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# Daily Tidings of Zion

Conference of Restoration Elders

**Monday, April 5, 2010**

These are the Melchisedec members approved by the Credentials Committee as of Sunday evening at 9pm, April 4, 2010.

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

Pat Baggette	John Gaughran	John Mundy
Dale Bainter	Bob Gentry	Richard Neill
Mike Ballantyne	William Goold	Roger Oatman
Earl Barks	Roger Graybill	Eric Odida
Dave Brooks	Terrance Griffin	Andy O'Neil
Dan Brotherton	Jack Hagensen	Howard Parker
Glen Brown	Robert Hayes	Gary Piatt
Maurice Bryant	Jim Hobbs	Russ Reid
Joseph Burkart	Allen Howen	John Robison
Glen Carnahan	Vim Horn	Skip Robison
Glyn Carpenter	Bob Immer	Garland Schnack
Emanuel Castillo	Ron Jennings	Aaron Smith
James Cawley	Ray Lane	Steve Smith
Larry Clark	Bruce Levensgood	Mike Stephenson
Duff Daugherty	Don Levensgood	Robert Taylor
Jim Daugherty	Ron Lidberg	Alan Teel
Jack Delany	David Lotz	Frank Van Fleet
Ray Dodds	Dale Machart	Darrell Webster
Robert Flowers	James McKiddie	Ray Wheeler
Paul Gage	Dennis Moreland	

### **Conference Statistics:**

**Total Approved Registered Elders as of Sunday evening, April 4, 2010: 59**  
**Total registered non-Melchisedec: 11 .**

Respectfully submitted,

Vim Horn  
Temporary Secretary

**Corrections and announcements on back: (over)**

## **CORRECTIONS TO NOTEBOOK:**

In Section One, page 1-4 in the **Worship Services and Class Detail** chart, the class **“Harden Not Your Heart”** to be taught by *Patriarch Verle Cornish* will take place Monday afternoon instead of Tuesday afternoon.

Also, in the same section, on the same page, the Wednesday morning class **“He Will Call You By Name & Lead You”** will be taught by Brother Kreg Levengood instead of Brother Mark Ballantyne.

Also, in the same section, on the same page, in the **Conference Management Staff** list, Phil Hood will be in charge of **Physical Arrangements** instead of Bill Faunce.

## **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.

-Refreshments will occur after each evening service in the Gym. This is a wonderful time to fellowship with the saints. Please plan on staying and enjoying the extra time together.

-The cost of the lunches is \$3.00 per person per meal. Payment will be made at the time of the meal. Lunches are served in the Sorenson room from noon to 1:30 daily, Monday through Thursday.

-Brother Skip Robison is the conference manager if you need assistance of any kind throughout the week. He will be giving the nightly announcements after the evening worship services.

-If you haven't registered yet, please fill out a form at the registration area in the gymnasium. There is no cost to register. Notebooks cost \$10 (to offset the cost of the materials). All of the expenses for this week of conference will be offset by the nightly offerings.

-Daily Tidings will be available before 10 AM at both the registration area and the main foyer desk.

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Tuesday, April 6, 2010

## Minutes of the business session for April 5, 2010, 10:15am

Brother Richard Neill brought the body to order by singing, *Redeemer of Israel*, as an opening hymn. Brother Skip Robison offered an invocation for the business session.

Brother Richard Neill called the Conference to order and called on Brother Joe Burkart, Chairman of the Credentials Committee to share the Credentials Committee's report.

### Credentials Committee Report:

Brother Joe Burkart, shared with the conference the names of the Elders that had been approved by the Credentials Committee. He referenced the approved names printed in the Monday, April 5, 2010 *Daily Tidings*, and read the following names as being approved, as well.

William Barrett  
Tom Carnahan  
Robert Colville  
Verle Cornish  
Bruce Greyeyes

Francis Harper  
David Johnson  
Rex Monarch  
Brian Mundy  
Don Norman

Dan Schwartz  
Douglas Smith  
Leonard Smith  
Lyle Smith

### Seating of the Elders:

Brother R. Neill requested a motion to approve the Credentials Committee report. Brother Gary Piatt moved that the report be approved, and the motion received a second. The motion was approved.

### Sustaining of CRE Officers for Conference Week:

- Brother Vim Horn presided over the sustaining of the Conference Chairman for the 2010 Conference week. He requested that someone move to approve Brother Richard Neill as the Conference Chairman, or offer another nomination. Brother Darrell Webster so moved and a second was received. Brother Neill was approved unanimously.
- Brother Richard Neill moved that Brother Vim Horn be sustained as Conference Secretary for the week. No other nominations were received. Brother Horn was sustained as Conference Secretary for the week.

