

## **Wednesday March 26, 2025 10:00am**

Hymn 352 “Consecration” was sung and Wilbur Wilson offered an opening prayer

Chairman Brian Mundy called the meeting to order at 10:05

**Minutes** from the 3.25.25 business meeting were approved as written.

**Credentialed Elders** Jay Havener moved the following list of additional Elders be credentialed and seated. Motion seconded and passed.

- Paul Cornish

### **Officers Vote:**

- Secretary Jason Anderson Sustained
- Treasurer Ray Lane Sustained
- Assistant Treasurer David Webster Sustained
- Historian Danny Hight Sustained

**Technology Council Nominations-** All nominations sustained

- Sean Telljohann
- Mark McCormick
- Spencer Hughes
- Andrew Neill

**Gathering Council Additional Nominations added to yesterday’s nominations-**All nominations sustained.

- Jacob Roberts
- Chris Campbell withdrew from yesterday’s list of nominations

### **Quorum reports**

- Elders Quorum One – Larry Cottrill – resolution 2 – suggest to table. Resolution 1 – explored many questions. Suggest coming together as quorums to gain greater understanding regarding which questions to ask.
- Elders Quorum Two – Jay Havener – resolution 2 –Will present a substitute motion. Resolution 3- would like to revisit. Recommend gathering as one quorum regarding which questions to ask.
- Aaronic Quorum – Mark McCormick – Much discussion regarding questions to ask. Plan to narrow the list.
- Members Quorum – John Eichhorn – Regarding which questions to ask – focused on having an increase in involved youth. When will we see Jesus? Other suggestions regarding fulfilling the commandments already received. Have an amendment they would like to suggest if Resolution 3 is revisited.

### **Resolution 3 (Gathering Council) revisited**

- Jeremy Stephenson moved to bring Resolution 3 back to the floor. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
- Jay Havener moved an amendment to Resolution 3. In the first “be it further resolved” add the words “spiritually and temporally” after the words “Missouri area” and in the final resolved add the words “spiritually and temporally” after the scripture quote.
  - Vim Horn moved a substitute motion to wordsmith the sentence in the first “be it resolved” without changing the meaning. Substitute seconded and passed.
- John Eichhorn moved a further amendment to Resolution 3 to add an additional resolved. That “The Council prepare update(s) to be published in the Tidings of Zion and CRE website as deemed appropriate.” Motion seconded and passed.
- Resolution as amended today attached to these minutes

### **Resolution 2 (Missionary Boards Affiliated with the CRE)**

- Jay Havener moved a Substitute for Resolution 2. Motion seconded.
  - Vim Horn moved an amendment to the substitute Resolution adding language instructing the Coordinating Council to communicate with the LAMB Board. This amendment will be voted on as part of the substitute motion.
  - Doug Smith moved to strike the second whereas. Motion seconded.
    - Paul Gage moved to Table the substitute motion to 2026. Motion to table failed for lack of a second.
    - Alan Ronk moved a Substitute amendment to keep the second whereas but change it from “LAMB has indicated” to “if LAMB has a desire”. Substitute amendment seconded and passed.
  - Substitute motion as amended passed.
  - Substitute motion as passed is attached to these minutes.

### **2026 Conference location and date – 2026 CPRS spring break is March 30-April 3.**

- Benji Pedersen moved to match CPRS spring break and have Conference from Sunday 3.29.26- Friday 4.3-26 and hold the Conference at Waldo/CPRS. Motion seconded and approved.

### **Resolution 1**

Business suspended. Conference spent time informally discussing why it is important to ask the Lord a question or questions and what those question(s) should be. Several questions were put forward as possible questions to ask. Those questions are attached to these minutes and will be discussed later today by all quorums meeting together in the sanctuary during quorum time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm with a closing prayer by Larry Clark.

