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CRE Minutes for Sunday, June 23, 2019

At 2:10 pm, acting Chair, Elder Vim Horn welcomed the Elders to the conference and gave a few opening remarks. The Hymn “Redeemer of Israel” was sung and an opening prayer was given by Elder Tom Mitchell.

Brother Bill Barrett read a heartfelt greeting from Elder Dayo Samuel from Nigeria, and Brother Brian Mundy opened a video dialog (via Zoom) in which we were able to share on a global basis with Saints from Maine, Germany, and Canada. Through this media, we were able to hear testimonies of great blessings that are happening in many parts of the vineyard.

Brother Vim called the meeting to order.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Elder Frank Dippel read the names and moved the seating of those Elders who had been approved by the Credentials Committee. It was second by

Joe Burkart	Bob Immer	Thomas Mitchell	Kevin Humphrey
E. Robert Schrunk	Lyle Smith	John F Eichhorn	Bob Dickson
Steven LaHue	Danny Hight	Garry D Piatt	Ray Dodds
Jim Hobbs	Vim Horn	Russell Howard	Dave Joyce
Terry Griffin	Chris Capps	Sean Telljohann	Richard Hoff Sr.
Mark Nunn	Aaron Bailey	Brian Mundy	Jared Watson
Roger Oatman	Tom Rindels	Ray Lane	Jay Havener
Steve Kropp	Danny Hood	Paul Edwards	Frank Dippel
Mark Smith	Howard Parker	Larry Cottrill	Paul Frinsthal
Larry L. Clark	Darrell C. Webster, Sr	Jack Hagensen	Alan Ronk
Shaun Turner	Eric Woolery	John L Mundy	Francis Harper
Chet Reynolds	Russ Reid	Dayn Cederstrom	Cloyce Coffman
Don Norman	Brian Herren	S. Patrick Baggette, II	Paul Gage
Rick Johansen	Eric Odida	Bill Barrett	Richard Neill

Elder Jay Havener. The motion was approved. The following elders were approved:

The chair was turned over to Seventy Richard Neill for motions to approve both the Conference Chairman and Secretary. A motion to approve Elder Vim Horn as Conference Chair was made by Bishop Joe Burkart and Seconded by Elder Jay Havener. Elder Jack Hagensen moved (seconded by Elder Larry Cottrill) that Elder David Joyce to be named Conference Secretary. Both motions were approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Elder Chris Capps to accept the agenda for the conference business sessions. It was seconded by Elder Frank Dippel and passed by the body.

The next order of business was the presentation of council reports.

Coordinating Council – Richard Neill

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Education Council-Paul Gage

Paul mentioned that because there was so much Church material available that the Education Council was a good platform to provide contact links for this material as opposed to creating new ones.

Evangelism Council – A wonderful spirit was present as the following reports and testimonies were given regarding the work in our various fields:

ARM- Chris Capps, Bill Barrett, Brian Mundy, Brian Herren

This included some discussion on the creation of and financial sustaining of a Clinic (Mildred Smith Mission Health Center) in Kenya.

GEM- Brian Mundy

SEAMM- Richard Neill, Francis Harper, Ram Baral

Richard mentioned what has been called the “Seventy Prayer,” ...what the Lord has desired for the peoples of the world.

LAMB- Jim VanBibber, Manuel Castillo, Juan Reyes

Publication Council – Rebecca Griffin

Stewardship Council- Bob Dickson

Bob mentioned the establishment of the Financial Stewardship Ministries program.

Women’s Council – Nicole Capps

Nicole was excited to mention that the women will find time to meet in the mornings during reunion that will parallel the 7 AM time that the priesthood meet.

Youth Council – Shaun Turner

Domestic Outreach- Brian Mundy

Aaronic Council – Stephen Henson

The main emphasis throughout the year was to stress home visiting and family ministry.

A decision was made to defer/postpone action on the treasurer’s report and the 2019 Conference budget until Monday’s meeting.

At this point in the conference, the elders divided into three quorums for discussion and movement for action on upcoming business and concerns.