### Approval of Conference Agenda:

The Chair asked for the conference to approve the agenda for the week as printed with one change, that change being that consideration of the budget be moved from Wednesday afternoon's business session to Thursday's scheduled business session.

#### Conference Reports:

- Brother Eric Odida extended greetings from the Saints in Kenya. He also expressed appreciation for the support they have received from the Conference, and the ARM Board.
- Brother Bill Barrett indicated that part of ARM's report was not included with the printed report in the Conference Notebook. Brother Barrett requested that it be made available in printed form to the Conference.  
The Conference Secretary requested that Brother Barrett make available the portion of the ARM report that was not included, so that it could be printed in *Tuesdays Daily Tidings*.

#### Treasurers Report:

The Chairman requested a motion to receive the treasurer's report. Russ Reid moved, a second was received.

Brother Mike Stephenson, Conference Treasurer, presented a brief overview of the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

#### Auditors Report:

The Chairman reported that there was no audit report for the past fiscal year.

It was noted by several that we need to make the obtaining of an auditor's report a priority. The Treasurer indicated that he would make plans on how and when an auditor's report would be done.

Brian Mundy clarified that the Conference has never required a certified audit. He suggested we elect 2 or 3 to conduct a review of the books.

Brother D. Webster raised the question of being required as a 501(c)(3) to have a formal, certified audit.

Brother M. Stephenson pointed out that the CRE is organized as "religious organization," and thus is exempt from some of the requirements of a not-for-profit with an IRS 501(c)(3) designation.

The Conference Chairman and Treasurer will meet together to develop a plan for completing an audit, and bring the plan for consideration by the body in the Tuesday afternoon business session.

#### 2010 Conference Week Budget:

Skip Robison moved, and it was seconded, that the 2010 Conference Budget be approved. It was approved with one correction, the crossing out of \$6,575 at the very bottom of the column. (Section 2-2)

#### Quorum Meetings or a Committee of the Whole:

The Chair brought up the question of how the body wanted to use the remaining time allotted to the Business Session. He suggested that the time could be used to discuss the resolutions that were in the Conference Notebook. He asked whether the body wanted to break into two quorums, or meet as committee of the whole to discuss these resolutions. The Chair asked for a vote on the body's preference. The body voted to meet as a committee of the whole.

#### Motion to adjourn business:

Joe Burkart moved to adjourn the business session. It received a second. The motion was approved.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-The CRE Women's Council is sponsoring the following two events:

- A class taught by Ann Taylor, Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 1:30pm. Location to be announced tomorrow.
- A Women's Council sharing and prayer event, Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 1:30 pm. Location to be announced tomorrow.

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## CORRECTIONS TO NOTEBOOK & OTHER ITEMS:

**Tidings Correction** – In the Spring 2010 issue of Tidings, the date for the Oklahoma Restoration Branch Reunion was printed as June 26-31. The correct date is July 26-31, 2010.

**Daily Tidings Correction** – On Section 5, page 1, Emanuel Castillo should be Manuel Castillo. Manuel wanted to assure us that his status had not been elevated, yet. ☺

**Conference Notebook Correction** – There are two pages identified as Section 2-2. Please reference the second one when referring to it as, Section 2-2b.

**Addition to Conference Notebook** –Continuation of ARM Report – Section 4-3  
(See next page)

**2010 SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK IN AFRICA**

	CAMEROON	KENYA	LIBERIA	NIGERIA	TANZANIA	UGANDA	RWANDA	Totals
Elders	1	8	9	13		1		32
Priests		14	5	4	1	4	1	29
Teachers		19			1	1		21
Deacons		15		5		2		22
Total Priesthood	1	56	14	22	2	8		103
Members (estimated)	20	Members 631	Members 500	Members 390	24	Members 143	Members 7	1715
Branches	1	23	6	7	1	6		44
	Kumba	Nairobi-City Center Nairobi-Kayole Nakuru Sotik Oyugis Migori Rapogi Sori-bay Ringa Ahero Bonde Lisana Awasi Awasi Mjini Kisumu Rakwaro Nyamarimba Achingure Kandaria Chemelil Lisana Kadel Nyabigege	Buchanon Gardours Town Teah Town Koons Town Monrovia Zoe Wulohn	Umuahia 137 Alagbado 1 (Lagos) 79 Alagbado 2 (Lagos) 28 Ikotun (Lagos) 26 Ugwueke 15 Kuje (Abuja) 50 Mpape (Abuja) 17  Total 352	Mwanza town	Mbale Namakiso Magambo Bumageni Bupoto Kudebede		

Missions		9		3	3	3		18
		Mombasa Nyancheki Gem Riat Nandi Hills Dandora Nyabondo Kajimbo Wangapala		Owerri 6 Nkpa 13 Farms Settlement 19  Total 38	Musoma Musoma Mlimani Utegi	Busiu Kigumba Mityana		
Potential Areas		8		4	4	4		20
		Eldoret Kajimbo Kolweny  Ongo-Ogosa Ugenya Nanyuki Awendo Osiri		Enugu Benin City Aba  Gope (Abuja)	Sirare Serengeti Shinyanga  Dar Es Salaam	Kampala Lira Tororo Forl-Pol- al	Burundi	

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Conference of Restoration Elders

Wednesday April 7, 2010

**Minutes of the business session for April 6, 2010, 3:00pm**

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Chairman Richard Neill called the meeting to order and shared some thoughts and a scripture.