## **Substitute Resolution #2-As Passed**

**Whereas**, the Latin America Ministries Board (“LAMB”) has been under the umbrella of the CRE these many years;

**Whereas**, if LAMB has a desire to move in an independent course, and;

**Whereas** it is the desire of the CRE to bring unity throughout the church through all the world and;

**Whereas** the CRE desires the work to continue in Latin America.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Coordinating Council communicate with LAMB to determine what their position is in continuing to affiliate. If LAMB, after that communication, desires to withdraw from the CRE, the CRE wishes LAMB continued success and offers our assistance any way we can;

**And be it further resolved**, that the CRE will continue to encourage the Saints to support the work in Latin America.

# Formation of the Gathering Council

## As Amended 3.26.25

By the Conference of Elders 2025

**Whereas**, the Lord has commanded the Saints to gather to Independence, Missouri, to establish the New Jerusalem (D&C 57),

**Whereas** the Lord will gather His Saints from the four quarters of the earth in the last days (D&C 32:2b, 36:12f, 45:7b),

**And whereas**, the Lord has given much counsel to the church to make preparations for the gathering,

**And whereas**, we recognize the absence of a Bishop to manage the storehouse, yet we recognize that there is much that can be done to assist in the gathering (D&C 51:4a),

**And whereas** we recognize that there have been Saints who have gathered who went hungry and suffered physically without the assistance of the Saints, due to the fractured condition of the church,

**And whereas** we thus recognize there is great need to help prepare the Saints who have gathered and those who desire to gather for the Lord's great work in the last days.

**Be it resolved** that the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) form a new Council with seven members with staggered terms;

with three elected to an initial one-year term and four elected to a two-year term with all subsequent elections being to a two-year term.

**And be it further resolved** that this Council be established for the purpose of preparing to receive and assist Saints who gather into the Independence, Missouri area, both in terms of spiritual and temporal considerations. Such preparations would include providing Saints with information and tangible resources to help them obtain housing, local branch contact information, connections to available jobs, and anything that could be beneficial,

**And be it further resolved** that this Council prepare guidelines, lists of resources, and informational packets to be made available, both physically and online, to Saints who desire to gather,

**And be it further resolved** that the Council would work with local branches to support this effort by fostering unity as we focus on the work of assisting in the gathering (D&C 98:9f),

**And be it further resolved** that the Lord admonishes the gathering be not in haste nor by flight, but that all things be prepared (D&C 98:9e), both spiritually and temporally.

**And be it further resolved** that the council prepare update(s) to be published in the Tidings of Zion and the CRE website as deemed appropriate.

**Proposed Resolution #1**  
**Proposed Question(s) to Take Before the Lord for Thursday**  
**Evening Service**

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- 1. Would you remove the scales of darkness from our eyes?**
- 2. What are the next two steps?**
- 3. Is the CRE a hindrance to the building of Zion?**
- 4. What is the “new bottle”?**
- 5. How do we become one voice?**
- 6. Where is there authority on the earth today?**
- 7. As the church is the bride of Christ, what does the church lack in her adornment in preparation for her Groom?**
- 8. How do we magnify our offices as Melchizidek and Aaronic priesthood and as members in order to bring the needed ministry in our homes and in our branches?**
- 9. Show us what to do.**
- 10. Is our own pride the hindrance to Zion?**

11. **What are the one or two steps that you need us to do immediately to help bring [that] about?**
12. **What is it *specifically* that we are lacking? Help us painfully understand what we need to be repentant of.**
13. **How do we feed the people to keep them closer to the Lord?**
14. **Are we looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of Man?**
15. **Lord, would you please help us device a plan to grow your Body (Church)?**
16. **Lord, would you reveal unto us who is in the priesthood?**
17. **How can we better feed all the sheep?**
18. **How should our leaders resolve future disagreements without dividing the saints?**
19. **What does each of the RLDS/Restoration groups, including the CRE, need to repent of?**
20. **We see the symptoms, but what is the root source of our problem(s)/disease?**

- 21. What do we need to remove from how we are practicing the Restoration today?**
- 22. Father, what is the desire of *your* heart for us to do?**
- 23. Is our desire to protect the faith preventing us from moving forward *in* faith and fulfilling those things which we know to be your will?**