

Wednesday April 1, 2026 9:45am

Chairman Jeremy Stephenson shared some thoughts related to Matthew 17:8. Are the questions we have set before the Lord the questions He would have us ask?

Buck Andrews offered the opening prayer.

Jay Havener shared a text from an online viewer of our business sessions.

Chairman Jeremy Stephenson called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Jay Havener moved that the Minutes from 3.31.26 meeting be approved as written. Motion seconded and passed.

Officer/Council Elections-See 3.31.26 notes for nominations

Note: Chairman and Treasurer will also be Corporate officers- President and Treasurer respectively.

Chairman - Jeremy Stephenson approved.

Corporate Secretary – Mike Stephenson approved

Secretary for Conference Week 2027-will be selected and voted on next year

Treasurer- David Webster approved

Assistant Treasurer – Ray Lane approved.

Historian – Danny Hight approved.

Coordinating Council – All nominations approved

Domestic Missionary/Outreach Council – All nominations approved

Youth Council – All nominations approved

Gathering Council – No nominations

Publications Council - All nominations approved

Women's Council – All nominations approved

Education Council – Jay Havener an additional nomination to yesterday's list. All nominations approved

Aaronic Council – All nominations approved

Technology Council -All nominations approved

New Business - None

Quorum Reports

Quorum one – Jay Havener – discussed Quorum 3 revised resolution. No action taken

Quorum two – Mike Stephenson – invited Vim Horn to discuss original and revised resolutions. No action taken

Quorum three – Rich Rowland – continued to discuss proposals. No action taken

Aaronic/Members Quorum – Benji Pedersen-read D&C 85 regarding some level of organization. Questioned what level that should be. Prayed for the Elders.

Doug Smith shared results of yesterday's afternoon discussion – there was agreement that we should open Conference up to membership and that the working of the Councils should continue without interruption.

Chairman Jeremy Stephenson suggested since there was no further business at this time that we move to Quorums to discuss the proposals. John Mundy moved that we stay in group session rather than move to Quorums. Motion seconded. Doug Smith moved a substitute motion that we move to Quorums for one hour then return to business session for the rest of the allotted time. Substitute motion seconded and passed.

Dan Schwartz offered a closing prayer on this session at 10:20am

Wednesday April 1, 2026 11:26am

Chairman Jeremy Stephenson reconvened the business session and asked John Mundy to offer a prayer for the session.

Quorum reports

Quorum 1 – Jay Havener – voted to bring to the floor proposed substitute resolution 1 with some reservations such as they feel the name is too close to other organization names. Also have concerns about the proposed structure.

Jeremy Stephenson asked that since there is no motion on the floor that we change the name from “proposed substitute resolution 1” to “Resolution 2”.

Quorum 2 – Mike Stephenson – voted to bring to the floor Resolution 2 with some modifications that will be printed and provided to the Body. Namely, in the second “be it further resolved” to change the word “registered” to recognized”. And change the next “Be it further resolved” to read as follows: Be it further resolved that the structure of the organization be reviewed by the Coordinating Council who will bring a proposed resolution to the next Members Conference for discussion, modification, and approval. Then delete the final “Be it further resolved” and “attachment A”

Quorum 3- continued support for revised resolution 1. Do not support Resolution 2. Regardless of which way the Conference goes, would like to see an effort in reaching out to the Branches about what they would like to see the Conference do and how the Conference could support their needs.

Aaronic/Members- would like members/Aaronic/youth opportunities to vote. Would like D&C 17:13 to be considered. If changes made, how do the Elders still fulfill this commandment? They also had three questions:

1. How are we to focus on our work in the world?
2. What level of organization is required to accomplish our jobs as found in D&C 105:11?
3. Have we even discussed the questions presented in the agenda?

Brian Mundy moved Resolution 2 (previously noted as substitute motion 1), as modified by Quorum 2. See Quorum 2 report above for specific changes. Motion seconded.

Doug Smith moved to Table the motion until 2:30pm so we have time to review the modifications. This will change the agenda, replacing the scheduled Quorum meetings. Motion seconded and passed.

Bob Dixon closed the session with prayer at 11:45am

Wednesday April 1, 2026 2:30pm

Chairman Jeremy Stephenson called the Elders back to session and asked John Eichorn to offer an opening prayer.

Brian Mundy moved that Resolution 2, previously tabled, be brought to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded. Motion to take off the table carried.

Mike Stephenson moved an amendment to the last "Be it further resolved" to read as follows: Be it further resolved that the structure of the organization be reviewed by the Coordinating Council-& which will bring a proposed resolution to the next ~~members~~ conference for discussion, modifications, and approval.