Hymn #352, "Unto God Who Knows..." was used as an opening hymn

Brother Bruce Levengood offered the opening prayer.

Credentials Committee Report:

Brother Joe Burkart reported that the following men had been approved by the Credential's Committee, and moved that they be approved to be seated in the conference. A second was received.

Lowell Augenstein

Phil Hood

Art Soldner

Chris Pedersen

Harley Martens

Gerald Bird

John Eichorn

Danny Hight

Gary (Pete) Hughes

Robert Bird

Dayn Cederstrom

The motion was approved unanimously.

Quorum 1 Report:

Brother Roger Graybill, Secretary for Quorum 1, reported that they had a lengthy discussion on Resolution #1, as well as discussion on some other items.

The Quorum considered Resolution#2, and voted to approve the resolution.

The Quorum offered the following motion for consideration by the Conference – *Quorum I moves to ask the Coordinating Council to make a study of the time and structure of the yearly conference to consider possible changes.*

Quorum 2 Report:

Brother Mike Stephenson, Secretary for Quorum 2, reported that the Quorum had discussed Resolution #1 at length, and had also discussed Resolutions #2 and #3 to a lesser extent.

The Quorum offered the following motion for consideration by the Conference – *To lift the ban on serving on multiple councils.*

The Conference Chairman shared a greeting from Brother Sam Agwanda, and the Saints in Kenya, to the Conference. The first part of the letter is as follows:

*“The saints of Kenya, and I, Sam, send our greetings to you in the blessed name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We send our greetings to the Conference of Restoration Elders and the saints.”*

Recommendation concerning audit plans for the Conference:

The Chair reported back to the conference that he and the Conference Treasurer had discussed and agreed upon a plan for completing an audit of the Conference’s financial books. Their recommendation is as follows:

*That this conference allow the Treasurer to seek a committee of three people independent of the Treasurer to conduct an audit of the Conference books, and report the findings in the next Tidings.*

Brother Ron Jennings moved to accept the recommendation. The motion received a second.

Brother Mike Stephenson provided an update of the corporate status of the Conference. He also informed the body that the Conference’s IRS status does not require the Conference to complete a 990, nor does it require that the Conference have any kind of audit done.

The motion to accept the recommendation carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2010, business session:

- The minutes were approved with the following changes:  
Page Section 5-4 in paragraph titled *2010 Conference Week Budget*: the page reference (Section 2-2) should read (Section 2-2b).
- The following two greetings were shared in the April 5 business session but were not acknowledged in the Minutes.

From Australia-

*To the 2010 Assembly of the Conference of Restoration Elders:*

*Sincere greetings from the Church of Jesus Christ Restoration Branch, Kingston, Queensland, Australia.*

*Even though we are few in number and are on the opposite side of the world, we are vitally concerned with all that transpires involving Christ’s Church. You are representing us, along with all the church members scattered throughout the world. We therefore pray that you will allow God’s Spirit to direct you in all your deliberations and decision making and the total experience will be an uplifting and challenging one for all attending, carrying over to the Church world wide.*

*Elders Alma Kerswell and Noel Rowlett*

From Russia-

*Dear Brothers,*

*We extend greetings to the 2010 Conference of Restoration Elders from Russia. We pray for you. Christ is risen!*

*Elder Alexey Perov, wife Galina, children Anna, David, Ruth, Daniel, and Elijah and the Saints from Russia.*

- Also Brother Neill reported greetings from Angel Castro from Honduras, and Juan Reyes from Mexico.

**Resolution #1 – Acceptance of Coordinating Council Communication:**

Garry Piatt moved the approval of the Resolution #1- To accept a communication dated November 1, 2009 from the Coordinating Council to the Evangelism Council, ARM, LAMB and SEAAM, as policy and guidance for the Conference of Restoration Elders. The motion received a second.

Discussion on the matter ensued in a charitable manner. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed as follows:

The 2009–2010 Coordinating Council of Elders moves that the contents of the following Communication be accepted as policy and guidance for the Conference of Restoration Elders.

