily Tidings of Zion	To Be Determined (TBD)
Registration	TBD & Office Volunteers
Data Entry	Office Volunteers
Physical Arrangements	Phil Hood
Food Services	Kay Black & Jean Robison
Recording and Sound	Jacob Roberts
Child Care/Nursery	CPRS Seniors

Displays - Publications - Printed Materials

Many organizations were granted the privilege of display space during this year’s Conference Week. A selection of materials from various sources are on display and available for purchase during announced times. Please stop by and look over the many items displayed. It is hereby explicitly stated, however, that no endorsement of materials, programs or organizations over which the Conference has no control is in any way implied or given. Further, the distribution of personal writings or solicitation of funds by individuals is not permitted. All solicitation of funds by groups must be pre-approved. If anyone has a question or request concerning this notice, they should present it to the Conference Manager for referral.

Parking

We trust that all Conference visitors are aware of the limited parking available in the Center Place Restoration School parking lots. For this reason we encourage carpooling or using the city parking lots as much as possible. The public school parking lot one block north of Center Place Restoration School is also available when school is not in session. If you must park on the streets to attend Conference activities, please respect the needs of our neighbors and be careful not to block driveways, etc.