Brian Mundy moved to amend the amendment to add back in the word "members" to this paragraph. Amendment to the Amendment carried. Members is back in the original amendment.

Amendment as amended was voted on and carried, effectively taking out the "&" after Council and replacing it with "which will".

Mike Stephenson moved to strike the entire paragraph dealing with the name. No second. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Vim Horn moved to substitute this motion with Resolution 3, formally known as “Resolution 1 as revised by Quorum 3”. Motion was seconded and carried.

Jay Havener moved to strike the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Whereas statements. Amendment seconded and passed.

Vim Horn moved a two-part amendment. Amendment seconded. This was tabled.

- to strike the be it further resolved dealing with the name change and all references dealing with that name. Inserting “restructured organization” wherever the document references “Restoration Ministries Association of Councils” or “RMAC”
- Be it further resolved that all future conferences of this organization be open to all members of restoration branches which are not affiliated with any organization operating beyond the branch level.

Doug Smith moved a substitute-amendment known as Resolution 4 that will replace all the resolves in the current substitute. Substitute amendment failed.

Doug Smith moved to table the substitute motion, Resolution 3, indefinitely. Motion to table seconded and passed.

Back to the original motion. Doug smith, having voted in the affirmative, moved to recall the previous vote to table. Recall seconded and passed.

Doug Smith moved to table indefinitely the entire matter all the way back to and including the original motion. Motion to table seconded and passed. The entire matter before us has now been tabled indefinitely.

Doug Smith moved Resolution 4. Motion seconded.

Jay Havener moved to change tomorrow’s Quorum session to a business session and to table this motion until that time and to move now to Quorums to discuss Resolution 4. Motion seconded and passed

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

The following is what was tabled in the afternoon session by Doug Smith's motion to table everything on the floor at the time. This includes proposals as amended by vote prior to tabling without additional notes provided by the Secretary. For clarity and memory, it also includes amendments moved and seconded but on which no vote was taken prior to the tabling. These amendments are noted as needing to still be dealt with if ever the Body wishes to take the motions off the table.

Original motion(Resolution 2). One amendment was passed prior to tabling and is represented here. No proposed amendments were on the floor prior to the subsequent substitute motion and tabling.

The following is provided to assist us in making a commitment to God that we choose to come together, to be one with Him and with each other and that His work and His Kingdom here on this earth are our priorities. We mutually pledge to each other as individuals and branches our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Each of the following acknowledgements are to be modified and/or approved individually.

1. We acknowledge that Christ's Church is His church.
2. We acknowledge that God said multiple times in the Doctrine and Covenants that He has called us to labor in His vineyard and to prune it for the last time.
3. We acknowledge that at the present time that we are only a portion of Christ's Restored Church.
4. We acknowledge that unless God fully re-establishes the full organization of His church including His prophet, that ordinations of High Priests, Patriarchs, Bishops, Apostles or Seventy's will not be performed.
5. We acknowledge that over the last 42 years, some have tried to reorganize the church, and others have remained in an independent state.
6. We acknowledge that continuing in the same way that we have will continue to create a decline in our numbers and division within the church.
7. We acknowledge that four of the "Purposes of the Conference of Restoration Elders" was to:
 1. Support Restoration branches in their efforts to work together.
 2. Provide needed resources to branches and members as they are requested.
 3. Offer ongoing support and resources to Restoration priesthood.
 4. Offer support to the elders to take the gospel message to the world.

8. We acknowledge that in order to better assist the branches we have to change our organizational structure, focus and direction.

9. We acknowledge that the Conference of Restoration Elders is not the church (as was established by the Conference Operating Guidelines of 1996). We also acknowledge that the proposed new organization and structure is not "The Church" but an organization within the Church to promote the Kingdom.

10. Section 83:8a

"8a. And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation."

Therefore, be it resolved that we as a unified organization hereby repent and remember the new covenant even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which He gave us, not only to say but to do according to which He has written. That we may bring forth fruit meet for our Father's Kingdom.

Be it further resolved that we change the name of this organization currently known as the Conference of Restoration Elders to "Restoration Branches of the Church of Jesus Christ" and

Be it further resolved that all future conferences of this organization be opened up to all members of recognized branches and

Be it further resolved that the structure of the organization be reviewed by the Coordinating Council which will bring a proposed resolution to the next members conference for discussion, modifications, and approval.

Substitute Motion (Resolution 3) One Amendment passed and the changes are incorporated into what you see now. A second two-part amendment was on the floor when another substitute amendment was proposed and then the whole matter tabled. The two-part amendment that was tabled is included and bolded to distinguish it from what was already passed. ~~Strikethrough~~ has been included to show parts the amendment would remove if passed.