**COMMUNICATION**

**November 1, 2009**

**From: The Coordinating Council**

**To: The Evangelism Council, ARM, LAMB and SEAAM**

**Statement on CRE Councils and Missionary Boards support for CRE actions and positions:**

The CRE councils and missionary boards associated with the Conference are the operational arms of the Conference during the interim conference period. As such, they are charged to carry out the actions and support the positions taken by the Elders in Conference.

If a member, or members of a council or missionary board choose to act not in accordance with the positions and actions approved by the CRE, then in appearance or fact they no longer represent the position of the conference and thus adversely affect the conference. Such actions lead to confusion within and without the organization at best, and could jeopardize the integrity of the organization and challenge the accomplishing of its intended outcomes.

It is important for each council and missionary board to be aware of whether or not their members are supporting the positions and directions of the CRE. If a member is found to not be supportive, the member should be asked if they are willing to reconsider their position. If the member is not willing to reconsider their position, they place themselves in a position of being ineligible to continue as a member of the CRE council or missionary board of which they are a member.

If for some reason the majority of one of the missionary boards associated with the CRE determines that they cannot support the positions or directions of the CRE, they place themselves in a position of being in conflict with the rest of the organization, and thus in a position of not being able to continue to function as part of the CRE.

**The following resolution concerning recent actions taken by the JCRB was passed by the 2009 Conference of Restoration Elders and represents its position towards the JCRB:**

At the 2009 CRE, because of actions taken by the JCRB during and following their 2008 spring conference, the elders passed the following resolution:

*“Whereas, the JCRB has supported the setting apart of Presidents of Seventy and the ordaining of other Seventy, and;*

*“Whereas, the JCRB has declared themselves to be the General Conference representing the whole church, and;*

*“Whereas, the JCRB represents a small faction of the church of Jesus Christ scattered abroad, and;*

*“Whereas, the last CRE conference passed an olive leaf resolution declaring our desire not to “disassociate” from our brethren – pending the decisions made at their last conference, and;*

*“Whereas, the CRE has not communicated clearly to the saints abroad, nor to the JCRB concerning their actions, and;*

*“Whereas, the actions of the JCRB have caused division and strife among the saints, and;*

*“Whereas, the ordinations to the office of Seventy have caused a great deal of confusion among the various missionary boards as to how to deal with these men, and;*

*“Whereas, the CRE credential guidelines recognize priesthood calls limited to the offices of elder, priest, teacher and deacon, and;*

*“Whereas, the CRE has given an “uncertain sound” to the saints with regard to the actions taken by the JCRB at their last conference, and;*

*“Whereas, this has led to further confusion, doubt, and mistrust among the saints who have disapproved of JCRB actions, and;*

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,*

*“First, that this conference send forth a “word of consolation” to the scattered saints that clearly communicates that this conference does not approve of JCRB actions – those actions being highly irregular and unlawful.*

*“Secondly, that it communicates to the faithful saints everywhere concerning the CRE commitment to take every lawful means which will build trust, unity, and a spirit of cooperation among the restoration branches.*

*“Thirdly, a committee of seven be appointed by the conference chairman to compose a letter and report back to this conference. This letter should be composed in charity, but clearly state 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 THEN be sent to the other restoration branches, published in the Tidings of Zion and sent to the officers of the JCRB.”*

**The letter that the resolution directed to be written and sent out stated the CRE’s position concerning its support for the JCRB as such:**

*“Due to the following actions of the JCRB, we cannot support it:*

- 1. The JCRB has declared itself a “General Conference” of the Church of Jesus Christ.*
- 2. The JCRB has supported the setting apart of Presidents of Seventy and the ordaining of other Seventy.*

*These actions have caused division within, and among, various branches.”*

**Impact of the actions taken by the JCRB and the Seventy on the continued involvement of CRE councils and associated missionary boards with the JCRB, including joint missionary efforts**

The recent actions of the Seventy who are associated with the JCRB, such as the setting apart of Presidents of Seventy and the subsequent calling and ordaining of other Seventy, was sanctioned on the expressed authority within the JCRB sponsored “General Conference” of the Church of Jesus Christ. As such, the body that has given voice and approval for the actions the Seventy have taken is the JCRB as they met in conference.

When individuals go out and offer ministry that is sponsored by the JCRB and directed by the Presidents of Seventy, they are in appearance and in fact representing the positions of the JCRB and the Presidents of Seventy. Consequently, their authority to function is derived from the JCRB and the Presidents of Seventy, and their accountability is to the same.

The impact of this outcome is that it establishes a conflicting situation for joint missionary endeavors between those who are sanctioned to engage in the work by the JCRB, and those in Restoration Branches and Missionary Boards who are not in agreement with the actions taken by the JCRB.

It is the CRE’s position that this conflict is a direct consequence of the actions taken by the JCRB and the Seventy associated with them, and not the Restoration Branches in general, or the established missionary boards within the Restoration Movement. As such, the following statement reflects the Coordinating Councils’ perspective on the continued involvement of CRE councils and associated missionary boards with the JCRB.