The meeting was closed with the singing of “Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow,” and a closing prayer by High Priest Francis Harper.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

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CRE Minutes for Monday, June 24, 2019

At 1:40 pm, Elder Vim Horn welcomed the Elders to session with the singing of the Hymn “The Old, Old Path.” A prayer of invocation was offered by Elder John Mundy.

The minutes of Sunday’s session were approved with minor corrections.

Each quorum presented a report about their meetings and discussions from Sunday. Each report was positive toward the resolutions which had been presented by the Coordinating Council and the Stewardship Council for consideration.

The first order of business was to approve the seating of additional members for the conference. Elder Bob Dickson presented the following names for approval from the credentials committee:

Dale Wilson	Milo Farnham	Manuel Castillo	Danny Gould
Juan Reyes	Gary Hawley	James McKiddie	Aaron Smith
Steve Bohall	Art Soldner	Dale Carrick	Mark Farnham
Gerald Bird	Jason Hamilton	Ram Baral	
John Myers	Doug Smith	Dale Smith	

The motion to accept these brothers was seconded and approved.

Elder Ray Lane, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report (section 2, pp. 4 and 5).

Missionary Board Fund reports were also presented (section 2, pages 6-9).

A motion was made by Ray Lane and seconded to approve the 2019 CRE Reunion/Conference budget. The motion to approve the budget (as contained on page 3 of section 2 in the conference manual) was passed.

Elder Tom Mitchell from the Coordinating Council moved the *Youth Missionary Corp Reestablishment Resolution* (YMC). Quorum 3 representative, Jay Havener proposed two wording amendments which were both seconded and passed. The motion, as amended and as approved is as follows:

Whereas, The Youth Missionary Corp (YMC) was an organization initiated in the 1990’s to facilitate the opportunity for youth to witness and share their testimony of Jesus; and

Whereas, There were a number of youth who received much benefit from it before it ended; and

Whereas, An exploratory committee of CRE coordinating council members and past youth missionaries have been meeting together to revise guidelines for the YMC, identify prospective sites where there is a nucleus of saints and strong mentors for the teams, and to prepare applicants to possibly go out in the fall of 2019; and

Whereas, The CRE coordinating council, recognizing the value of the YMC, and the exploratory work being done, is unanimously in support of resurrecting the YMC contingent upon approval by the conference in June;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the CRE coordinating council, recommends that the 2019 Conference of Restoration Elders approve re-establishing the YMC within the CRE; and

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Be it further resolved, if approved, a YMC Board be established, under the auspices of the Coordinating Council, to administer the program and the funds associated with the program; and

Be it further resolved, if approved, that \$25,000 be set aside from the CRE general fund, to support the operational costs of the program and the travel and living expenses of the youth missionaries.

Be it further resolved, if approved, that the CRE Treasurer will establish a separate YMC Fund, and bank account if deemed necessary, to account for all of the financial activity associated with the program.

A motion was made by Ray Lane and seconded to approve the FY 2020 CRE budget. Brother Ray subsequently moved an amendment to add \$800 to the Publications Council line item which was passed. The motion as amended to approve the budget (as contained on page 5 of section 2 in the conference manual) was passed.

Brother Vim asked for a show of support for the Missionary Board Budgets, to which all approved.

Elder Bob Dickson from the Stewardship Council moved the resolution to *Establish a Freedom Stewardship Ministries Program and Structure within the CRE* (FSM). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Whereas, individuals and families within Restoration Branches are experiencing tremendous stress because of high-interest rates associated with consumer debt, and

Whereas, this past year we have, as a church, been reminded to bind ourselves together with a covenant, and

Whereas, specific messages have been brought to individuals and branches about coming out of debt, and

Whereas, there are a number of individuals, in conjunction with the CRE Stewardship Council, who have been exploring how to implement a program that would address the critical issue of supporting church members to become free of consumer debt; and

Whereas, these efforts have resulted in the preliminary development of a program that would be known as, “*Freedom Stewardship Ministries*” (FSM); and

Whereas, this program proposes to assist participating members to address their consumer debt through education, financial support, and being responsible for their actions; and

Whereas, the involvement of Restoration Branches in supporting members to overcome the bondage of consumer debt is recognized as critical to the success of any effort being proposed to address this issue; and