Whereas, the overall purpose of the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE), established in 1993, remains the same today: to bring solidarity to a growing number of Restoration Branches—and Latter Day Saints in general—during this period of disruption and fragmentation (Source: Conference "Operating Guidelines," accepted 1996); and

Whereas, the scope of this purpose has been to offer ministry and support to any and all Restoration Branches and Saints within the Restoration Branch Movement who desire such support; and

Whereas, this purpose has been carried forward through the following functions, which have guided the work of the Conference throughout its existence:

The Conference exists to:

1. Organize the coming together of the Melchisedec Priesthood, as well as Aaronic Priesthood members, for the purposes of:
 - Spiritual preparation and the unifying of our efforts on behalf of the work to which we are called;
 - Fellowship and fraternity in preparation to defend and preserve the faith;
 - Identifying and seeking divine guidance concerning the critical issues confronting the church; and
 - Charting a course of action that will maintain the gospel as restored in 1830.
2. Supporting Restoration Branches in their efforts to work together;
3. Providing needed resources to Branches and members as requested;
4. Offering ongoing support and resources to Restoration priesthood; and
5. Supporting the elders as they carry the gospel message to the world.

Whereas, some confusion has developed among the Saints concerning the identity and purpose of the CRE; and

Whereas, the CRE has sought to remain in harmony with the practices and beliefs of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as organized April 6, 1860, and maintained to the present day; and

Whereas, the CRE does not exercise authority over the Restoration Branches, their pastors, or the Restoration Elders;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Conference of Restoration Elders shall no longer retain *Function 1—namely, the coming together of the Melchisedec and Aaronic Priesthoods for the four purposes previously identified*—as a primary function. This action effectively shifts the focus and structure of the organization from that of an *Elders Conference* to a conference centered on coordinating the provision of ministries within the Restoration Branch movement.

~~Be it further resolved, that with the retirement of *Function 1* as a primary purpose, the name be changed from the *Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE)* to the *Restoration Ministries Association of Councils (RMAG)*.~~

Be it further resolved, that in refocusing the work of the Conference toward coordinating ministry, the following assets and ministries shall be maintained:

1. Protect and steward the financial assets and income of the CRE under the **restructured organization Restoration Ministries Association of Councils (RMAG)**;
2. Continue those councils necessary for the organization and coordination of **the restructured organization RMAG**, including a Coordinating Council;
3. Continue those CRE councils that have borne fruit, including but not limited to the Aaronic, Technology, Women's, Youth, and Education Councils;
4. Continue the International Council and the missionary ministries of ARM, GEM, and SEAAM;
5. Continue the Domestic Missionary Outreach Council;

6. Establish additional ministries and councils as needs arise, including the possible reinstatement of the Elders Council;
7. Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the Melchisedec and Aaronic Priesthoods;
8. Continue the publication and distribution of *Tidings of Zion* to the Saints throughout the world; and
9. Maintain an office to respond to the needs of the Saints and to assist with inquiries requiring attention.

Be it further resolved, that leadership positions within the Association Councils shall be held by individuals who are members of Restoration Branches and are not affiliated with any organization operating beyond the branch level.

Be it further resolved that all future conferences of this organization be open to all members of restoration branches which are not affiliated with any organization operating beyond the branch level.

Be it further resolved, that, at a minimum, the Association shall consist of:

- a *Coordinating Council* to oversee the administrative, financial, legal, and programmatic coordination functions of **the restructured organization RMAG**;
- a *Council of Representatives*, composed of one representative from each established council, to participate in program development and evaluation; and
- a *Membership Group*, meeting annually, to consider and approve the overall budget of the Association, selected program activities, and membership on the various Association councils.

Be it further resolved, that the *Coordinating Council* elected for the coming year shall oversee the refocusing and restructuring of **the restructured organization RMAG**, including, but not limited to, legal, financial, administrative, and programmatic considerations.

Be it further resolved, that the Association shall meet annually to consider organizational matters (including leadership and financial needs), receive reports of ministry carried out during the inter-conference period, and review and approve plans and priorities for the coming year.

Prior to tabling, a substitute amendment to the amendment noted by bold and strikethrough above was offered. This amendment is known as Resolution 4. It was tabled as an amendment and once the entire matter was tabled was brought back as a motion. This motion was tabled until 4.2.26, 9:45am business session. Motion is below for easy reference. No amendments were made to this motion in this session.

Be it Resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders meet at quarterly sessions instead of one week per year.

Be it further resolved that the Elders and the Coordinating Council reach out to the Branches and Missions of the Church to determine what course of action they desire regarding having a representative Conference and what they perceive the Conference's role should be in bringing about greater unity among the Branches.