*At the 2009 Conference of Restoration Elders, the Elders passed a resolution and sent out a letter clearly outlining the position of the Conference concerning the actions taken by the JCRB, and the Seventy affiliated with the Conference.*

*As such, the CRE Councils and missionary boards associated with the Conference, and by extension their individual members, to be consistent with the actions and positions taken at the 2009 CRE, should agree to not **sponsor** joint activities with the JCRB, or actively **participate** in activities sponsored by the JCRB as a representative of their particular council or missionary board . Such sponsorship or participation would be seen by many as approval or support of the JCRB, which approval and support was strongly disavowed in the action taken by the 2009 Elders Conference.*

Resolution 2 – To Amend the Current Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Garry Piatt moved Resolution #2 – To change the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines as Amended April 3, 2007. The motion was seconded.

The Resolution was approved as follows:

The 2009–2010 Coordinating Council of Elders moves that the Melchisdec Credentials Guidelines as Amended April 3, 2007 be amended to read as follows:

The following guidelines will serve as the basis for seating all elders in the current assembly and in other CRE activities, and continue in effect unless, or until altered through future conference action.

Participation in the Elders Conference shall be extended to authoritatively ordained Melchisdec Priesthood—

1. Who, currently function within a “Restoration Branch,” and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences. (A “Restoration Branch” does not accept such doctrines as the ordination of women to the priesthood, the serving of the sacrament to persons without authoritative baptisms, or participate or accept the calling and ordination of men to priesthood offices other than elder, priest, teacher, or deacon. Any branch previously engaged, or associated with an organization which participated in such actions are required to renounce the same in order to be considered and function as a “Restoration Branch.”)
2. Who, while not joined with a branch, have remained faithful to their calling by supporting the “Restoration Position,” and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
3. Who, for reasons of conscience or physical location have continued to minister within the framework of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints/Community of Christ, but who have not subscribed to, nor participated in any divergent practices or doctrines, and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
4. Who have since then been affiliated with one or more of the factional movements— who are willing to renounce said affiliation, and repent of any participation in divergent practices or doctrines including, but not limited to the rejection of any subsequent ordinations, whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
5. Who, by accepting a call to the priesthood, have accepted the personal responsibility of maintaining the highest standards of Christian conduct. Verified failure to maintain such standards may constitute grounds for denying or revoking one’s right to voice, vote, and participation in CRE activities.
  - Upon the written statements of two or more credible witnesses to conduct on the part of a Melchisedec priesthood member that is unbecoming a priesthood member, or conduct that is detrimental to that members’ ministry, or the ministry of others, the Credentials Committee, or Coordinating Council between conferences, will determine whether said priesthood member is eligible to participate in the Conference of Restoration Elders.

Circumstances or questions concerning eligibility of a Melchisidec priesthood member to be seated in the CRE that may arise that are not covered by any of the above guidelines will be reviewed and acted upon by the Credentials Committee on a case by case basis.

Appeals of the decision of the Credentials Committee for seating shall be made in writing and submitted to the CRE Coordinating Council for review, consideration, and action. If the appeal is denied, and one of the parties involved desires to appeal the decision of the Coordinating Council, a committee of seven Elders shall be elected from the seated body of elders in conference to review and consider the appeal. The elected representatives will consider the appeal during the convening conference, and render a decision that shall be final for that conference. In this way, the rights of the individual and the rights of the body to consider matters pertaining to the conference will be preserved and protected.

Resolution # 3 – To disband the Elders’ Council

The Chair called up Resolution #3 – To disband the Elders’ Council, for consideration by the body. After some background was provided about the purpose of the Elders’ Council, a vote on the matter was taken. The Resolution passed unanimously as follows:

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the Conference cause that the Elders’ Council no longer be an established Council within the Conference of Restoration Elders.

Motion from Quorum 1:

Brother Dan Brotherton moved to consider the motion from Quorum 1, *To ask the Coordinating Council to make a study of the time and structure of the yearly conference to consider possible changes.* The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Quorum 2:

Brother John Mundy moved the motion from Quorum 2, *To lift the ban on serving on multiple councils.* The motion received a second. After some discussion, the motion failed.

Brother Garry Piatt moved to adjourn the meeting. It received a second. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Brother Francis Harper offered the closing prayer.

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-The CRE Women’s Council is sponsoring a sharing and prayer event, Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 1:30 pm. Location to be announced tomorrow.

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Conference of Restoration Elders

Thursday April 8, 2010

## Minutes of the business session for April 7, 2010

The Conference Chairman called the body to order at 3:15pm.

Hymn # 226, "The Old, Old Path" was used as an opening hymn.

Opening Prayer offer by Brother Ron Jennings.

Brother Richard Neill shared a scripture from I Nephi 3: with the body.

### Credentials Committee Report:

Brother Ray Wheeler reported that the following two men had been approved by the Credentials Committee, and moved that they be approved to be seated.

Kreg Levensgood

Steve Mapes

The brethren were approved.

### Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2010, business session:

Brother Ron Jennings noted that in Section 5-10, the wording in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, under Resolution #1, should read, *The resolution passed as follows:* instead of, *The motion passed as follows.*

The minutes were approved with the above change.

### Quorum 1 Report:

Brother Bob Immer gave the report for Quorum 1. He reported that the quorum had a general discussion about how to improve the Conference. Members of the Quorum said that what they liked about Conference was the worship, classes and fellowship. Not so much the legislation. Several suggestions for improvement were shared, such as take steps to improve communication and image with the Branches. It was reported that the brethren felt that the Conference was going better this year, and they were hopeful about the future of the conference.

### Quorum 2 Report:

Brother Howard Parker gave the report for Quorum 2. He reported that Quorum 2 had also discussed ways to improve the Conference. The following is a list of some of the suggestions that resulted from the discussion:

- Start promoting conference objectives in Tidings—Stop negative “press”; Stress positive aspects of conference.
- More classes, less legislation

- More reports from missionary fields—more than 10 minutes on one night is needed for the various missionary efforts to report on the good things going on
- Class format—have more than one choice of subjects
- Domestic outreach restarted
- Have/promote activities for all ages—a family conference, functions for women, youth, Aaronic, etc.
- Flag ceremonies representing countries where missionary work is present.
- Communication—reaching more people—use “Facebook” as a possible means; “Youth Corner” in Tidings; live streaming of services
- Stress importance of worship in preparation for business

The Quorum offered the following two motions for consideration by the Conference:

1. Motion to reinstate domestic outreach program
2. Motion to create a “Youth Corner” in the Tidings

Nominations for Conference Officers and Council Councils:

#### OFFICERS

##### Chairman

- Joe Burkart
- Richard Neill

##### Secretary/Recorder

- Vim Horn - Secretary
- Aaron Smith - Recorder

##### Treasurer

- Mike Stephenson

##### Historian

- Jim Daugherty

#### COUNCILS

##### Coordinating Council

- Don Norman
- Joe Burkhart
- Skip Robison
- Dan Brotherton

##### Education Council

- (Still open)

##### Evangelism Council

- Russ Reid
- Dale Bainter
- Larry Clark

##### Publications Council

- Paul Gage
- Barbara Ruggles

##### Stewardship Council

- Ray Lane

##### Women’s Council

- Nancy Huffman
- Sylvia Powell
- Marsha Bird
- Mary Prater

##### Youth Council

- (Still Open)

##### Aaronic Council

- (Still Open)

Brother Richard Neill asked the body whether or not they wanted to consider the first motion offered by Quorum 2 earlier. The body expressed a desire to consider the matter.

First motion from Quorum 2 –

Brother Russ Reid moved the following motion – *To reinstate (meaning reinvigorate) the domestic outreach program.* The motion received a second.

A question was raised as to where the Domestic Outreach program is administratively located. It was reported that it was under the auspices of the Coordinating Council, not the Evangelism Council.

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Brother Richard Neill asked the body whether or not they wanted to consider the second motion offered by Quorum 2 earlier. The body expressed a desire to consider the matter.

Second motion from Quorum 2 -

Brother Russ Reid moved the following motion – *To create a “Youth Corner” in the Tidings.* The motion received a second. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Brother Skip Robison moved to adjourn. It received a second. The motion passed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**-There will be a campfire for all youth, and those young of heart, at 9pm at the South Chrysler Restoration Branch.**

-DVDs of the CPRS Play, *The Legacy* are available in the Gym at the CPRS table.

*"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

Friday, April 9, 2010

## Minutes of the business session for April 8, 2010 – Morning Session

Brother Richard Neill called the body to order at 10:30am.

Opening Prayer was offered by Brother Don Norman

Brother Neill shared a greeting from Honduras. Below is part of the greeting.

*Dear Bro. Manuel,*

*It is a great pleasure to hear about you, thank you very much for giving them our regards and greetings.*

*Of course I sent some information to some Brethrens that I have emails for...talking about the work in Honduras, the Monthly Ministry Report and Accounting 2009 to LAMB, etc.*

*I hope some-one of them could share the information with you and also the Conference of March-April.*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all.*

*Your Brother in Jesus Christ, Brother Angel*

### Appeal to Seating:

The Chair requested that seven elders be elected from the body to serve as members of an appeals committee to serve only during the 2010 Conference week. The following five men were nominated and elected by a vote of the body:

Bruce Greyeyes  
Bob Flowers

Mike Stephenson  
Bruce Levengood

Lyle Smith

### Credentials Committee Report:

Brother Joe Burkart reported that the following men had been approved by the Credentials Committee, and moved that they be approved to be seated. A second was received. The Conference voted to approve the seating of the following men:

David Black

Jared Smith

Todd Smith

### Approval of Minutes:

One correction for the minutes was noted by Brother Joe Burkart, whose name had been misspelled in Section 5-16 under the heading Coordinating Council. It should read Joe Burkart, instead Joe Burkhart.

