

**Tuesday March 31, 2026 9:45AM**

Chris Capps offered an opening prayer.

Chairman Jeremy Stephenson called the meeting to order at 9:46am

Brother Jeremy asked that Secretary Jason Anderson read a resolution from 2024 that was passed, reminding the Conference of the desire of the previous Council to avoid divisive issues.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the Minutes from the 3.30.26 meeting by Jay Havener. Minutes were approved as written.

Jason Anderson moved the following list of additional Elders be credentialed and seated. Motion seconded and passed.

- Dale Wilson, Shaun Turner, Jim Hobbs, Bob Bobbit

### **Quorum Reports**

Quorum one – Jay Havener – discussed the resolutions. Discussed primarily the substitute resolution 1. Overall favorable with some minor concerns, particularly with legal paperwork around a name change. No action brought to the floor.

Quorum two – Mike Stephenson – Good discussion exclusively on substitute resolution. Would want to make a few changes to organization chart. Want to do more prayer and fasting before coming to a resolution. No action brought to the floor.

Quorum three – Rich Rowland- discussed both resolutions. Resolution 1, with some amendments, better represent their vision of the future for the Conference. Will have a revised resolution to present at the appropriate time. Request that the revised proposal be discussed in the Quorums.

Aaronic/Members Quorum – Benji Pedersen-started by praising the Lord. Discussed what they are looking forward to. Endowment, Unity, Temple Lot, among other things that they are looking forward to. We need to be on our knees before moving forward. Like the idea of refocusing on missionary efforts. Several questions around the proposed substitute resolution.

### **Nominations of Councils/Officers**

- Chairman – Jeremy Stephenson
- Secretary – left open
- Treasurer – David Webster
- Assistant Treasurer – Ray Lane
- Historian – Danny Hight

- Coordinating Council-5 openings, requirement that 2 be filled by someone in the foreign field has been met with Doug Smith and Eric Odida each having one more year on the Council.
  - Alan Ronk
  - David Joyce
  - Mike Stephenson
  - Val Brotherton
  - Bob Dickson
- Domestic Outreach-3 openings
  - Jay Havener
  - Buck Andrews
  - Dale Stafford
- Youth Council-6 openings
  - Emma Gilmore
  - Kelvin Henson
  - Stephen Henson
  - Tansey Gard
  - Victor Brian
  - Left open
- Aaronic Council-9 openings
  - Stephen Henson
  - Moroni Stephenson
  - Chris Cunningham
  - James Andrews
  - Wilbur Wilson
  - Daniel Morrison
  - Mark McCormick
  - Michael Delk
  - Ben Lidberg
- International Missionary Council – Appointed by Missionary Boards
- Publications Council-4 openings
  - Patty Stephenson
  - Jackie Frinsthal
  - Rebecca Griffin
  - Jacob Roberts
- Women's Council-5 openings – Per 2025 motion-no nominations from the floor.
 

Sustaining vote only

  - Michelle Turner
  - Jennifer Schrunk
  - Barb Capps
  - Mary Drummond

- Stacy Pyatt
- Education Council-5 openings
  - Bob Bobbit
  - Vim Horn
  - Rich Rowland
  - Larry Cottrill
  - Left open
- Gathering Council – 4 openings
  - No nominations
- Technology Council
  - Spencer Hughes
  - Mark McCormick
  - Andrew Neill

### **Missionary Board Budgets**

Brian Mundy spoke about the ARM budget. Bill Barrett moved to approve the ARM budget as shown on page 2.6-2.8 with one amendment. Under Tanzania budget on page 2.6 an amendment to increase local budget to \$1,500 from \$500. Motion seconded and passed.

Richard Neill spoke about the SEAAM budget. Ray Lane moved to approve the SEAAM budget as shown on page 2.9. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

John Mundy moved to approve the GEM budget as shown on page 2.10. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Bob Dickson spoke about the FSM Budget. Dale Stafford moved to approve the FSM budget as shown on page 2.10. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

Doug Smith moved that the Technology Council members be appointed for two years. Motion seconded and passed.

Eric Odida moved that the Seventy be made ex-officio members of the International and Domestic Missionary Councils. Motion seconded and passed.

Vim Horn moved that we close this business session to allow time for Quorums to meet on the proposals before the Conference. Motion seconded and passed

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58am.

## Frank Dippel Testimony

### CROPS

#### COUNCIL for the RECORDING OF PEOPLE with SKILLS

Brother Richard Neill called to ask if I would be willing to preach at conference (2012). I felt as though I should but would like to have had a confirmation from the Spirit. I thought if it is Tuesday evening when it was from the Spirit. Richard said, I would like you to do Tuesday evening. I knew I was supposed to preach that evening.

While preparing for the message I was led to Isaiah 58 during the reading of this scripture around verse 7 where it speaks of the glory of God in the middle of the page it appeared open to a glorious scene. It was the greenness grass I have ever seen; the sky was a brilliant blue and the clouds like cotton.

I walked up the incline of a hill and when I reached the top I gazed upon a beautiful valley. The green grass and blue skies continued; however, there was a huge corn field, and I was encouraged to approach the corn. I walked down the hill toward the corn and the closer I got the more I could see how spectacular this corn was. I asked the Lord so what has this corn have to do with anything I am preparing for. The stalks were extremely tall, and the ears were huge, and I thought only God could have created a field, grass and sky like this. I reached a point very near the corn stalks and they began to be transformed.

Every stalk of corn changed into a person; however, they were people who worked at different trades or professional endeavors. Several were teachers, several carpenters, several masons, nurses, Doctors, ministers, pianists, mechanics and so it goes.

The Lord spoke to my mind and said, these are my CROPS given for the welfare of my saints journeying to Zion. The saints already in Zion need to prepare for the coming of their brothers and sisters; survey the branches, catalog the skills and talents. Record the assets and stores they have already prepared. This resource will be valuable at their coming. You will know where the skills, talents, resources and helpful saints are located, thereby you can direct the gathering saints to places of safety and nourishment.

Frank Dippel received April, 2012 and present in June, 2012

PASSED Resolution #3

## Formation of the Gathering Council

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 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. 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 the members originating branch and local branches located within Zion 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 if available, those of the office of bishop, would assist the Council under the authority of their office,

**And be it further resolved** that we adhere to the Lord's admonition that the gathering be not in haste nor by flight, but that all things be prepared (D&C 98:9e).