Whereas, there are a number of Restoration Branches who have expressed an interest in becoming affiliated with a program such as FSM, and

Whereas, this affiliation would involve a formal arrangement with these Restoration Branches that would include, minimally, their agreement to support the education and counseling of their participating members, promote and support the program both, in principle, and financially as possible, and identify a representative to represent their interest in implementing the FSM program; and

Whereas, there is significant interest in establishing an FSM program and structure within the CRE that would support the implementation of such a program;

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Therefore, be it resolved that this conference supports the establishment of consumer debt reduction program to be known as *Financial Stewardship Ministries (FSM)* within the organizational framework of the CRE; and

Be it further resolved, that this conference supports the establishment of an FSM representative membership council, to be known as the, *FSM Affiliation Council (FSMAC)*, comprised of 1 representative from each affiliated Restoration Branch, which Council will have oversight responsibility of an FSM program operating board, to be known as the, *FSM Operating Board (FSMOB)*, FSM program operating guidelines, and along with CRE Officers and the Coordinating Council, FSM fiscal concerns; and

Be it further resolved, that the CRE officers and Coordinating Council will develop and have signed *FSM Restoration Branch Affiliation Agreements* as soon as possible; and

Be it further resolved, that an organizing meeting of the affiliated Restoration Branch representatives be held as soon as possible to set the program structure in order, including how often the FSMAC will meet, the size, membership, and operational authority of the FSMOB, and electing the members and officers of FSMOB; and

Be it further resolved, that the initial tasks of the elected FSM Operating Board will include establishing guiding values and principles for the FSMOB and FSM program, identifying specific goals and objectives for the FSM program, defining the operational details of the FSM program, and establishing sound fiscal operational practices, controls, and accountability in conjunction with CRE officers, to be presented to the FMSAC and the CRE Coordinating Council for their review and approval; and

Be it further resolved, that the CRE Treasurer, with the FSM elected treasurer, will establish a separate FSM Fund and bank account, to account for all of the financial activity associated with the program; and

Be it further resolved, that the FSMOB will prepare an article for the Tidings of Zion by December 30, 2019, detailing the FSM program, and will prepare a report for the 2020 Conference of Restoration Elders summarizing the activities and outcomes of the FSM program.

Brother Vim asked the brothers to take some time throughout the evening and tomorrow to consider the nomination of names to fill the councils for election later in the week. That process would be continued during Tuesday's meetings.

The Elders broke into our three quorums for the remaining time.

The session was adjourned with a benedictory prayer by Elder Jay Havener.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

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CRE Minutes for Tuesday, June 25, 2019

At 3:20 pm Elder Vim Horn opened the meeting having the elders sing “Great and Marvelous,” followed by an invocation by High Priest Cloyce Coffman.

Elder Howard Parker moved one additional name to be seated for conference: Jeff Anger was approved.

The minutes were approved.

Representatives from each Quorum we called forth to give reports.

Quorum 1 seeks to move the **Conference of Restoration Elders Office Resolution**. (This was also covered using Quorum 3 resolution, below.)

Quorum 2 seeks to move the **Resolution to Donate Funds to CPRS for Sanctuary Building Renovation Matching Fund**, and request that the conference encourage the High Priests to meet periodically for discussion and prayer concerning the needs of the Restoration Branches at this day and time.

Quorum 3 would seek to bring forth 2 resolutions; the **Conference of Restoration Elders Office Resolution** and the **Youth Council Resolution**.

Additionally, Seventy Richard Neill suggested a proposal regarding the recognition of Frank Dippel in the office of Seventy.

The floor was opened for nominations for 2019-2020 conference officers and a motion was made, seconded, and approved to have the conference officers serve as the corporate officers.

Nominations were made for the various councils within the CRE for 2019-2020 (See pg.9). Elections will be held Thursday and the conference will allow for names and nominations until that time.