The minutes were approved with the above name change.

### Quorum Reports:

Both Quorums indicated that there was nothing new to report.

Election of Officers and Council Members:

The Conference Chair called up the election of Conference officers and Council members for the upcoming year. He then turned the Chair over to Brother Vim Horn to handle the matter of electing the Chairman of the Conference for the coming year.

Brother Horn referenced that two names had been submitted for the Chairman position, Brother Joe Burkart, and Brother Richard Neill. Brother Horn recognized Brother Joe Burkart for a statement. Brother Burkart withdrew his name for consideration, and indicated that he felt he preferred to serve on the Coordinating Council if elected.

Brother Horn called for a vote on electing Brother Richard Neill to be Chairman for the coming year. He was elected unanimously.

Brother Neill resumed as Chair, and handled the election of officers first, and then the election of members to the various councils. The Results are recorded below.

During the election of the members to the Evangelism, Brother Lyle Smith came forward to offer another nomination for the Evangelism Council. The Chair informed him that nominations for this Council were closed since all the available openings had received a nomination in the previous business meeting.

Motion to re-open nominations for the Evangelism Council:

Dan Brotherton moved to suspend the rules and allow for additional nominations for the Evangelism Council. It received a second. The motion was approved.

Brother Ray Wheeler was nominated for the Evangelism Council by Brother Lyle Smith.

Motion to expand the Evangelism Council:

Brother Jim Daugherty moved to expand the Evangelism Council by increasing the at large members from 4 to 5, and to continue to retain the 1 member from each of the three Missionary Boards. The motion received a second, and was approved.

**2010-2011 CONFERENCE Election Results**

	<b>Conference Officers</b>	
Chairman:	Richard Neill	Elected
Secretary/ Recorder	Vim Horn/ Aaron Smith	Elected
Treasurer	Mike Stephenson	Elected
Historian	Jim Daugherty	Elected

## Conference Councils

### Coordinating Council

Don Norman	Elected
Joe Burkart	Elected
Skip Robison	Elected
Dan Brotherton	Elected

### Education Council

Ronda Ohmer	Elected
Lonnie Wilson	Elected
Linda Wilson	Elected
Sharon Toms	Elected

### Evangelism Council

Russ Reid	Elected 2yr
Dale Bainter	Elected 2yr
Larry Clark	Elected 1yr
Ray Wheeler	Elected 2yr
ARM	
LAMB	
SEAAM	

### Publications Council

Paul Gage	Elected
Barbara Ruggles	Elected

### Stewardship Council

Ray Lane	Elected
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### Women's Council

Nancy Huffman	Elected
Sylvia Powell	Elected
Marsha Bird	Elected
Mary Prater	Elected

### Youth Council

None at this time

### Aaronic Council

Matt Dudley	Elected
Stuart Gage	Elected
Lonnie Griffin	Elected
Paul Marsh	Elected
Justin Park	Elected
Matt Fleming	Elected
Luke Melling	Elected

### Conference Corporate Officers

President: Richard Neill

Secretary: Vim Horn

Treasurer: Mike Stephenson

Brother Dan Brotherton moved that as has been done in the past, that the Conference's Corporate Officers of President, Secretary and Treasurer be filled by those who were elected to fill corresponding Conference Leadership Positions—those individuals being Richard Neill for President, Vim Horn for Secretary, and Mike Stephenson for Treasurer. The motion received a second and was approved. The results of the vote are recorded above.

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2011 Conference Budget:

The Conference Chairman brought up the FY2011 Conference Budget for consideration. The Conference Treasurer moved that the budget be accepted with some changes. The motion received a second.

The Conference Treasure shared with the body the changes to the proposed budget and the reasons for the changes. The changes are incorporated in the budget below. The shaded cells are where there was an adjustment to the budget proposed originally.

The FY 2011 budget was approved as reflected in the last column of the Consolidated Budget below.

<b>Conference of Restoration Elders Consolidated Budget For Year Ending February 28, 2011</b>						
	FYE 2010 Income	Expenses	Change	Budget	Variance	Proposed Budget
<b>General Fund</b>						
General	22,233	16,649	5,584	12,400	(4,249)	12,500
Publications Council	16,171	16,171	0	15,620	(551)	15,000
Women's Council	4,716	4,716	0	1,000	(3,716)	1,000
Education Council	2,352	1,652	700	0	(1,652)	0
Evangelism Council	(4,338)	2,864	(7,202)	0	(2,864)	10,000
Other	(1,838)	257	(2,096)	0	(257)	0
	<u>39,295</u>	<u>42,309</u>	<u>(3,013)</u>	<u>29,020</u>	<u>(13,289)</u>	<u>38,500</u>
<b>Cooperative Ministries</b>						
ARM	75,725	85,495	(9,770)	142,835	57,340	87,635
LAMB	41,424	38,668	2,756	38,804	136	32,245
SEAAM	68,185	62,981	5,203	54,000	(8,981)	64,600
	<u>185,334</u>	<u>187,145</u>	<u>(1,811)</u>	<u>235,639</u>	<u>48,494</u>	<u>184,480</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<u>224,629</u>	<u>229,453</u>	<u>(4,824)</u>	<u>264,659</u>	<u>35,206</u>	<u>222,980</u>

The following motion was received by the Conference Chairman from the Coordinating Council for consideration;

That in the event one of the Missionary Boards associated with the CRE, for whatever reason, separates from the CRE, the Conference authorizes that all confirmed assets and liabilities associated with that board, are to be transferred to that board by the Conference Treasurer, once the Board has an established, legal not for profit designation.

Brother Joe Burkart moved approval of the motion. It received a second. Discussion ensued, and after a period of time, Brother Russ Reid moved the previous question. It received a second. The vote was taken, and the body indicated it was ready to vote.

A vote was taken on the motion, and it was approved.

During the discussion of the above matter, Brother John Mundy asked the following question— Since the Missionary Boards came into the Conference by Conference action, does it require Conference action for a Missionary Board to leave?

The Chair ruled that it was his understanding that it would take Conference approval for a missionary board associated with the conference to officially separate from the Conference. It was then requested by Brother Mundy that the Chair's ruling be entered into the minutes.

Brother Dan Brotherton challenged the inclusion of the Chair's ruling into the minutes.

The Chair placed the challenge before the body. The body voted to allow the ruling to be included in the minutes.

Concern pertaining to the 2010 Conference Budget:

The Chair brought up a concern that the level of funds that have been raised to cover the costs of the 2010 Conference, were significantly below what was needed to cover those costs.

Brother Mike Stephenson shared that we needed to raise another \$5,000 to cover the costs for the week.

Brother Vim Horn moved that in the event that there was a shortfall in offerings to cover the cost of Conference, that any outstanding obligations would be covered by funds from the General Fund. The motion was seconded and approved.

Concern related to the earlier ruling of the Chair:

Brother Dan Brotherton raised a question concerning the earlier ruling of the Chair. He asked whether or not the ruling meant that no action could occur in any way related to a Missionary Board disassociating from the conference, until such time as the Conference was reconvened?

Discussion on the matter began, but because of time constraints, the Chair declared that the business meeting be adjourned until 3:30pm.

A closing prayer was offered by Brother Huey Milot.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

### **Minutes of the business session for April 5, 2010 - Afternoon Session**

The business session was called to order by Brother Richard Neill at 3:30pm.

Hymn # 314 was used as an opening hymn.

Opening prayer was offered by Brother Howard Parker

The Conference Chairman shared with the body that he felt that his ruling on a matter earlier that day was inappropriate, and that the matter more appropriately should have been placed before the body for its consideration.

The Chair suggested that the body break up into the two quorums to consider the following question—Does it take Conference approval for missionary boards associated with the Elders Conference to officially separate from the Conference? He also instructed that—For any action to be taken a resolution (motion) would have to come out of the quorum.

Brother Brian Mundy raised the question as to why we needed to break into two quorums to consider the question.

The Chair asked the body how many would like to meet in a quorum of the whole. The vast majority of the Elders indicated by raised hands a desire to meet in a quorum of the whole.

The Chair adjourned the business to allow the quorum of the whole to consider the question. He instructed that the quorum try to meet for about 30 minutes.

Brother Richard Neill called the Conference back to order at 4:35pm

The Chair asked for the Quorum if it had anything to report. Brother Bob Immer reported that the Quorum had voted to bring the following motion:

That in the event that a missionary board is requested to leave it would take Conference approval for missionary boards associated with the conference to officially separate from the Conference.

The motion received a second. After some discussion the motion was passed.

Motion to reconvene:

Brother Garry Piatt moved to reconvene the Conference Sunday April 3 to Friday April 8, 2011. The motion was seconded and approved.

Brothers Eric Odida and Don Levensgood offered two closing prayers.

The Conference was declared adjourned by the Chair.

All Minutes Respectfully submitted,

Vim Horn  
Temporary Secretary