Tom Mitchell from Quorum 2 moved the **Resolution to Donate Funds to CPRS for Sanctuary Building Renovation Matching Fund**. The motion passed as follows:

Whereas, The CRE and many Restoration gatherings utilize the sanctuary at Waldo/Centerplace Restoration School (CPRS) for elder's conferences, meetings, plays, musical presentations, summer preaching series and other activities where a large venue is needed for a gathering of the saints in the Centerplace, and

Whereas, The Centerplace Restoration School has been a tremendous success over decades in providing; restoration based principles and education for our children from many of the restoration groups providing a unifying factor in the Centerplace, and

Whereas, The condition of the CPRSIWaldo sanctuary is obviously in need of renovation not only for aesthetics but also for functionality and effective worship, especially seating and lighting, and

Whereas, CPRS has been planning for many years to renovate the sanctuary lighting, seating, rostrum, carpet, etc., and

Whereas, A plan is in place by the CPRS Board with consultation with the Waldo branch building committee to begin advanced planning and implementation for phased renovations beginning with sanctuary lighting and seating, and

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Whereas, The cost of these renovations is significant, and although funds have been set aside and donated from the school, Waldo Branch and individuals, and yet there is a significant amount still needed, and

Whereas, The CRE has received a significant donation in the last year providing a larger than normal amount of funds, and

Whereas, A matching fund contribution program has been established to match funds directed specifically toward to the renovation projects;

Therefore, be it resolved that this conference support the CPRS matching fund project with a donation of \$10,000 with the goal of a match specifically earmarked for the sanctuary renovation.

Jay Havener moved from Quorum 3 the **Conference of Restoration Elders Office Resolution**. The motion was passed.

Whereas, the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) entered into a 1 year lease for office space at their current location and

Whereas, the there is a desire to extend the lease for an additional 2 years at the current rate,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Conference approve an additional 2 year lease to lock in the current rate.

Jay Havener moved from Quorum 3 the **Youth Council Resolution**. The motion was passed.

Whereas the Youth Council has had limited opportunities to assist in supporting youth ministry in the Centerplace,

And whereas, there exists sufficient youth organizations and resources within the Centerplace to meet the needs of our youth within the local region,

Therefore, be it resolved, the focus of the Youth Council shift to supporting such things, but not limited to, as youth activities, leadership training, and providing youth resources to Branch/Regional youth in areas outside the Centerplace.

Be it further resolved, that the Youth Council include members selected from these regions outside of the Centerplace to assist in the development of Branch/Regional youth programs.

Seventy Richard Neill made a motion (seconded by Seventy Juan Reyes) regarding the recognition of Frank Dippel in the office of Seventy. Richard gave explanation regarding Frank's ordination in 1982 and the events which led to his serving as elder and not as Seventy since 1988, when he could no longer serve the RLDS church due to differences in belief. Many spoke in favor of recognizing him in that office.

Seventy Proposal

The Seventy recommend that the Conference accept and support Brother Frank Dippel's ministry as a Seventy.

This is not a new office for Frank. Frank was called and ordained to the office of Seventy in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1982. In 1988, Frank turned his Seventy card in to the leadership of the RLDS Church due to Frank's disagreement with

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the Church, and pressures that were being placed on him by the Church to be supportive of the new direction that he couldn't support. Frank's home congregation remained true to the original church, but after they separated from the Community of Christ (RLDS), Frank and others were silenced. Frank has continued to serve through all of this as an Elder in the Church.

Recently Frank has experienced the Holy Spirit directing him to function in the office of Seventy once again. Yesterday, Frank met with Seventy Juan Reyes and Seventy Richard Neill to seek their confirmation of Frank serving once again as a Seventy. After meeting with Frank to ask questions of him, Brothers Juan and Richard made it a matter of prayer. They also met with the Pastor of his congregation, the Morgantown Restoration Branch, and he believes the congregation will fully support this action.

We now testify of our affirmation of his serving as a Seventy and recommend to the Conference consideration of accepting Brother Dippel's ministry as a Seventy once again.

The motion passed unanimously.

The session was adjourned by singing "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning" with a benedictory prayer by Seventy Frank Dippel.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

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2019-2020 Conference Leadership Election Nomination Form

Conference Officers

Chairman: Vim Horn
 Secretary: David Joyce
 Treasurer: Ray Lane
 Historian: Danny Hight

Corporate Officers

President: Vim Horn
 Secretary: David Joyce
 Treasurer: Ray Lane

Conference Councils

Coordinating Council

1 Howard Parker 2yr
 2 Garry Piatt 2yr
 3 Brian Mundy 2yr
 4 Joe Burkart 2yr
 5 Steve Kropp
 6 _____
 7 _____

Publications Council

1 Christy Schrunk 2yr
 2 Jason Hamilton 2yr
 3 Janet Dickson 2yr
 4 _____ 2yr
 5 _____
 6 _____
 7 _____

Evangelism Council

1 _____ 2yr
 2 _____ 2yr
 3 _____
 4 _____
 5 ARM Representative
 6 LAMB Representative
 7 SEAAM Representative
 8 GEM Representative

Women's Council

1 Nichole Capps 2yr
 2 Angie Goff 2yr
 3 Monica Rush 2yr
 4 Bethany Eggenberger 2yr
 5 _____ 1yr
 6 _____
 7 _____

Aaronic Council

1 Stephen Henson 1yr
 2 _____ 1yr
 3 _____ 1yr
 4 _____ 1yr
 5 _____ 1yr
 6 _____ 1yr
 7 _____ 1yr
 8 _____ 1yr

Youth Council

1 _____ 2yr
 2 _____ 2yr
 3 _____ 2yr
 4 _____ 2yr
 5 _____
 6 _____
 7 _____
 8 _____

Education Council

1 _____ 2yr
 2 _____ 2yr
 3 _____ 2yr
 4 _____ 2yr
 5 _____ 1yr
 6 _____
 7 _____
 8 _____

Stewardship Council

1 Rob Willoughby 2yr
 2 Gary Hawley
 3 _____
 4 _____
 5 _____
 6 _____
 7 _____
 8 _____

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CRE Minutes for Thursday, June 27, 2019

The business session began at 3:04 as Brother Vim Horn welcomed the elders and they sang “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” followed by a prayer of invocation by High Priest Paul Gage.

The minutes from Tuesday’s meeting were approved as presented.

Nominations were made for the various councils. (During the nomination process, Brother Paul Gage moved that the Education Council and Brother Brian Mundy moved that the Stewardship Council allow as many members as would be nominated. The motions passed.) An election and vote of support was taken to approve those who had been nominated and elected for the councils. (See Sec 5- page 11 for election results)

Elder Eric Odida was given an opportunity to share regarding programs that the church is involved in in Kenya. So many positive programs and exciting teaching opportunities are being experienced in that part of the world.

Elder Doug Smith spoke about the emerging coop program in Rwanda and the Mildred Smith Mission Health Clinic in Kenya.

Elder Jared Watson shared about the ministerial opportunities in the armed forces.

Brother Richard Neill moved the date and location of the 2020 CRE Conference and Reunion. The date would be June 21-26, 2020 and the place would remain at the Waldo Ave Church (CPRS campus). The body approved the motion.

The meeting was concluded with a closing prayer by Elder Doug Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

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2019 Conference Election Results

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Corporate Officers

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Treasurer: Ray Lane

Conference Councils

Coordinating Council

1 Howard Parker
2 Brian Mundy
3 Steve Kropp

Publications Council

1 Christy Schrunk
2 Jason Hamilton
3 Janet Dickson

Evangelism Council

1 Gary Hawley
2 Frank Dippel
3 Steve La Hue

Women's Council

1 Nichole Capps
2 Angie Goff
3 Monica Rush
4 Bethany Eggenberger

Aaronic Council

1 Stephen Henson
2 John Ely
3 Jacob Roberts
4 Ivan Telljohann
5 Wilbur Wilson

Youth Council

1 Marten Garn
2 Brenda Telljohann
3 Steve La Hue

Education Council

1 Carolyn Blankenchip
2 Karen Blankenchip
3 Dorothy Dalton
4 Donna Eichorn
5 Dan Schoeneman
6 Lenoir Howard
7 Russ Howard

Stewardship Council

1 Rob Willoughby
2 Gary Hawley
3 Larry Cottrill

CRE Minutes for Friday, June 28, 2019

A brief business session was conducted prior to the priesthood worship. Minutes were approved from Thursday.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary