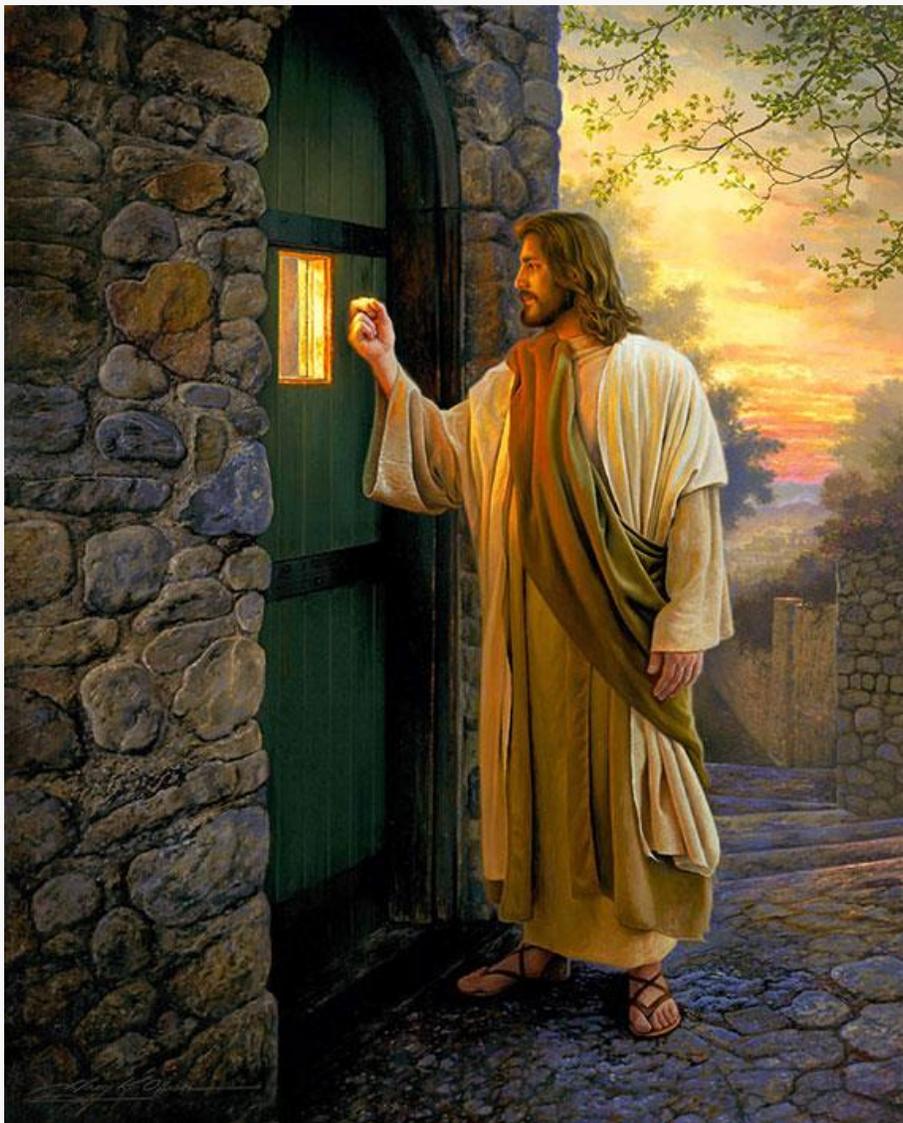


Conference of Restoration Elders

April 8 – April 12, 2024

*Make Ready A People
Prepared for the Lord*



The Stone Church /
1012 W. Lexington, Ave.
Independence, Missouri

2024 Conference of Restoration Elders

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Luke 1:17

*¹⁷ And he shall go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.***

I welcome you to this year's conference and pray that each of us will be blessed with a great outpouring of His Spirit. In preparing for this year's conference, one thing the Lord kept sharing with me was this Conference cannot just be like any previous conferences. So, as I reviewed the survey of last year's conference and spoke with various people, I began making changes to the schedule and I felt very comfortable in the direction we were heading. However, when the planning committee met, and we were nearly finished with creating the schedule, the Lord spoke so plainly to me and said, "so I get the crumbs?" I knew exactly what He was saying. I felt hurt that that was His feeling. My thought was we would get the necessary business out of the way so we could respond to any direction that He might give. His next response to me was, "so your things are more important than mine?" I asked for prayer to be offered and the spirit rested upon us so heavily that we completely changed the agenda to what is before you now. That night, I was so filled with the spirit, I couldn't sleep at 1:00 a.m., I went out to my living room, sat in the dark and prayed. There was a word that was pressing very heavily upon me. That word was "hearken". I was prompted to look up the meaning even though I thought I knew what the meaning was. The meaning that came up was, "to listen with the intent to obey." As I pondered on that, the Lord took me to D&C Section 1 and I realized that the 1st word in the D&C was hearken. In that spirit, I read each verse and the Lord laid before me the focus that we need to have on a daily basis of the conference. I say focus and not themes because I believe themes is not the depth that the Lord is looking for in this conference. This year other than the quorum sessions everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend all sessions. The business session will also be open for everyone, however only the elders will be voting. It is my prayer that each of us come together and listen for His spirit to give us guidance and direction and that we can also not only prepare ourselves but be prepared to prepare others to meet the Lord.

Sunday: - Hearken...The voice of the Lord is unto all... Hearken: Listen with the intent to obey.

(D&C Section 1:1)

1a. Hearken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say, Hearken ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together;

1b. for verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape, and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated;

1c. and the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow, for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed;

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- Sunday:** - Hearken...The voice of the Lord is unto all... Hearken: Listen with the intent to obey.
(D&C Section 1:1), **Cont'd.**
1d. and the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days, and they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.
- Monday:** - The Authority of My servants...
(D&C Section 1 :2)
2a. Behold, this is mine authority, and the authority of my servants, and my preface unto the book of my commandments, which I have given them to publish unto you, O inhabitants of the earth;
2b. wherefore fear and tremble, O ye people, for what I the Lord have decreed, in them, shall be fulfilled.
2c. And verily, I say unto you, that they who go forth, bearing these tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth, to them is power given to seal, both on earth and in heaven, the unbelieving and rebellious;
2d. yea, verily, to seal them up unto the day when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked without measure;
2e. unto the day when the Lord shall come to recompense unto every man according to his work, and measure to every man according to the measure which he has measured to his fellow-man.
- Tuesday:** - Prepare ye prepare ye for that which is to come...
(D&C Section 1:3)
3a. Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear;
3b. prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed;
3c. and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people;
3d. for they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant; they seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness,
3e. but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall.

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Wednesday:- They should proclaim these things unto the world...

(D&C Section 1:4)

4a. Wherefore I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments, and also gave commandments to others, that they should proclaim these things unto the world;

4b. and all this that it might be fulfilled, which was written by the prophets;

4c. the weak things of the world shall come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones, that man should not counsel his fellow-man, neither trust in the arm of flesh, but that every man might speak in the name of God the Lord, even the Savior of the world;

4d. that faith also might increase in the earth; that mine everlasting covenant might be established;

4e. that the fullness of my gospel might be proclaimed by the weak and the simple, unto the ends of the world, and before kings and rulers.

Thursday: - That they might come to understanding...

(D&C Section 1:5)

5a. Behold, I am God, and have spoken it; these commandments are of me, and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language, that they might come to understanding;

5b. and inasmuch as they erred it might be made known; and inasmuch as they sought wisdom they might be instructed;

5c. and inasmuch as they sinned they might be chastened, that they might repent; and inasmuch as they were humble, they might be made strong, and blessed from on high, and receive knowledge from time to time;

5d. and after having received the record of the Nephites, yea, even my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., might have power to translate, through the mercy of God, by the power of God, the Book of Mormon;

5e. and also those to whom these commandments were given might have power to lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity, and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I the Lord am well pleased, speaking unto the church collectively and not individually;

5f. for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven;

5g. and he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received, for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.

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Friday: - The day speedily cometh...My word shall not pass away...

(D&C Section 1:6-8)

6a. And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants of the earth, I, the Lord, am willing to make these things known unto all flesh, for I am no respecter of persons,

6b. and will that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh -- the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand -- when peace shall be taken from the earth, and the Devil shall have power over his own dominion;

6c. and also the Lord shall have power over his saints, and shall reign in their midst, and shall come down in judgment upon Idumea, or the world.

7. Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

8a. What I, the Lord, have spoken I have spoken, and I excuse not myself;

8b. and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice, or by the voice of my servants, it is the same;

8c. for behold, and lo, the Lord is God, and the Spirit beareth record, and the record is true, and

May God Bless Our Time Together, Brian K. Mundy – CRE Chairman

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- Spiritual Councilors** Marlin Guin & Eric Odida
- Daily Tidings** Janet Dickson
- Registration** Janet Dickson
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Quorum Session Locations

Quorum	Quorum Leader	Location	Map Location (Map on Back of Binder)	Day of Week
Quorum 1	Larry Cottrill	<u>Lower</u> Sanctuary East Side	B	Monday - Friday
Quorum 2	Jeff VanBiber	Library	C	Monday - Friday
Quorum 3	Doug Smith	Nursery	H	Monday - Friday
Quorum 4	Sean Telljohann	<u>Upper</u> Sanctuary East Side	B	Monday - Friday
Quorum 5	TBD	On-Line		
Members	TBD	Choir Room	E	Monday - Friday
Aaronic Priesthood	Mark McCormick	Luff Auditorium	G	Monday - Friday

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2024 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule <i>Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord ~ Luke 1:17</i> Sunday, April 7 – Friday, April 12, 2024 www.eldersconference.org			
Daily Themes	Hearken...The voice of the Lord is unto all... <i>D&C Section 1:1</i>		The Authority of My servants... <i>D&C Section 1:2</i>
Time	Sunday	Time	Tuesday
<i>Registration and information desk will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.</i>			
8:00 a.m.	Prayer Service Presiding: Waldo <i>Location: Waldo</i>	8:30 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Seeking the Lord’s Direction for the way forward Presiding: Sean Telljohann & Jay Havener <i>Location: Stone Church Sanctuary</i> (All Are Welcome)
10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)	Sacrament Service Presiding: S. Turner Speaking: L. Cottrill <i>Location: Waldo Ave. RB</i>	9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Prayer & Worship Service (All Are Welcome) <i>Presiding: John Eichhorn</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	New Business General Session Agenda Items: - Organize Conference - Approve Agenda - Approval of 2024 Conf. Budget - Council Reports - Missionary Reports - Discuss Meeting access (Zoom, etc.) & Format for the Week - Organize Quorums & Meetings
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fellowship with Other Families on Your Own	12:00 p.m.	Quorum Sessions Melchisedec, Aaronic & Members
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration and Setup <i>Location: Stone Church</i>	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quorum Sessions Melchisedec & Aaronic & Members
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (On Your Own)	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own / Outreach Branch - Free will Offering
6:30 p.m.	Song Service <i>Presiding: Atherton Branch</i> <i>Location: Stone Church Sanctuary</i>	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Branch - Free will Offering
7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship <i>Presiding .. Jason Anderson</i> <i>Preaching David Joyce</i> <i>Pianist Brianne Joyce</i> <i>Location: Stone Church</i>	6:30 p.m.	Presentation: Personal Application of Stewardship & the Financial Law <i>w/Eldon Anderson</i>
	Refreshments After the Service <i>Location: Luff Auditorium</i> <i>By the Women’s Council</i>	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry Presentation
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Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
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8:30 a.m.	Prayer & Worship Service (All Are Welcome) <i>Presiding: High Priests</i>	Prayer & Worship Service (All Are Welcome) <i>Presiding: Bob Dickson</i>	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Worship Service (All Are Welcome) <i>Presiding: Larry Cottrill</i>
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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	New Business / General Session Agenda Items: - Introduction of New Business - Elections - Financial Report Approval - Approval of FY2025 CRE Budget - New Business Continues	Elders Conference Business Session Agenda Items: - New Business Continues - Select 2025 Conference Location and Date	10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Priesthood & Member Education Presentation
12:00 p.m.	Picnic & Fellowship (12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) <i>Location: Living Hope Restoration Branch</i>	Lunch on Your Own / Living Hope Branch - Free will Offering	Lunch on Your Own / Living Hope Branch - Free will offering	
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		General Session "Two Year" Message Discussion Members Forum Discussion <i>Richard Neill & Benji Pedersen</i>	Missionary Presentations Domestic & Foreign Including Missionary Boards	
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Women's Council Presentation Publication Council Technology	Business / General Session	This charge I commit unto God... Here Am I, Send Me! Section 58:15 Presiders: Marlin Guin & Eric Odida	
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (On Your Own)	Dinner (On Your Own)	Dinner (On Your Own)	
6:30 p.m.	Song Service Presiding Belton Branch	Song Service Presiding Oak Grove Branch	Song Service Presiding Colbern Rd Branch	
7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship <i>Presiding Richard Neill</i> <i>Preaching Eric Odida</i> <i>Pianist Rebecca Griffin</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding Chris Capps</i> <i>Preaching: Marlin Guin</i> <i>Pianist Dee Ludy</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding Vim Horn</i> <i>Preaching Brian Mundy</i> <i>Pianist Jeff King</i>	
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Day	Topic	Discussion Leader
Monday April 8 th	<p>Presentation: Personal Application of Stewardship & the Financial Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ What is a steward ◆ How do we pay our tithing? ◆ How do we render an accounting? ◆ What are practical things we can do to be better stewards? ◆ Are there ways that we can use tithing and offerings in a unified manner? 	Eldon Anderson
Tuesday April 9 th	<p>Youth Ministry Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Foundation ◆ Outreach ◆ Involvement 	Brian Mundy Fred Brown Jr. Jay Havener
Wednesday April 10 th	<p>Women's Council Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How the Council prepares for our gatherings during the year. ◆ Recap of what took place at our events in recent years. ◆ How we see the council serving in the future. <p>Publication Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Update ◆ Contributions / Testimonies / Articles / Financial ◆ Suggestions / Recommendations <p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Social Media ◆ Website ◆ Outreach 	Karen Parker Monica Rush Barb Capps & Karen Parker Michelle Turner Jason Hamilton Robert Gillam & Zach Wilson
Thursday April 11 th	<p>General Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ General Update / Events 	Benji Pedersen

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Day	Topic	Discussion Leader
Thursday <i>Cont'd.</i> April 11 th	"Two Year" Message Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 Stewardships Progress ◆ Preparation Progress ◆ Suggestions / Comments Members Forum Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Overview Results and Future 	Richard Neill Benji Pedersen
Friday April 12 th	Missionary Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vision ◆ Needs ◆ Training Domestic & Foreign Incl. Missionary Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vision ◆ Needs ◆ Training 	Tom Mitchell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic Outreach - ARM - GEM - LAMB - SEAAM - Native American

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Displays - Publications - Printed Materials

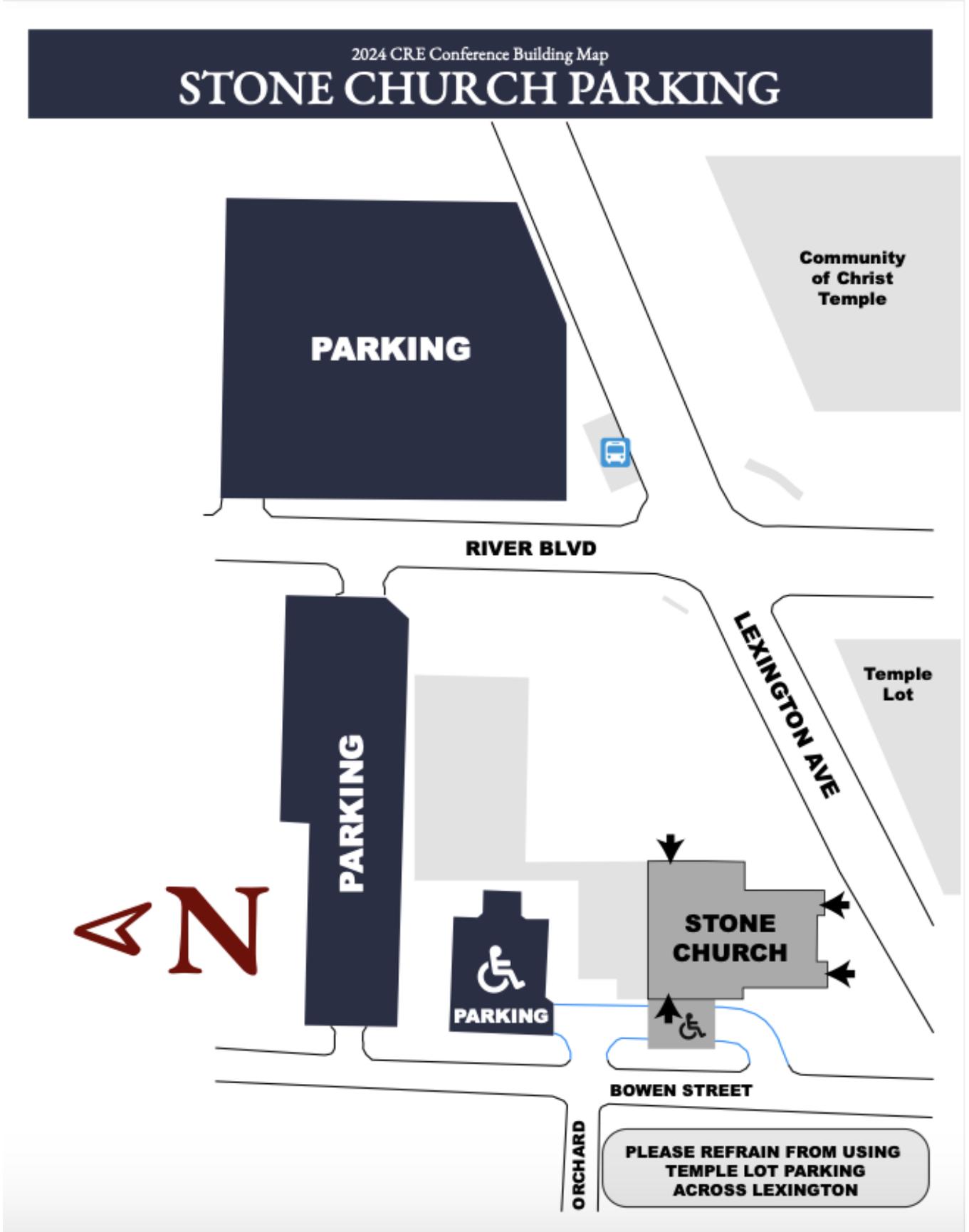
Many organizations were granted the privilege of display space during this year's Conference week. A selection of materials from various sources are on display in the Luff Auditorium. Please stop by and look over the many items displayed. It is hereby explicitly stated, however, that no endorsement of materials, programs, or organizations over which the Conference has no control is in any way implied or given. Further, the distribution of personal writings or solicitation of funds by individuals is not permitted. All solicitation of funds by groups must be pre-approved. If anyone has a question or request concerning this notice, they should present it to the Conference Manager for referral.

Parking

Parking will be available in the Stone Church parking lot as well as along the street on the west side of the church and in the parking lot on the east side of River Street. Please respect the needs of our neighbors as well as other guests. (See Page 10 for parking map.)

On Wednesday evening, April 10th, the Stone Church will be hosting a dinner for the needy of the community. Please be mindful and courteous to those in attendance and also be aware of your surroundings.

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Melchizedec Credentials Guidelines

Amended April 6, 2010

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 Melchisedec 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.

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Melchizedec Credentials Guidelines, *Cont'd.*

Amended April 6, 2010

Circumstances or questions concerning eligibility of a Melchisedec 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.

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Financial Reports & Budgets

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2023 ACTUAL CONFERENCE ACTUALS**

The following is the results of the 2023 Conference.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – April 30, 2023 (FY 2024)

	Actuals
Conference Income	
- Conference Offerings	\$6,908.02
- Meal Proceeds	\$463.00
- Other Contributions	\$1,468.00
Total Conference Income	\$8,839.02
Conference Income	
- Food Costs	\$837.17
- Rent	\$5,000.00
- IT & Audio / Visual Support / AV Equipment	\$2,400.00
- Foreign Participants / Internet	\$0.00
- Custodial Support	\$0.00
- Supplies & Printing	\$1,928.25
Total Conference Expenses	\$10,165.42
Net Income (Loss)	
	(\$1,326.40)

STATE OF FINANCIAL POSITION – April 30, 2023

Cash		Amount
*	Bank of America - General	\$172,463.69
	Bank of America - ARM	\$153,784.57
	Bank of America - LAMB	\$141,063.74
	Bank of America - LAMB2	\$1,433.15
	Bank of America - SEAAM	\$23,274.14
	Bank of America - GEM	\$21,239.84
	Bank of America - FSM	\$68,160.20
	- Total Assets - Cash	\$581,419.33

Fund Balances / Equity	Amount
* General Operating Fund	\$83,344.59
* Domestic Outreach Fund	\$48,692.81
* International Outreach Fund	\$30,364.00
* Gathering Fund	\$3,970.00
* Patriarch's Fund	\$2,884.86
* Conference Fund	(\$475.76)
* YMC Fund	\$1,000.00
* All Saints RG Fund	\$2,683.19
- Sub Total	\$172,463.69
ARM Fund	\$153,784.57
LAMB Fund	\$141,063.74
LAMB 2 Fund Balance	\$1,433.15
SEAAM Fund	\$23,274.14
GEM Fund Balance	\$21,239.84
FSM Fund	\$68,160.20
- Sub Total	\$408,955.64
- Grand Total Balances / Equity	\$581,419.33

**Conference of Restoration Elders
INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNDS**

May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 (FY 2024)

	General Fund	Gathering Fund	Patriarch's Fund	Conference Fund	ARM Fund	LAMB Fund	SEAAM Fund	GEM Fund	LAMB 2 Fund	YMC Fund	FSM Fund	All Saints RG Fund
Total Income	\$35,083.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,839.02	\$318,086.07	\$84,964.11	\$43,889.88	\$16,240.84	\$0.00	\$1,029.91	\$119,166.87	\$3,100.00
Total Expense	\$41,031.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,165.42	\$282,206.86	\$44,811.36	\$41,918.74	\$9,338.70	\$0.00	\$29.91	\$87,635.48	\$842.00
Net Income (Loss)	(\$5,948.60)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,326.40)	\$35,879.21	\$40,152.75	\$1,971.14	\$6,902.14	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$31,531.39	\$2,258.00
Beginning Fund Balance	\$159,933.63	\$3,970.00	\$2,884.86	\$850.64	\$120,818.51	\$100,910.99	\$21,303.00	\$14,337.70	\$1,433.15	\$10,000.00	\$36,628.81	\$425.19
+ Other Fund Balance Movements	(\$70,640.44)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,913.15)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Net Income / (Loss)	(\$5,948.60)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,326.40)	\$35,879.21	\$40,152.75	\$1,971.14	\$6,902.14	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$31,531.39	\$2,258.00
= Ending Fund Balance	\$83,344.59	\$3,970.00	\$2,884.86	(\$475.76)	\$153,784.57	\$141,063.74	\$23,274.14	\$21,239.84	\$1,433.15	\$1,000.00	\$68,160.20	\$2,683.19

* Discrepancy between bank balance & Apalos. To be worked out w/ARM & CRE Treasurers

INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNDS

May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 (FY 2024)

FY 2023 Income and Expenses Summary Statement	Balance Forwarded by FY 2022		General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/ Outreach Council	International Missionary/ Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	Total Forwarded	Difference
	FY 2023 Budget									Actual Income	
FY 2023 Income	104,300.00	\$35,083.30	\$13,410.39	\$8,609.07	\$3,235.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,477.76	(\$43,822.24)
FY 2023 Expense	104,300.00	\$41,031.90	\$15,598.21	\$9,916.26	\$4,000.00	\$1,227.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,773.97	(\$32,526.03)
Income / Expense		(\$5,948.60)	(\$2,187.82)	(\$1,307.19)	(\$765.00)					(\$11,296.21)	
Other Fund Balance Movements		(\$70,640.44)		\$50,000.00	\$23,000.00					\$2,359.56	
Ending Balance FY 2023		\$83,344.59	(\$2,187.82)	\$48,692.81	\$30,364.00	(\$1,087.60)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,125.98	

* General Operations Fund Reduced by this amount

Conference of Restoration Elders
STATEMENT OF GENERAL OPERATING FUND INCOME and EXPENSE and PROPOSED FY 2024 BUDGET
 May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023

FY 2023 INCOME DETAIL	FY 2023 Budget	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/Outreach Council	International Missionary/Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	All Saints RG	Actual Income	Difference	Proposed FY 2024 Budget
CRE-General Contributions/In & Out	\$39,100.00	\$32,858.30								\$32,858.30	(\$6,241.70)	\$23,429.00
Internet & Communications	\$5,000.00									\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$5,700.00
Conference Proceeds	\$0.00									\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Book and Tape Sales	\$100.00									\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
Meeting/Retreat Registration	\$4,000.00	\$2,225.00								\$2,225.00	(\$1,775.00)	\$3,500.00
Publications Council/Tidings	\$15,000.00		\$13,410.39							\$13,410.39	(\$1,589.61)	\$10,000.00
Domestic Missionary/Outreach	\$30,000.00			\$8,609.07						\$8,609.07	(\$21,390.93)	
International Missionary/Outreach	\$7,900.00									\$3,235.00	(\$4,665.00)	
Women's Council/Retreats	\$2,000.00					\$140.00				\$140.00	(\$1,860.00)	\$500.00
Education Council/Materials	\$200.00						\$0.00			\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$500.00
Youth Council/Retreats	\$1,000.00							\$0.00		\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
Special Prints (SA)										\$0.00	\$0.00	
All Saints Restoration Group									\$104.47	\$104.47	\$104.47	
Total Income	\$104,300.00	\$35,083.30	\$13,410.39	\$8,609.07	\$3,235.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104.47	\$60,582.23	(\$43,717.77)	\$43,629.00

FY 2023 EXPENSE DETAIL	FY 2023 Budget	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/Outreach Council	International Missionary/Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	All Saints RG	Actual Expenses	Difference	Proposed FY 2024 Budget
Rent	\$14,000.00	\$13,087.00								\$13,087.00	(\$913.00)	\$14,000.00
Office Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$0.00								\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00
Equip. Repairs & Replacement	\$17,000.00	\$16,476.96								\$16,476.96	(\$523.04)	\$150.00
Phone, Internet & Communication	\$5,000.00	\$5,381.09								\$5,381.09	\$381.09	\$5,000.00
Advertising & Promotion	\$300.00	\$0.00								\$0.00	(\$300.00)	\$0.00
Supplies & Materials	\$300.00	\$309.93								\$309.93	\$9.93	\$100.00
Postage & Delivery (SA)	\$400.00	\$180.00								\$180.00	(\$220.00)	\$330.00
Printing & Reproduction (SA)	\$100.00	\$393.42								\$393.42	\$293.42	\$310.00
Administrative, Audit & WePay	\$500.00	\$725.50								\$725.50	\$225.50	\$539.00
Insurance	\$1,200.00	\$1,398.00								\$1,398.00	\$198.00	\$1,400.00
Retreat/Meeting Expense	\$4,000.00	\$3,080.00								\$3,080.00	(\$920.00)	\$2,500.00
Publications Council	\$15,000.00		\$15,598.21							\$15,598.21	\$598.21	\$17,000.00
Domestic Missionary/Outreach	\$30,000.00			\$9,916.26						\$9,916.26	(\$20,083.74)	\$17,000.00
International Missionary/Outreach	\$10,000.00				\$4,000.00					\$4,000.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$17,000.00
Women's Council	\$2,000.00					\$1,227.60				\$1,227.60	(\$772.40)	\$1,500.00
Education Council	\$1,000.00						\$0.00			\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$300.00
Youth Council	\$1,000.00							\$0.00		\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$500.00
All Saints Restoration Group									\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$104,300.00	\$41,031.90	\$15,598.21	\$9,916.26	\$4,000.00	\$1,227.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,773.97	(\$32,526.03)	\$77,629.00

Conference of Restoration Elders 2024 CONFERENCE EXPENSE

The following estimated budget is presented simply as information for all registrants and visitors. As you are aware, once again this year, there is no registration fee for participating in the Conference. However, as shown in the proposed budget below, there is a good idea of cost associated with conducting the Conference. Please keep these expenses in mind as opportunities to contribute to the Conference are presented.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – February 29, 2024 (FY 2025)

Proposed Budget	
Conference Income	
- Conference Offerings	\$12,850.00
- Meal Proceeds	\$1,500.00
- Other Contributions	\$1,300.00
Total Conference Income	\$15,650.00
Conference Income	
- Food Costs	\$1,000.00
- Rent	\$7,500.00
- IT & Audio / Visual Support / AV Equipment	\$4,150.00
- Foreign Participants / Internet	\$1,500.00
- Custodial Support (We Do Final Clean)	\$200.00
- Supplies & Printing	\$1,300.00
Total Conference Expenses	\$15,650.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$0.00

Cash	Amount
* Bank of America - General	\$169,586.22
Bank of America - ARM	\$124,045.00
Bank of America - LAMB	\$132,283.82
Bank of America - LAMB2	\$1,433.15
Bank of America - SEAAM	\$1,472.51
Bank of America - GEM	\$17,447.67
Bank of America - FSM	\$72,420.85
- Total Assets - Cash	\$518,689.22

Fund Balances / Equity	Amount
* General Operating Fund	\$80,246.21
* Domestic Outreach Fund	\$52,219.65
* International Outreach Fund	\$29,720.55
* Gathering Fund	\$3,970.00
* Patriarch's Fund	\$2,884.86
* Conference Fund	(\$2,729.24)
* YMC Fund (Youth Ministry Core)	\$1,000.00
* All Saints Restoration Group Fund	\$2,274.19
- Sub Total	\$169,586.22
ARM Fund	\$124,045.00
LAMB Fund	\$132,283.82
LAMB 2 Fund Balance	\$1,433.15
SEAAM Fund	\$1,472.51
GEM Fund Balance	\$17,447.67
FSM Fund	\$72,420.85
- Sub Total	\$349,103.00
- Grand Total Balances / Equity	\$518,689.22

Conference of Restoration Elders
INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNDS

May 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 (Report covers 10 months of FY 2025*)

	General Fund	Gathering Fund	Patriarch's Fund	Conference Fund	ARM Fund	LAMB Fund	SEAAM Fund	GEM Fund	LAMB 2 Fund	YMC Fund	FSM Fund	All Saints RG Fund
Total Income	\$23,046.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,036.94	\$250,107.41	\$43,725.00	\$22,736.00	\$3,083.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,007.21	\$200.00
Total Expense	\$20,287.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,290.42	\$273,593.53	\$52,504.93	\$44,537.63	\$6,875.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,746.56	\$609.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$2,758.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,253.48)	(\$23,486.12)	(\$8,779.93)	(\$21,801.63)	(\$3,792.17)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,260.65	(\$409.00)
* Includes \$1,000 deposit for 2024 Conference - Stone Church												
Beginning Fund Balance	\$159,125.98	\$3,970.00	\$2,884.86	(\$475.76)	\$153,784.57	\$141,063.74	\$23,274.14	\$21,239.84	\$1,433.15	\$1,000.00	\$68,160.20	\$2,683.19
+ Other Fund Balance Movements	(\$81,638.28)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,253.45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Net Income / (Loss)	\$2,758.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,253.48)	(\$23,486.12)	(\$8,779.93)	(\$21,801.63)	(\$3,792.17)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,260.65	(\$409.00)
= Ending Fund Balance	\$80,246.21	\$3,970.00	\$2,884.86	(\$2,729.24)	\$124,045.00	\$132,283.81	\$1,472.51	\$17,447.67	\$1,433.15	\$1,000.00	\$72,420.85	\$2,274.19

* Discrepancy between bank balance & Apalos. To be worked out w/ARM & CRE Treasurers

INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNDS

May 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 (FY 2025)

FY 2024 Income and Expenses Summary Statement	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/ Outreach Council	International Missionary/ Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	Total Forwarded	Difference	
									Actual Income	Difference
Balance Forwarded by FY 2023	\$83,344.59	\$0.00	\$48,692.81	\$30,364.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,125.98		
FY 2024 Budget										
FY 2024 Income	\$23,046.42	\$7,218.90	\$17,495.24	\$1,600.00	\$306.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,666.85	\$4,266.85	
FY 2024 Expense	\$20,287.91	\$12,519.59	\$13,968.40	\$2,243.45	\$1,104.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,124.13	\$4,724.13	
Income / Expense	\$2,758.51	(\$5,300.69)	\$3,526.84	(\$643.45)	(\$798.49)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$457.28)		
Other Fund Balance Movements	(\$5,856.89)							(\$5,856.89)		
Ending Balance FY 2024	\$80,246.21	(\$5,300.69)	\$52,219.65	\$29,720.55	(\$798.49)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156,087.23		

* General Operations Fund Reduced by this amount

Conference of Restoration Elders
STATEMENT OF GENERAL OPERATING FUND INCOME and EXPENSE and PROPOSED FY 2024 BUDGET
 May 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 (10 months)

FY 2024 INCOME DETAIL	FY 2024 Budget	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/Outreach Council	International Missionary/Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	All Saints RG	Actual Income	Difference	Proposed FY 2025 Budget
CRE-General Contributions/In & Out	\$17,820.00	\$19,265.36								\$19,265.36	\$1,445.36	\$26,990.00
Internet & Communications	\$5,800.00									\$0.00	(\$5,800.00)	\$0.00
Conference Proceeds	\$0.00									\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Book and Tape Sales	\$0.00									\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meeting/Retreat Registration	\$3,000.00	\$3,781.06								\$3,781.06	\$781.06	\$4,000.00
Publications Council/Tidings	\$17,000.00		\$7,218.90							\$7,218.90	(\$9,781.10)	\$12,000.00
Women's Council/Retreats	\$1,000.00					\$306.29				\$306.29	(\$693.71)	\$1,500.00
Education Council/Materials	\$280.00						\$0.00			\$0.00	(\$280.00)	\$300.00
Youth Council/Retreats	\$500.00							\$0.00		\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
Special Prints (SA)										\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
All Saints Restoration Group									\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$45,400.00	\$23,046.42	\$7,218.90			\$306.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$30,771.61	(\$14,628.39)	\$44,790.00

FY 2024 EXPENSE DETAIL	FY 2024 Budget	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/Outreach Council	International Missionary/Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	All Saints RG	Actual Expenses	Difference	Proposed FY 2025 Budget
Rent	\$14,000.00	\$11,201.00								\$11,201.00	(\$2,799.00)	\$14,000.00
Office Repairs & Maintenance	\$500.00									\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$250.00
Equip. Repairs & Replacement	\$300.00	\$158.73								\$158.73	(\$141.27)	\$200.00
Phone, Internet & Communication	\$5,800.00	\$4,718.69								\$4,718.69	(\$1,081.31)	\$5,000.00
Advertising & Promotion	\$200.00									\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00
Supplies & Materials	\$300.00	\$67.16								\$67.16	(\$232.84)	\$100.00
Postage & Delivery (SA)	\$200.00	\$330.00								\$330.00	\$130.00	\$330.00
Printing & Reproduction (SA)	\$200.00	\$310.00								\$310.00	\$110.00	\$310.00
Administrative, Audit & WePay	\$720.00	\$540.33								\$540.33	(\$179.67)	\$700.00
Insurance	\$1,400.00	\$706.00								\$706.00	(\$694.00)	\$1,400.00
Retreat/Meeting Expense	\$3,000.00	\$2,256.00								\$2,256.00	(\$744.00)	\$3,000.00
Publications Council	\$17,000.00		\$12,519.59							\$12,519.59	(\$4,480.41)	\$17,000.00
Women's Council	\$1,000.00					\$1,104.78				\$1,104.78	\$104.78	\$1,500.00
Education Council	\$280.00									\$0.00	(\$280.00)	\$300.00
Youth Council	\$500.00									\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$500.00
All Saints Restoration Group									\$609.00	\$609.00	\$609.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$45,400.00	\$20,287.91	\$12,519.59			\$1,104.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$609.00	\$34,521.28	(\$10,878.72)	\$44,790.00

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MISSIONARY BOARDS and PROGRAM INCOME STATEMENT and BUDGETS

Latan American Missions Board (LAMB) Annual Summary			
May 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024			
Beginning Balance	\$141,063.75		Proposed FY 2025 Budget
INCOME			
General Contributions	\$24,951.00		\$26,750.00
Restricted Contributions	\$18,774.00		\$25,000.00
Total Income	\$43,725.00		\$51,750.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative		Honduras	Mexico
Bank Fees		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer Fees		\$0.00	\$62.91
Website			
Printing			
Total Administrative	\$62.91		\$80.00
Operations		Honduras	Mexico
Church Building Fund		\$1,500.00	
Mission Support		\$4,000.00	
Oblation		\$5,300.00	
Student Support		\$5,450.00	
Annual Conference (Honduras)		\$3,200.00	
Vehicle Maintenance			\$16,294.00
Plane Tickets		\$1,798.02	
Other Travel			
Juan Travel to US			\$0.00
Total Operations	\$37,542.02		\$27,600.00
Missionary		Honduras	Mexico
Priesthood Support		\$6,800.00	\$8,100.00
Books & Tracts (purchase/shipping)			
Electronic Equipment			
Total Missionary	\$14,900.00		\$18,350.00
Total Of All Expenses	\$52,504.93		\$46,030.00
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	-\$8,779.93		\$5,720.00
Ending Balance	\$132,283.82		

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SEAAM FY 2024 Financial Statement & FY 2025 Budget				
FY 2024 Beginning SEAAM Fund Balance		23,274.14		
	FY 2024 Budget	Actuals	Variance	FY 2025 Budget
Total SEAAM Income	45,000.00	22,736.00	22,264.00	48,500.00
Total SEAAM Expenses	45,000.00	44,537.63	462.37	48,500.00
Income/Expenses	-	(21,801.63)		
FY 2024 Ending SEAAM Fund Balance		1,472.51		
Income & Expense Categories	FY 2024 Budget	Actual Income/	Budget	Proposed FY 2025
SEAAM GENERAL OPERATIONS				
SEAAM-General Contributions	2,000.00	7,800.00	(5,800.00)	2,000.00
SEAAM-Tuition Assistance	-	-	-	-
SubTotal Income	2,000.00	7,800.00	(5,800.00)	2,000.00
Expenses - SEAAM	1,500.00	5,132.19	(3,632.19)	1,500.00
Bank Fees & Wire Transfers	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Printing Materials	-	-	-	-
SubTotal Expenses	2,000.00	5,132.19	(3,132.19)	2,000.00
PHILLIPPINES				
Philippines Income	5,000.00	3,550.00	1,450.00	5,000.00
Philippines Tuition Assistance	15,000.00	1,350.00	13,650.00	18,000.00
Philippines Oblation	5,000.00	10,021.02	(5,021.02)	10,000.00
Philippines Travel Assistance	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,500.00
Philippines Seventy Income	-	-	-	-
SubTotal Income	29,000.00	14,921.02	14,078.98	34,500.00
Philippines Educational Materials	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	-
Philippines Ministry Expense	4,000.00	1,103.00	2,897.00	2,000.00
Philippines Rent & Building Exp	2,000.00	350.00	1,650.00	2,000.00
Philippines Travel Expenses	2,000.00	5,100.00	(3,100.00)	500.00
Philippines Tuition Exp Dispersed	15,000.00	21,131.42	(6,131.42)	20,000.00
Philippines Seventy Expense	-	-	-	-
SubTotal Expenses	24,000.00	27,684.42	(3,684.42)	34,500.00
NEPAL				
Nepal Income	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
Nepal Tuition Assistance	-	-	-	-
Nepal Oblation	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Nepal Travel Assistance	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
SubTotal Income	11,000.00	-	11,000.00	11,000.00
Nepal Educational Materials	-	-	-	-
Nepal Ministry Expenses	4,000.00	1,400.00	2,600.00	4,000.00
Nepal Oblation	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Nepal Rent & Building Exp	-	-	-	-
Nepal Travel Expenses	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Nepal Tuition Exp Dispersed	-	-	-	-
SubTotal Expenses	11,000.00	1,400.00	9,600.00	11,000.00
AUSTRALIA				
Australia Income	-	-	-	-
Australia Travel Assistance	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
SubTotal Income	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Australia Ministry Expense	-	-	-	-
Australia Oblation	-	-	-	-
Australia Travel Expenses	3,000.00	300.00	2,700.00	3,000.00
Australia Rent & Building Exp	-	-	-	-
Australia Tuition Expense	-	-	-	-
Australia Education Material	-	-	-	-
SubTotal Expenses	3,000.00	300.00	2,700.00	3,000.00

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Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM)		
FY2024 Financial Statement & FY 2025 Budget		
Income - May 1, 2023 through Feb 29, 2024		Proposed FY25 Budget
* Beginning Balance	\$68,160.20	
FSM Income	\$31,931.05	\$40,000.00
FSM Dispersed Income	\$40,076.16	\$45,000.00
Total Income	\$72,007.21	\$85,000.00
Expense - May 1, 2023 through Feb 29, 2024		
FSM General Expenses	\$154.68	\$200.00
FSM Distributed Funds	\$67,220.13	\$75,000.00
WePay Transactions	\$371.75	\$200.00
Total Expense	\$67,746.56	\$75,400.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,260.65	\$9,600.00
Summary		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$68,160.20	\$72,420.85
+ Other Fund Balance Movements	\$0.00	
+ Net Income / (Loss)	\$4,260.65	
= Ending Fund Balance	\$72,420.85	\$82,020.85

GEM FY 2024 Financial Statement & FY 2025 Budget					
FY2023 Beginning Balance			\$21,239.84		Proposed FY 2025 Budget
GEM Income - May 1, 2023 through Feb 29, 2024		FY24 Budget	Actuals	Difference	Income
4500	GEM - General Contributions	\$10,000.00	\$3,083.00	\$6,917.00	\$8,000.00
4510	England Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	
4520	Germany Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total GEM Income		\$10,000.00	\$3,083.00		\$8,000.00
GEM Expenses - May 1, 2023 through Feb 29, 2024		FY24 Budget	Actuals	Difference	Expenses
9500	GEM General Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	
9511	England Travel Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,242.18	\$757.82	\$1,500.00
9520	Germany Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9521	Germany Travel Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$5,132.99	\$2,867.01	\$4,800.00
9522	Germany Oblation		\$500.00	-\$500.00	\$1,500.00
9523	Germany Education Materials				\$200.00
Total GEM Expenses		\$10,000.00	\$6,875.17		\$8,000.00
Net Income (Loss)			-\$3,792.17		
FY2024 Ending Balance			\$17,447.67		

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MISSIONARY BOARDS and PROGRAM INCOME STATEMENT and BUDGETS

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ARM FY 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT and FY 2025 BUDGET

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ARM YEAR END RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED BALANCES

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2023-2024 Conference of Restoration Elders Leadership Nomination Form

Conference Officers

Chairman: Brian K. Mundy
Secretary: Jason Anderson
Treasurer: Ray Lane
Historian: Danny Hight

Corporate Officers

President: Brian K. Mundy
Secretary: Jason Anderson
Treasurer: Ray Lane

Conference Councils

Coordinating Council

1. Jay Havener 1 yr.
2. Jason Anderson 1 yr.
3. Zach Wilson 1 yr.
4. Benji Pedersen 1 yr.
5. Larry Cottrill
6. Robert Gillam
7. Eric Odida
8. Doug Smith
9. Sean Telljohann

Domestic Missionary / Outreach

1. Pete Hughes 1 yr.
2. Tom Mitchell 1 yr.
3. John Mundy 1 yr.
4. Dale Stafford 1 yr.
5. Frank Dippel
6. John Eichhorn
7. Brian Herren
8. Steve Kropp
9. Brian Mundy

(Continuation Under Evaluation)

Education Council

1. Peter Cornish 1 yr.
2. Mark Farnham 1 yr.
3. Richard Neill 1 yr.
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Youth Council

1. Heather Joyce 1 yr.
2. Chrispin Nyamgwara 1 yr.
3. David Samuel 1 yr.
4. Andrew Smith 1 yr.
5. Ivan Telljohann 1 yr.
6. Julie Betler
7. Aiden Schrunk
8. Andrew Smith

Aaronic Council

1. Chris Cunningham 1 yr.
2. Stephen Henson 1 yr.
3. Mark McCormick 1 yr.
4. Ivan Telljohann 1 yr.

(All Appointed By Missionary Boards)

International Missionary / Outreach

1. Chris Capps
2. Dale Stafford
3. Stephen Henson
4. John L. Mundy
5. Manuel Castillo
6. Mark Farnham
7. Dayn Cederstrom
8. Kevin Humphry

Publications Council

1. Jackie Frinsthal 1 yr.
2. Rebecca Griffin 1 yr.
3. Jacob Roberts 1 yr.
4. Janet Dickson
5. Jason Hamilton
6. Kathi Havener
7. April Smith

(Continuation Under Evaluation)

Stewardship Council

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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Women's Council

1. Kristin Barrett 1 yr.
2. Barb Capps 1 yr.
3. Karen Parker 1 yr.
4. Bethany Eggenberger
5. Angie Goff
6. Monica Rush
7. Michelle Turner
8. _____
9. _____

5. Henry Trickett 1 yr.
6. Wilbur Wilson 1 yr.
7. _____
8. _____

2024-2025 Conference of Restoration Elders Leadership Nomination Form

2023-2024 Conference Officers

Chairman: Brian K. Mundy _____
 Secretary: Jason Anderson _____
 Treasurer: Ray Lane _____
 Historian: Danny Hight _____

Nominee

2023-2024 Corporate Officers

President: Brian K. Mundy _____
 Secretary: Jason Anderson _____
 Treasurer: Ray Lane _____

Nominee

Conference Councils

Coordinating Council

1. Larry Cottrill 1 yr.
2. Robert Gillam 1 yr.
3. Eric Odida 1 yr.
4. Doug Smith 1 yr.
5. Sean Telljohann 1 yr.
6. _____
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Domestic Missionary / Outreach

1. Frank Dippel 1 yr.
2. John Eichhorn 1 yr.
3. Brian Herren 1 yr.
4. Steve Kropp 1 yr.
5. Brian Mundy 1 yr.
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(Continuation Under Evaluation)

Education Council

1. Peter Cornish 1 yr.
2. Mark Farnham 1 yr.
3. Richard Neill 1 yr.
4. _____
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6. _____
7. _____

Youth Council

1. Julie Betler 1 yr.
2. Aiden Schrunck 1 yr.
3. Andrew Smith 1 yr.
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(All Appointed By Missionary Boards)

International Missionary / Outreach

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| | 1. | <u>Chris Capps</u> | _____ |
| | 2. | <u>Dale Stafford</u> | _____ |
| ARM | 3. | <u>Stephen Henson</u> | _____ |
| | 4. | <u>John L. Mundy</u> | _____ |
| GEM | 5. | <u>Manuel Castillo</u> | _____ |
| | 6. | <u>Mark Farnham</u> | _____ |
| LAMB | 7. | <u>Dayn Cederstrom</u> | _____ |
| | 8. | <u>Kevin Humphry</u> | _____ |
| SEAAM | | | |

Publications Council

1. Janet Dickson 1 yr.
2. Jason Hamilton - Chairman 1 yr.
3. Kathi Havener 1 yr.
4. April Smith 1 yr.
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

(Continuation Under Evaluation)

Stewardship Council

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Women's Council

1. Bethany Eggenberger 1 yr.
2. Angie Goff 1 yr.
3. Monica Rush 1 yr.
4. Michelle Turner 1 yr.
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Aaronic Council

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PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES

BASIC PRINCIPLES

Only one matter shall be considered at a time (keep it clear)

No one can speak until recognized by the presiding officer.

No one can speak a second time, on the same issue, as long as another wants to speak for the first time.

The presiding officer should try to alternately recognize speakers with opposing points view.

Each group should have a Constitution and bylaws that specifies the quorum and any modifications of basic parliamentary procedure.

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to order and quorum check

Minutes of previous meeting

Committee reports (standing & special)

Unfinished business

New business

Announcements

Adjournment

MOTION vs RESOLUTIONS

A main motion is an actionable matter, which specifies what the group will do in the future.

A resolution is a formal statement of opinion about a matter outside the jurisdiction of the group.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments should be "relevant" but can also contradict the "intent" of the main motion or resolution.

Only two amendments can be on the floor at the same time: one to amend the main motion or resolution and one to amend the amendment. Additional amendments must wait until at least one of the two is disposed of.

Amendments should be voted on before the main motion or resolution is voted on. If an amendment is tabled or postponed, the applicable main motion or resolution should be tabled or postponed.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Methods of voting: vocal (aye or nay), showing hands, standing, roll call or secret ballot.

The method of voting may be specified in the bylaws or chosen by the presiding officer. A group may overturn the bylaws method by a 2/3 vote on a main motion that specifies a different method, or it may overturn the choice of the presiding officer by a majority vote on such a motion.

Abstentions are group members present at a meeting but not voting, and abstentions do not affect voting. E.g., In a group of 1,000 members: 2 in favor, 1 opposed and 997 abstentions would be both a majority and 2/3 vote for the matter voted on. The presiding officer, if a member of the group, can vote at any time if the bylaws don't specify otherwise. The presiding officer can vote to break ties, or to create ties (and thus defeat a motion). If not a member of the group, the presiding officer should not vote at any time.

To stop debate and proceed to the voting, a group can pass the "previous question" (2/3 vote), or a member of the group can "call the question" (unanimous consent of the group), or the presiding officer can ask for a vote (also unanimous consent of the group).

APPEALS

Decisions of the presiding officer are limited by the will of the group. Any "Chair" decision may be overturned by "appealing the decision of the chair." The majority vote determines the decision, even if some members of the group disagree.

INFORMALITY

Formal procedures require a motion or resolution, properly made and seconded, before debate begins on the issue. Some informal groups discuss the topic first, and the motion or resolution is formulated during discussion. The presiding officer should allow debate, amendments, etc., in both procedures.

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SIMPLE CHART OF MOTION

Motions are ranked from bottom to top. When any motion is immediately pending, the motions above it are in order; those below it are out of order.

ADJOURN	Requires 2 nd			Majority
RECESS	Requires 2 nd		May Amend	Majority
TABLE	Requires 2 nd			Majority
PREVIOUS QUESTION	Requires 2 nd			2/3 Vote
LIMIT DEBATE	Requires 2 nd		May Amend	Majority
POSTPONE DEFINITELY	Requires 2 nd	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
REFER	Requires 2 nd	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
AMEND THE AMENDMENT	Requires 2 nd	May Debate		Majority
AMEND THE MOTION	Requires 2 nd	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
POSTPONE INDEFINITELY	Requires 2 nd	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
OBJECT TO CONSIDERATION	Before debate begins	No Debate		2/3 Vote
MAIN MOTION	Requires 2 nd	May Debate	May Amend	Majority

HOW TO MAKE MOTIONS

- 1) "I move that _____."
- 2) "I object to the consideration of this motion." (Must be BEFORE ANY DEBATE. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.)
- 3) "I move that we postpone this matter indefinitely." (A motion to kill.)
- 4) "I move that we amend the motion by _____." OR "I move that we strike out _____ and insert _____." OR "I move a substitute for paragraph _____."
- 5) "I move that we amend the amendment by _____."
- 6) "I move that this matter be referred to a committee made up of _____."
- 7) "I move that we postpone action on this matter until _____."
- 8) "I move that we limit debate on the entire question to _____ more minutes." OR "I move that each speaker be limited to _____ minutes," ETC.
- 9) "I move the previous question." OR "I call for the question on the entire matter before us."
- 10) "I move that we lay the matter on the table." (This action tables ALL pending business.)
- 11) "I move that we have a _____ minutes recess."
- 12) "I move that we adjourn."

***In formal parliamentary procedure, motions to limit debate and recess are not debatable and only amendments of motions to adjourn and fix time of next meeting are debatable.**

Proposed Resolution #1

Proposed Changes to the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Whereas, at the 2023 Conference of Restoration Elders discussed changes to the Melchisedec Credential Guidelines,

And whereas, they unable to reach consensus,

And whereas, they referred the proposed changes to the Coordinating Council to bring back their recommendation.

Be it resolved that through prayer and discussion the Coordinating Council resubmits the proposed changes as it was submitted at the 2023 conference with the exception of one correction in the first paragraph changing “activities” to “conferences”.

~ 2023 ~

Proposed Changes to the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Previously Amended April 6, 2010, offered by the Coordinating Council

Whereas, the current Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines have not been reviewed for the past 13 years,

And whereas, the Lord spoke to His priesthood at Kirtland in September 24, 2022, to be willing to remove all barriers and hinderances to the achievement of Zion,

And whereas, it is individuals who make up the body of the Conference of Restoration Elders rather than the branches,

Be it resolved that the Melchisedec Credential Guidelines represent the direction in which the Lord has desired we take in removing barrier and hinderances to the work of the Conference of Restoration Elders,

And be it further resolved that these new guidelines be adopted by the vote of the Elders Conference and published as outlined below.

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

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

1. **Whose**, ~~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

Proposed Resolution #1, *Cont'd.*

Proposed Changes to the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Council between conferences. ~~(A “Restoration Branch~~ Said elder 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 the 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 to be considered and function as a “Restoration Branch.”~~ Any Elder which participated in such actions are required to renounce the same as a credentialed elder.

2. **Who**, while not joined with a branch, have remained faithful to their calling by supporting the “Restoration Position,” and whose office and calling have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between the 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 been affiliated with one or more of the factional movements—who are willing to renounce said affiliations 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 Credential 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~~ the Elders Conference.
 - a. Upon the written verification of two or more credible witnesses to conduct on the part of the Melchisedec priesthood member that is unbecoming a priesthood member, or conduct that is determined to that member’s 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.

Proposed Resolution #1, *Cont'd.*

Proposed Changes to the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Circumstances or questions concerning the eligibility of a Melchisedec priesthood member to be seated in the Elders Conference 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 Coordinating Council of the Conference of Restoration Elders 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 the conference will be preserved and protected.

Proposed Resolution #2

Assistant Treasurer

By: Conference Treasurer

Whereas the financial accounting for the conference continues to grow and whereas with a volunteer army labor and time is limited and whereas this will probably be the last year for the current treasurer.

Therefore, be it resolved that an assistant treasurer be elected at this conference and all future conferences.

Be it resolved that the assistant treasurer has full authority as the treasurer in the absence of or the need of the treasurer.

Proposed Resolution #3

Technology

By the Coordinating Council

Resolution to Establish a Technology Council for the Conference of Restoration Elders:

Whereas the integration of technology is becoming increasingly important for enhancing the operations and outreach of our church community.

Whereas there is a need for a structured approach to assess, implement, and optimize technology solutions within our church.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders establish a Technology Council with the following objectives:

1. To assess the current state of technology infrastructure within the Conference of Restoration Elders and identify areas for improvement.
2. To research and recommend technology solutions that enhance communication, community engagement, and outreach efforts.
3. To collaborate with various councils within the Conference of Restoration Elders to establish effective implementation of technology tools.
4. To evaluate the ongoing impact of technology on Restoration Church operations, communication, and outreach initiatives.

The Technology Committee will consist of representatives of various stakeholder groups such as, branch leaders, IT specialists, and members with interest in technology, to ensure a comprehensive ongoing perspective. The council should be made up of at least five members but no more than seven members. This resolution is effective immediately upon approval, and the committee shall convene regular meetings to address the outlined objectives.

Proposed Resolution #4

Women's Council

Whereas the Women's Council desires to promote harmony with past practices and would like to prevent further confusion, we recommend the following guidelines for the Women's Council:

Be it resolved that the size of the Women's Council be limited to 7 members unless the Council determines more help is needed to accomplish the work and requests an increase in the number of members.

Prior to Conference the Council Chair shall inform the Conference Chairman of the names the Council would like to nominate to fill the open positions.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

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~ Section 4 ~

Council, Missionary & Program Reports

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Coordinating Council

By: Larry Cottrill

The Coordinating Council remains keenly aware of the words of instruction given by the Lord during the priesthood gathering in Kirtland, September 2022.

For quick reference let me share an excerpt from the Lord's instructions:

“The Restoration has become filled, too often, with the spirit of contention. This is unseemly to me, when I have made it clear to you so many times that you must become one. Have you not heard my voice calling to you?...

There are two stewardships that will ensure success if you do them.

- 1) As the five wise virgins did in the parable of the last days, ‘Gather and sanctify your oil, before the cry at midnight’. Prepare yourself through scripture, prayer, fasting, and humble service. You must take the Holy Spirit as a guide in all things that you do in your life.
- 2) Be willing to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion. You must become one. This would include the groups and associations you have formed, and the responsibilities that you carry. Needful things will be restored. All else is inconsequential.”

Also given in that instruction was the command to “listen.” And as such, with these instructions squarely before us, the council has endeavored in our deliberations, plannings, worship, correspondences, and many on-going monthly meetings to work diligently to this end.

Actions taken last year in conference by the Elders Quorums placed four items, among other things to be completed, on our yearly agenda. They were: Kirtland Priesthood Gathering, Members Forum, Assembly of the Saints, and the 2024 CRE Conference. And while alone, these four items were a great lift, they were only part and partial to a year full of activities by the many at work for the Kingdom.

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council

By: Tom Mitchell

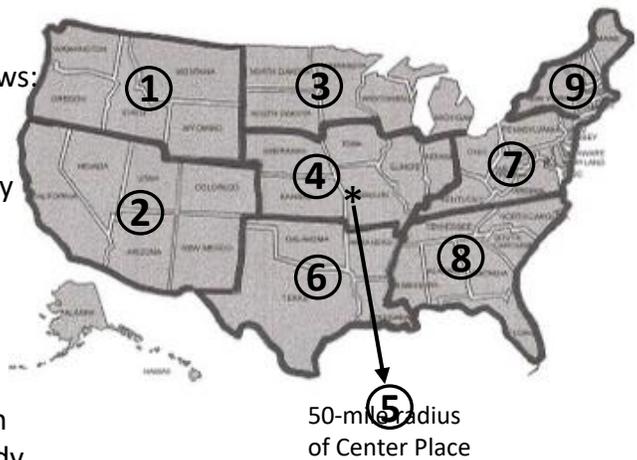
I have made a condensed report from each of the nine areas of the Domestic Outreach council. There are many challenges as you may be aware to this ministry outside of Independence. Many of the men travel far and wide, many times at their own expenses-as I am sure is true for many of you. I present their reports with thanksgiving for the work allowed to us and the hope of that which is to come. The field is ripe and already to harvest for so many more laborers. I invite all to come and join the harvest.

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

By: Tom Mitchell

The regions and their respective coordinators are as follows:

- Region 1: Northwest (Incl. Alaska) Brian Herren
- Region 2: Southwest (Incl. Hawaii) John L. Mundy
- Region 3: North Central (Incl. Canada) Tom Mitchell
- Region 4: Midwest (Excl. Center Place) Dale Stafford
- Region 5: Center Place Pete Hughes
- Region 6: South Central Steve Kropp
- Region 7: Mideast Frank Dippel
- Region 8: Southeast John Eichhorn
- Region 9: Northeast Brian K. Mundy



The following reflects some of the activities this year in a number of the Regions:

Region 1 (Incl. Alaska): Northwest Region Activities

By: Brian Herren

The Pacific Northwest Region is home to three organized Restoration branches and a number of scattered Saints. The membership here has come together to loosely pool their ministerial resources in order to provide collective worship opportunities for those of the western states in a non-binding and open fellowship. Each year, the membership elects regional officers to organize and oversee those collective Efforts. Elder Brian Herren was elected the regional director in 2023. The following worship and fellowship opportunities were successfully organized and implemented: a Regional Reunion, a Summer Preaching Series with guest ministry from Elder B.J. Schultz, a Women’s Retreat, a Men’s Retreat, a Priesthood Retreat, a week-long Summer Youth Camp, and three weekend youth retreats. The elected pastors of the three organized branches served as counselors to the Regional Director. Youth leadership, women’s leadership, music leadership, a treasurer, a secretary, and an auditor were elected or appointed.

The Saints of the Northwest continue to feel blessed by their friendship and unity with the Saints in the Center Place and throughout the world and maintain sincere gratitude for the ministry and leadership of our brethren beyond the west. We pray for Zion, and continue to seek and promote the cause in which we all feel equally interested in.



Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 1 (Incl. Alaska): Northwest Region Activities, *Cont'd.*

By: Brian Herren

The theme for 2023 was “Choosing the Kingdom”. The theme for 2024 is “Keep the Faith - Kindle the Fire”. We hope to continue the aforementioned sustaining ministry, and reach out to non-members through family, friends, and acquaintances to reach more people with the restored gospel message and fold them into the flocks where they can grow in Christ and His Kingdom. Some have moved into the region, and others are non-members who are open to hear that which we have to share and consider the Kingdom Way. In

either case, feel free to suggest any persons that we might contact to serve in this portion of the vineyard. We present this report in unity with our brethren and sisters of the Conference of Restoration Elders.

May God continue to bless and uphold you.

Region 2 (Incl. Hawaii): Southwest Region Activities

By: John L. Mundy

Domestic Outreach Missionary Trip - October 25 - November 6, 2023

Left KC on Oct 25th and stayed the night in Laramie, Wyoming. 26th drove to Ogden, UT. I had two families in Ogden to find. One family not at home. The other family, the husband had passed away. The wife remarried and now goes to a Presbyterian church, and I could not find the other family. Left Ogden, UT and went to Hebet, UT where I stayed the night at a cousin's home. Had a good visit, much pertaining to the Gospel as they are LDS. Left the next morning and looked up an attorney that his name was on my list that subscribed to the Tidings of Zion. He was not interested in the Gospel. He was a history buff and just wanted to keep up with what was happening in the Restoration. He actually belonged to the LDS. One other person had moved. I left Salt Lake and went to Elko, Nevada. Had three people to find there. All of these people I had addresses for but no telephone numbers. First family had sold their home 27 yrs. ago. The other two were working and were not at home. I got their cell phone numbers from the next-door neighbors. I called them, but they did not answer or return my calls. Stayed the night at Motel 6, and left the next morning for Sparks, NV. Had three people in Sparks to find. One was on vacation. No one home at the other two. Left Sparks on Saturday at approximately 1:00 p.m. and drove to Reno, NV. Went to a home south of Carson City. Dog was at home but no one else. At each home that the people were not at home, I left information where I could be reached. No responses. Saturday afternoon late I drove to Susanville, California to visit another cousin. Many years ago, she was ex-communicated from LDS church. Had a great visit, but no progress with the gospel of Christ. Sunday the 29th I left Susanville, CA to go to St. George, UT. I had to go through Sparks, NV, and I stopped to see if anyone was now at home. They were not. That night, I stayed at Mesquite, NV. The next morning, I

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 2 (Incl. Hawaii): Southwest Region Activities, *Cont'd.*

By: John L. Mundy

travelled to St. George, UT. I visited another cousin that had recently lost her husband, and I was able to provide some Bereavement Ministry there. The night of the 30th I went back to Mesquite, NV for the night as the hotel was only \$40.00 a night. I then went to Las Vegas. I had three people to find. The first one was an attorney that had his office in a gated community. The person at the gate called him to get permission for me to see him. Said he was too busy to see me and wouldn't give me his phone number. One of the others was not home and I couldn't find the address for the other. Left Las Vegas on Tuesday and drove to Casa Grande, AZ. My nephew and his wife were very receptive to hear the Gospel story. My nephew was baptized in the RLDS church when he was a young boy. I was in Casa Grande, AZ for 6 days. While there, I made a visit to a businessman that I was acquainted with. While talking with him, he said he was to have an operation on the 14th of November. We talked about administration, and I asked if he would want to receive a blessing of the laying on of hands. He agreed, and I performed the ordinance. When I mentioned the ordinance of anointing with oil, I told him it was in James 5. He got his Bible out and immediately turned to James 5 and read it. He already knew about the anointing. He is a very good Baptist but had somewhat of an open mind. I will follow up on his operation. I left Casa Grande on Monday to go to Estes Park, CO. I had contacted a lady that as a RLDS member but has not had contact with the church for several years. I arrived on Wednesday evening the 8th of November. I served communion to her and her husband. Her husband had been baptized by an Elder that I had great respect for, so I had no problem serving him the emblems. Had great conversations about the Gospel and what the church is today. Stayed the night and left for KC this morning. I travelled approximately 5,000 miles overall, and the trip was a success. Disappointing in some way, and fantastic in other ways. I learned a long time ago three things that God is not concerned with: time, distance, and money. With God, there is no time. There is no distance to him, and he has control of all the money in this world, one way or another.

Region 3: North Central (Incl. Canada)

By: Tom Mitchell

This was the first full year for me in this domestic region beginning with the first area conference in Michigan of restoration branch saints and priesthood which met after the CRE conference in April 2023. At that conference a very good cross section of saints participated and furthered my acquaintances. In total I was in and out of this region five more times in the summer and fall of 2023 sometimes for a week or more in extended stays. This was facilitated by accommodations,



Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 3: North Central (Incl. Canada), *Cont'd.*

By: Tom Mitchell

meals, and transportation. By Tom and Janine Essensmacher of Gladwin, Michigan, and Jay and Kathi Havener of Oxford, Michigan. These two outstanding homes made excellent working centers for traveling. These couples have extended contacts and information of the scattered saints, the restoration branches, and missions in this area. In particular, Elder Tom Essenmacher has become an invaluable appendage to my traveling ministry, invaluable in meeting and worshipping with the saints through Michigan and Canada.



I have worshipped with saints from the branches in the Atlanta Northern Michigan, Charlotte, Oakwood, Saint John's, and Traverse City areas as well as a visit to worship with saints in Canada adjacent to the Detroit area. In addition, I have traveled with several elders to visit some shut-in saints. I also attended the Maine and Tempe Grove reunions

where many of the saints from these areas were in attendance and was able to have further fellowship in those locations. In the longest trip which included the reunions and several trips into Michigan I drove over 6,000 miles for ministry. In November, in route home from the Philippines, I was able to fly first to Michigan to share with several saints the good news taking place overseas. Other ministry and contacts have been accomplished online and by e-mail.

Prospects and challenges for 2024 include:

1. Training of a new young missionary, Caleb Pickett from my Outreach branch, in traveling ministry beginning with the area conference in Michigan this spring. Part of his first responsibilities will be coordinating the update of an area directory from the information submitted from area elders and CRE resources for missionary use.
2. Further endeavors to reach the branches and scattered saints in all areas but particularly in Eckerman, where priesthood leadership has dwindled, Atlanta where Harry Hyde is the sole resident elder for most of upper northern Michigan, in Wisconsin where saints have had little visiting ministry, as well as ministry to the scattered saints in central Canada, worshipping more with branches north of Detroit, and trips to adjoining states of the Dakotas, etc. Planning will begin with many of the Great Lakes area elders at the CRE conference and the Michigan area conference in the spring.

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 3: North Central (Incl. Canada), *Cont'd.*

By: Tom Mitchell

- 3 Constraints and challenges are the vast distances between saints and branches and the distant from Independence where I reside and region 3, and the cost of travel even though most lodging and meals are provided by the saints. All of the Domestic Outreach budgetary funds allotted to Region 3 were expended quickly almost entirely on fuel and other transportation. Increased funds are requested for the next year. No local area full-time missionaries have been secured and funds for that purpose set aside for Michigan from the 2023 conference were mostly unused.
4. Consistent prayer and a spirit of priesthood cooperation is needed in addressing the many needs of this once populous area of the restoration including reaching out to COC saints whose branches have dwindled or shut down, scattered elderly saints who do not travel to distant local beaches, and work with other ministers in other restoration factions/groups. In addition, a cooperative youth program is needed as this was a strong feature of the Great Lakes restoration saints and a prerequisite for future stability of growth of the great lake branches.

Region 4: Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Outstate Missouri (Excl. Center Place) / Midwest Activities

By: Dale Stafford

Since the last conference, we have made some progress towards providing ministry in my assigned areas. In Iowa I have provided the following ministry to the area. At the Des Moines congregation I have provided speakers for the 4th Sunday of each month. Also in Iowa, I attended the Council Bluffs retreat and got acquainted with some of the saints in that area. Tom Mitchell and Aaron Smith provided the ministry for the weekend. I also attended the Woodbine Reunion in Iowa in August and taught the adult class during the reunion, which went well.

I didn't accomplish much in Nebraska. I tried to contact all the branches on my list when I started my term but didn't receive much of a response. In Missouri the past year, I was able to provide ministry in Columbia, Carthage, and the Maysville congregations. Also, our congregation provides a speaker every other month to the Butler Restoration Branch.

In Illinois I have been successful in Aurora-Chicago congregation. However, they are meeting in the home of the Gooding family located in Chanoa, Illinois. I served sacrament and the spoken word Easter weekend last year. Elder Danny Goold and I returned February 10th and 11th, we served communion, blessed two children, and administered to a 3-year-old who is recovering from cancer. We also were asked to come back in May or June to conduct a baptism service for Jackson Gooding (13-year-old) who asked us if he could be baptized while we were there.

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 4: Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Outstate Missouri (Excl. Center Place)/Midwest Activities, *Cont'd.*

By: Dale Stafford

In Indiana, Bob Immer, and John Eichhorn visited the Indiana group and visited the Central Indiana Restoration Group, but that group is not meeting at this time. I've also provided ministry outside of my area during the past year. I preached at the Miami Oklahoma Group during the past year, and I also provided ministry for the Puyallup Restoration Branch in Washington last summer.

Region 5 – Center Place

By: Gary (Pete) Hughes

As coordinator for the Center Place, I am very disappointed and discouraged at the lack of response I have received from the pastors in the Center Place branches.

I have tried several times to develop a list of priesthood, in the area, that are willing to go out and minister in the fringe areas. Many congregations are already doing this on their own and I'm not sure they feel they need to communicate that information.

I have also tried to develop a calendar of branches that are being ministered to, in the fringe areas, and then try to set up a calendar of future ministry to make sure that all branches are receiving that would like to receive ministry.

I never received any of that information from any branch.

Region 6: South-Central

By: Steve Kropp

The work is continuing to be supported in the South-Central region with very limited locations at this time. Priesthood from the center-place travel regularly to the town of Miami, OK and provide teaching and preaching ministry on a regular basis. Miami has two elders who are able to provide some standing ministry, however, distance and work schedules limit their ability to cover every Sunday each month.

One recent development is the effort to find a way to engage the Remnant groups in Sperry, OK and also in Carthage, MO. Elders George Locke and Steve Kropp traveled to Carthage on Feb. 18, 2024, to provide teaching and preaching ministry at the Remnant branch in Carthage. The Miami Restoration Branch cancelled services on that day and joined those in Carthage for the morning. The Sperry congregation also cancelled services for the day and worshipped with the Miami and Carthage congregations. There were approx. 34 in attendance and the Spirit was present as hearts were touched, and the people were able to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 6: South-Central, *Cont'd.*

By: Steve Kropp

The pastor of the Sperry, OK group reached out the following week and asked if we would be willing to do the same thing in Sperry in April? The scheduling of this gathering will be challenging but a date is being confirmed and plans put in place to travel to Sperry, OK and provide the ministry of which God is requiring throughout the Restoration.

1. To preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ by the endurance of faith on His name to the end.
2. To listen to Him and his counsel to us through revelation.
3. Seek to break down the barriers that separate us and divide us inasmuch as we can and want to worship in Spirit and in Truth. Two new contacts have surfaced for the State of Texas, and they are being followed up on as schedules allow and wisdom dictates.

Region 7: Mideast

By: Frank Dippel

Region 7 which covers the Mideast and specifically Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and New York are coordinated by Seventy Frank Dippel. This region continues to set a tremendous example for the rest of the United States in how the branches work together. They have monthly regional meetings, and they assist branches in guest ministry. If a branch or families within that branch need help, the other steps up, travel several hours to assist one another. Their reunion at Temple Grove is always very successful, both in numbers and in spirit. Last year they had approximately 88 full and were completely full. This year the reunion is going to be from Saturday, July 27th through Friday, August 2nd. Registration is open, if you are interested in going, and you can contact Renee Webster at (limarestorationbranch.org/TempleGrove). If you know anyone in this region that would like to have ministry or if you would like to provide ministry in this region, please contact Frank Dippel at (304) 389-9401.

Region 8: Southeast

By: John Eichhorn

Our offering is to share our love and the love of our Lord Jesus. The PURPOSE of OUR Mission is to visit the homes and Branches of the Saints; to reassure them they are not forgotten. We are a family of brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

A primary purpose is to establish a relationship so we can share testimonies of Jesus' love from the past and those of the present. We desire to communicate upcoming events and to update our Directory; also provide administration and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, *Cont'd.*

Region 8: Southeast, *Cont'd.*

By: John Eichhorn

Elder Woody Howell and I met with Priesthood and Saints last March 2023 in Northern Florida and Alabama. We shared testimony with two Community of Christ Congregations. We were well accepted. As a result of the Lord's ministry, several of our brethren attended the Kirtland Experience last fall, September 2023. They received from this experience, personal testimonies. Many homes visited and ministry received. Jesus was the author.

Elder Ed Essig and I made a trip to the Carolina's, GA, and TN in August 2023. A home visit was made in Lexington, KY on our way to North Carolina. The Saints in these areas are scattered. Although there is a Restoration Branch in Greenville, SC and two Restoration Branches in TN. One in Lexington and the other Puryear, TN. Request for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper came from many Saints as we visited their homes. Home ties and health concerns keep many from gathering to the Center Place. Full-time Home Ministry is so needed in these homes.

Elder Vaughn Cornish and I traveled to FL early October 2023. Our objective was to visit as many Saints as possible and possible, listening to their concerns. One group in Tampa, FL desiring Branch status. We shared a Directory of all the located Saints in FL which we assembled from previous trips. We encountered many personal concerns as we visited in their homes. However, most of the Saints enjoy the FL climate, some have recently gathered there from the Center Place. The one Branch located at Apopka, FL, located near Orlando, FL, is out of distance for most of the Saints to attend. We were welcomed everywhere and invited to return.

A SPECIAL NOTE: Throughout our trip we met many Christians in restaurants and other places. They expressed their thoughts; we must have a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father in these troubled last days. What a joy it was to share with them the promises of the Lord.

Mick Ballantyne and I will be traveling to MS, AL, and FL March 7 - 19, 2024.

Region 9: Northeast

By: Brian K. Mundy

This past year Region 9 was blessed with many new missionaries. Elders Vim Horn, Jay Havener, Jason Anderson and Tom Mitchell as well as their wives who also brought tremendous ministry. The Jonesport branch has really been struggling due to limited priesthood and major health issues. However, the Sunset Restoration Branch on Deere Isle has been very helpful in assisting with ministry as well as ordinances and sacrament. This year's



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Region 9: Northeast

By: Brian K. Mundy

reunion was well attended, and we were richly blessed especially with so many new families in attendance. Another real blessing that has helped both branches in Maine is Colbern Road Restoration Branch in the sending ministry up for about 10 days. If other congregations be a tremendous this region. We were have an Elder from Massachusetts to September. Another with the Sunset priesthood member returned to church years.



Center Place is once or twice a year we could get 11 to do this, it would help and blessing to also very blessed to Maine and one for come to Kirtland last blessing happened Branch where a and his family after being gone many

Although we face many struggles in this region, we are looking forward to the Great things God will do. If you are interested in serving in the Northwest, please contact Brian Mundy (816) 668-4521.

All-Saints Group

By: Larry Cottrill

It is a joy to report that the All-Saints Group continues its regular Sunday and Wednesday worship times via Zoom. We began this experiment of using Zoom to gather Saints in Worship during the pandemic of 2020 and now four years later it continues as a true outcrop of God's redeeming love and desire for us to be in worship as believers no matter our physical location in the world.

We are thankful for the sacrifice of those Priesthood members from other branches who have brought ministry through the spoken word this past year. We are blessed by the many scattered Saints who are regular attenders and participate in the various aspects of worship services, often giving their time and talents to our shared experience.

From time to time, we have the great pleasure of Saints attending that have membership at their organized local branch. Sometimes it is their second service, like those from Africa or Europe, sometimes it's because of weather issues or just not feeling so well. Whatever the reason, this has always been additive to our worship and has extended our reach of the Gospel message.

All-Saints Group, *Cont'd.*

By: Larry Cottrill

Mission and outreach continue to inspire our Christian faith community to share God's grace with each other and the world where we live. We seek from our worship as do you, a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father that leads to the living out of our faith daily in word and deed.

To that end, great thanks is due to the CRE for their support and encouragement. And as always, we would welcome your time in support of our efforts through the spoken word or for classes.

African Restoration Ministries (ARM)

By: Bill Barrett, ARM Secretary

The ministry to Africa continues despite warnings of kidnapping and corruption, especially in Nigeria.

Nigeria: We have been unable to travel from the US into Nigeria for the last 4 years because of government warnings. However, brother Dayo did travel to Rwanda and meet 2 missionaries from the US last July. Previously 2 Elders from Kenya traveled to Nigeria to provide ministry.

A pulpit exchange annually in Nigeria gives the opportunity for the saints to receive ministry from priesthood of other branches.

A Teacher was ordained in Lagos and 15 new members were baptized.

Branch at Abakali, Eboniyi State Southeast Nigeria, 11 new members baptized, Elder ordained.

New Branch at Umunede, Delta State, South Nigeria, 22 baptized, Elder ordained.

Women had their retreat in Port Harcourt in September. Youth will have a retreat in Umuahia. Mission work will be carried out at Mbaise branch in Imo State, Southeast Nigeria. Oblation was sent to Nigeria for heavy flooding, burned out village, several hospital stays.

Prayers are urgently needed for Dayo's branch in Lagos. The government has issued a land use law that property used for a residence cannot be used for a church. Dayo's branch of 18 years will have to vacate the church on his mother's property and find a place to rent until the Restoration Campground can be completed far enough to have meetings.



African Restoration Ministries (ARM), *Cont'd.*

By: Bill Barrett, ARM Secretary

Kenya: New missions

1. Kotieno
2. Bondo Kosiemo
3. Kibos
4. Masinde Muliro University Restoration Mission
5. Ndhiwa
6. Oboch
7. Nyakakana

Total newly baptized members: 197

Uganda: 3 missionary trips from the US resulting in 16 baptisms and 4 new missions in the last year.

Rwanda: 4 trips from the US resulting in several baptisms in Gaseke, Nyamata and Butare. The National Registration for the church has been completed. Translation of the Book of Mormon into Kirwandan has been completed. They are now working on the translation of the D&C into Kirwandan and have completed through section 50.

Board: Gary Hawley and Rick Johansen left the board for other duties; Cara Smith has joined. Two vacancies remain.

Nigeria: 2023/2024

NEW MISSION in 2023. We went on mission to Umunedede branch at Delta State South Nigeria. All together 22 members had been Baptized and confirmed with ordination of a new Elder in January 2024.

In October 2023, our branch at Abakali Eboniyi state Southeast Nigeria. More 11 new members were baptized during our visits and ordination of an Elder in the same year. At Lagos branch 15 new people were baptized and confirmed and we had ordination of priesthood in December 2023 during our annual Thanksgiving Day to office of Teacher. National also sent our priesthood on a mission for exchange of pulpits to share the Gospel of the kingdom in line with doctrine of the church.



Ordination of Brother Boniface to office of Elder during our mission at the end of January 2024 at Umuedede branch Delta including confirmation of 11 new members baptized on Saturday and confirmed on Sunday at the ordination.

African Restoration Ministries (ARM), Cont'd.

By: Bill Barrett, ARM Secretary

Nigeria: 2023/2024, Cont'd.

Furthermore, women also had their National Retreat 2023 at Portarcourt branch South Nigeria.

Finally, These are update of upcoming mission and programs 2024. Missionary work to Mbase branch IMO state Southeast Nigeria of our assignment of baptism and ordination and sharing Gospel of the kingdom. We shall have Exchange of pulpits for some of priesthood to travels to our various branches states in Nigeria to encourage one another efforts, sacrifice and challenges their laboring in the kingdom. Also, National youths shall be hosting their Retreat at Umuhia Abia state. More mission will still come up before year runs out. Thanks for your efforts. If there are any further enquiries let me know sir.



These are the pictures of the ordination, baptism, and confirmation of Saints at Abakali Branch Ebonyi state during Elder Dayo, Elder Stephen from Portarcourt Branch in October 2023.



Ordination of Brother James at Lagos Branch December 10, 2023, during our annual Thanksgiving to office of Teacher.



African Restoration Ministries (ARM), *Cont'd.*

By: Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Local Kenya Report The Church in Kenya

It has been a fruitful year for the church in Kenya. The body continued to grow in both numbers and strength. The Lord has continued to be faithful to us. We continued to witness increase in membership and branches in the year 2023/2024. The church has continued to expand in the western side of Kenya and also the coastal region. New missions are arising and the relatively older ones turning into branches. Some of the forums for spreading the gospel have turned out to be unusual places like funeral services conducted by the church for family.

The Church in the Coastal Region of the Indian Ocean

The work has extended to new areas especially in the coastal region of the Indian Ocean which has strong Islamic influence. The two branches at the Technical University of Mombasa and the Port Reitz Medical Training College campuses in Mombasa city continues to grow in strength and numbers. They both have priesthood in charge and have great potential for growth. It is exciting and encouraging to see young men and women of college ages involved in the work of the gospel of the Kingdom of God. The work that started there a few years ago has spread beyond the coastal town of Mombasa to Ramisi and Msambweni in Kwale County. Of particular importance is the excitement with which the gospel is growing in this region. In the month of December last year Elders Brian Mundy, Fred Brown, and a local priesthood member Elder Eliud Okecha labored in the region and the Lord brought good harvest in numbers baptized into the church. Later the local priesthood visited the area again and additional members were added to the church by baptism. Kwale now has 30 baptized members and a priest in charge of the congregation. Msambweni is just beginning and is expected to grow within the year. There is an invitation to take the gospel to Lunga Lunga by the Kenya Tanzania border at the coast. Three of the men from that area attended the series taught by the missionaries in December and have expressed interest in the gospel for their area. Another area within that region is called Kilifi County where we have two baptized members.



John 4:37 *Say not ye there are yet four months, then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

African Restoration Ministries (ARM), *Cont'd.*

By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Local Uganda Report

Am glad to inform you that the Lord's work here in Uganda is moving on well and right now the church of Christ here has missions in Bulambuli, Mayuge, Kadebede, and Busiu with 2 branches fully established in Bumageni, and Entebbe.

Bumageni has 84 members and Kampala has 10 members. There are missions with baptisms like Mayuge with 6 baptisms, Bulambuli had 1 baptism, and Kadebede had 2 baptisms.

Five ministers go out and share the gospel to all these places and they do this either once or twice a month or more than that according to the needs of the place and financial support from the church.

We expect to have more missions doubling the ones we have by October 2025.

We also expect to be traveling more than before and we therefore expect to have more expenses for traveling and other needs in these branches as well as missions.

Due to an increase in the number of youths we plan to begin holding youth camps locally in order to increase their awareness about the church and its doctrine. Not only youths but also priesthoods and women camps are expected to be held beginning this year.

Uniting the church has always been our prayer and now activities that unite the church locally, national, and globally are going to be conducted like camps, and projects among a few have been started.

To have independence we have secure a piece of land for every branch as well as a building for worship for each branch for easy identification. Also, we hope to establish national headquarters being Bumageni and have a number of infrastructures for easy accommodations during camps, activities among others.

There are 9 priesthood members in Uganda: 4 Elders, 2 Priests, 1 Teacher and 2 Deacons.

There are 103 baptized and confirmed members in Uganda.

Of course, the above and others that come are intended at spreading the gospel of the Kingdom to all parts of the country and worldwide.

We therefore request that you always keep us in prayer.

Urgent Need

The region is a high potential field. The distance between Kisumu where many of the church members are located to Mombasa is about 516 miles and takes slightly over 12 hours traveling by road. With the local traveling conditions this is not easy to cover, making the visits by the local priesthood irregular and

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By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Urgent Need, *Cont'd.*

costly. There is an urgent need to have a dedicated ministry that can focus efforts and attention to the region. There is therefore a need for the conference to consider providing resources to facilitate a missionary or missionary couples who can spend one or two months in the area from time to time, as a response to the interest and response witnessed from the locals.

Kenya Restoration Youth Ministry

Most of our youths leave home for high school education in boarding schools. This means a good number of them are home with the family and the home branches between the time they are born to when they reach the 8th grade. After this a good number join boarding schools with the remaining attending day schools. Those attending colleges are usually in the cities and away from home. This poses challenges with nurturing them in the ways of the Kingdom, especially those who end up in the towns or cities where we do not have church presence.

The Kenya Restoration Youth Council

By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Kenya like most of the developing countries has a young population. In the year the youths organized themselves and elected the Kenya Restoration Youth Council. This office has been busy working with the local church leadership to bring ministry to the youths and the national church as a whole. This has been one of the best works of The Lord during the year. We have both witnessed and benefitted from the good fruits of the labors of this leadership. They are very motivated and serve with clear purpose to be good witnesses of The Lord Jesus.

During the year we conducted a number of retreats for the church youths. Elder Aaron Smith and his wife April from Oak Grove Restoration Branch accompanied by two youths Miss Emma Turner from Missionary Restoration Branch and Jacob Presler from South Crysler Restoration Branch, joined the resident missionaries Doug and Judi Smith and the local priesthood to bring ministry to the college students. This was very blessed by the Lord, and we praise his name. Earlier in the year we had also held another blessed retreat for the high school youths. The teachers included sisters Kara Smith and Alissa Witherell from the US and Doug and Judi Smith from Kenya.

Besides these we have a number of retreats to both strengthen the youth and train those in priesthood and those with potential for priesthood and leadership. These are usually very well attended, always beyond our estimates of attendance. The youth ministry is spreading the gospel to regions and tribes that are not yet represent in the church by baptism. It is very encouraging to witness our youths fully engaged in the work of the gospel and working alongside the adults in the ministry. The future of the church is bright.

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By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Restoration Campus Ministries

The campus ministries started a few years ago in Mombasa to cater for the church youths in the local universities and colleges. A new RCM was started last year at Masinde Muliro University in Western Kenya with seven members and a priesthood member. These groups continue to grow in strength both spiritually and in numbers.

Zoom Ministry

One of the ministries that has benefitted greatly from the participation of the youth is the Wednesday prayer service on Zoom. The local youth's leadership working in consultation with the local church leadership have been in charge of organizing for this ministry. We have witnessed a good response in attendance and participation in this ministry that has become popular with our youths.

Urgent Need

There is an urgent need to have the CRE Youth Council working to support the youth ministry in the US and other countries like Kenya. We all appreciate the challenges the young people are going through with faith and moral issues across the world. Having youths of the same faiths to learn with and exchange ideas and grow up with is important for the future of the church.

We also ask for the youths from the church in the US with good understanding of the Restored Gospel to make travels to Kenya part of their yearly programs. This will help strengthen the youth ministry and bring closeness to the body from the US.

Priesthood Training

By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

The church in the US continued support to bring training ministry to the local priesthood has been of great blessing. This year the training was conducted by Elders Vim Horn and Doug Smith, and Priest Aaron Presler assisted by the local church leadership. These missionaries also visited and brought ministry to the saints in some branches.

Over the years the training has always brought together the priesthood from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and D R Congo. With the fast-growing number of members, branches, and missions this ministry is a critical one. With the uniqueness of the Restored Gospel, this ministry is absolutely necessary.

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By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

The Other Ministries

- Elder Kendal Geno and his wife Amy were teachers at the Women's Retreat
- This past year we were not able to hold the Young Priesthood retreat
- Missionaries Elder John Mundy, Brian Mundy, Fred Brown, Vim Horn, Aaron Presler, visited Kenya and Uganda to bring ministry to the saints

Mildred Smith Mission Health Center

The health facility at Awasi is a place of hope to the saints, as well as a health center with a difference. The loving health care provided through the center by the staff is a blessing beyond the church. The center has one of the best health laboratories in the region which is a great blessing.

We pray for the continued support for the center and its activities to meet the needs of both the church family and those in need.

Attezzion College and Gathering Center

The center is the home to the trade school and also the gathering center for the church. It continues to grow in importance as it provides training to the church youths out of high school and also to nonmembers. It is also the gathering place for the church in Kenya and the East Africa region. It is our Priesthood training center and also the place where we hold large gatherings.

This year the church is building a kitchen and a dining hall to meet need of both the Saints and the



students. It will also act as an additional classes and worship hall. The project is not yet complete, but it will be a blessing to the church body once it is ready for use.

African Restoration Ministries (ARM), *Cont'd.*

By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Attezzion College and Gathering Center, *Cont'd.*

We ask for support to complete the center and make it functional.



The Church in Tanzania

The church in Tanzania has faced leadership challenges in the past few years. The Lord has brought new leadership in place to assist the saints in that land to come together again. This has taken place with the support of the ministry from the church in Kenya. The National Presiding Elder is Elder Kenedy William Mboke.

Need

- The conference should consider a budget towards supporting the new leadership and the saints in Tanzania to come together again.
- The conference should consider providing ample budget to enable the priesthood in Kenya to trips to Tanzania to support the work there.

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By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

Attezion College and Gathering Center, *Cont'd.*



Women's Retreat at Lisana Restoration



Katolo



Rapogi Mission

African Restoration Ministries (ARM), *Cont'd.*

By Elders Joseph Ochieng and Eric Odida

The Church in Tanzania, *Cont'd.*



Mildred Smith Mission Health Center Report – Awasi, Kenya

By: Doug Smith

God has surely blessed the work we are doing at the Mildred Smith Mission health Center. Every day before we open the clinic, we thank the Lord for those who have sacrificed to make these facilities available to the people here. This year has been a year of growth, with over 500 active patients on our panel now. These are patients who are returning for not just acute illness, but continuing wellness and prevention services. At the end of every visit, time is made available to pray with each patient for their physical and spiritual healing.



Our screening programs for glaucoma and cancers have all been bearing fruit. In Kenya, the number one cause of cancer death is cervical cancer. We were able to purchase the machine to do HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) screening for early detection of cervical cancer. This year we have added a video colposcope and a thermal ablation device so that the cancer can be diagnosed in the office and precancerous lesions can be treated immediately. We are the sole provider of this service on the western side of Kenya. We have initiated breast self-exam training for all of our female patients of appropriate age for breast cancer awareness and have done presentations at the women's retreats and surrounding hospitals about cancer awareness.



Our laboratory continues to be the referral lab for government and private clinics and hospitals all around us, due to our commitment to reliable results through maintenance of our equipment and keeping reagents in stock. Besides offering the best medical care, we also do wellness counseling based directly on the Lord's revelation for our temporal salvation, the Word of Wisdom.

The drilling of the well has been finished, and we are now working on getting our water tower built which will enable distributing the water not only for our needs but also for the Attenzion school, and even for those in the surrounding community.

More and more we have been impressed with the need to have inpatient services. Weekly, we see patients return to their homes when we would prefer to observe them longer and make sure they get

Mildred Smith Mission Health Center Report – Awasi, Kenya, *Cont'd.*

By: Doug Smith

the proper care and medication. We also refer them to other hospitals, but we have found it is quite possible the hospitals will send them home too early and don't do adequate care or diagnosis. There is also a need for good prenatal care with labor and delivery services, so we are trusting in God's direction towards building a facility that would enable us to serve in that way even as soon as this year. Of course, time is always a challenge, but the great thing about challenges here is seeing how the Lord will overcome them! Thank you for your continued prayers as we move forward in this endeavor.

Greater European Ministries (GEM)

By: Brian K. Mundy & John L. Mundy

In May 2023, Elders Brian Mundy and Jerry



Shiflett went to England and provided ministry for the limited number of Saints there as well as reached out to a family that lives in England that is related to church



members in Rwanda. Tremendous progress was made and continue through follow up ministry by Priest Rob Willoughby as well as on-line.

In August, Elders Brian Mundy and Jay Havener as well as Kathleen Rindels went to Germany to provide ministry for the scattered Saints there. One church member was richly blessed through administration. She hadn't been able to eat for several months and immediately was able to eat and swallow without any problems. There had been much sickness with the Saints and their families this past year. Andrea Barsch has a rare form of blood cancer; her husband has had an operation for thyroid problems and her parents are faced with much illness so deep it is hard to describe. Another trip was planned to Germany but due to my wife's health issues, the trip had to be cancelled.



Another team will be going to Germany and England in April and May 2024 with another trip to Germany in the fall of 2024. Please keep these in your prayers.

Greater European Ministries (GEM), *Cont'd.*

By: Brian K. Mundy & John L. Mundy

We currently still only have one priesthood member in all of Europe, Priest Rob Willoughby. Many prayers are request for all the Saints in Europe. We are encouraged that the



families are staying strong in the Gospel however, they need follow-up ministry, and they need friendships even if it is only on-line. Many have gone and yet they fail to correspond with them once they return back to the states.



Anyone desiring to do ministry in Europe, please contact John L. Mundy at (816) 729-4336 or if you would like to communicate with the Saints on-line, please contact John L. Mundy. This too would be greatly appreciated. Contributions are always appreciated as airfares and car rentals have gotten quite expenses.

Southeast Asia and Australia Ministries (SEAAM)

By: Seventy Richard Neill

Traveling to SEAAM, which includes Southeast Asia, and Australia Mission, has been difficult these last few years. To travel into this part of the world during the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic was not easy.

We re-established having missionaries go into all three major areas of the work currently underway - Australia, Nepal/India, and the Philippines. In Australia, the work was blessed by Elder Andrew King, his wife Jane, and their young son Michael. They financed their trip over there. Although they did not



go over under the auspices of SEAAM, they have been willing to be in contact with Board and travel and visit the Saints. They were there during the summer of 2023. We appreciate the ministry and friendship they brought to the people.

Southeast Asia and Australia Ministries (SEAAM), *Cont'd.*

By: Seventy Richard Neill

In addition, the Board continues to be in contact with the people of Australia through social media and be of help and service to the people. Bethlehem Camana, of the Philippines, is finishing her studies and intends to graduate with a nursing degree this year. She will be a SEAAM scholar graduate.

Nepal was visited by Elder Brian Herren and Elder Andrew Smith in 2023. They have both been there several times, following the ministry of our dear, departed High Priest Francis Harper. They continue to work with Elder Dil Gurung in ministering to the people and bringing souls, in this non-Christian country, to Jesus Christ.

We have photos of the people of Nepal, as Brian and Andrew shared their testimony and witness of the Lord and His latter-day work.

The Philippines were visited in November of 2023 by Seventy Richard Neill, Elder Keven Humphrey, and Elder Tom Mitchell. Sister Dyan Stillwell, of the Philippines traveled back to see her family (and members) and share in prayer and testimony.

The work is moving forward rapidly. Look at the pictures of this trip alone, and we have many more to share.

The statistical report is that 78 were baptized, 98, confirmed, 9 ordained, and 1 baby blessing. In addition, there were many administrations, and 4 new branches were organized and set in order by Seventy Neill. Three medical projects were committed to by the SEAAM Team, and three building projects were funded. This missionary area is growing rapidly. The testimonies, and blessings of the people are abundant. Over 100 student graduates have had an opportunity to begin careers such as in teaching, healthcare, and business. What a blessing has come upon these people, and what a blessing they are to the Restoration.



The work is ongoing, and we encourage you, dear reader, to consider giving your prayerful and stewardship resources to this part of the vineyard of the kingdom of God. Thank You and Amen!

Southeast Asia and Australia Ministries (SEAMM), *Cont'd.*

By: Seventy Richard Neill



Publication Council

By: Jackie Frinthal

The Tidings of Zion Publication Council is one of the councils under the umbrella of the Conference of Restoration Elders created to “publish glad tidings” to saints and friends around the world.



At the present time, the Publications Council consists of eight members: Jason Hamilton, Janet Dickson; Rebecca Griffin, Jacob Roberts, April Smith, Kathi Havener, Jackie Frinthal; and Benji Pederson, as Liasson from the CRE.

The council has gone through some major changes this past year, and we have fallen a bit behind in getting this year’s issues out. We are now back on track and hope that all those who receive the magazine will bear with us.

An issue of the Tidings of Zion magazine goes out four times a year to share church history, missionary work being done both inside and outside the country; and other church happenings which have occurred, or will occur, in the Center Place. It also informs the people when camps, reunions, and other events are scheduled; and shares articles, experiences, and testimonies with the purpose of bringing us closer together as a body of Christ’s Church.

If you are able to make a \$15 contribution to assist with the cost of the Tidings, it would be greatly appreciated. (Mailing address: CRE / P.O Box 4085, Independence, MO 64051). In the memo line, please mark “Tidings”.

We pray always that the Tidings of Zion magazine is a blessing to all those who read it, and that the Lord is pleased with our endeavors to publish His glad tidings!

Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM)

By: Bob Dickson, Member and Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM) Executive Director

The Lord has continued to bless his Saints through the ministry of FSM this past year. FSM has now assisted 25 families in reducing or eliminating their high interest debt: replacing it with no-interest loans. Also, no fees are charged to those who we assist.

Two of the families that we have refinanced have now repaid the ministry in full. Virtually all of our families have faithfully made their payments as agreed. We also continue to provide ongoing support and consultation when appropriate.

Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM), *Cont'd.*

By: Bob Dickson, Member and Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM) Executive Director

A number of our affiliated congregations have provided financial support regularly. They have also been a source of referrals to us, identifying members who are in need. Donations have literally come to us from members throughout the church. In those cases when our funds have fallen short, the Lord has faithfully provided donors.

Please keep FSM in your prayers and encourage families in need to approach us with assistance, either monetary assistance or counseling.



Our Lord has called his Saints to actively look to lend a hand to those in need. We at FSM pledge to assist in that calling.

For assistance, contact Bob Dickson at (816) 274-1340 {call or text} or Email: bobdickson3123@yahoo.com

Your FSM Board for 2024-2025 are:

Elder Bob Dickson	.....	Executive Director
Elder Brian Mundy	.....	Assistant Executive Director
Bishop Joe Burkart	.....	Education Coordinator
Julie C. Betler	.....	Account Manager
Janet E. Dickson	.....	Administrative Assistant

Women's Council

By: Karen Parker, Chair

I am happy to report that the activities outlined in the conference report in 2023 were carried out with a good amount of fellowship, learning and worship.

Our Spring Gathering in April at Lexington Restoration Branch was attended by 49 women who focused on the theme: Preparing Myself in My Home and in Christ's Church for Zion. Anita Brotherton led the devotions and Heidi Wiskur brought special music. Cheri Tandy led the hymn sing and Rachel Horn was the pianist. Classes were taught by Jamie Bendorf and Marcia Bohall. High Priest Steve Bohall was the pastor for the day. After lunch we assembled May Day baskets to hang on the doors of someone we wished to reach out to.

Our Fall Retreat in September at Odessa Hills was attended by 41 souls who desire was to prepare talents were shared by Margaret Fountain, Christy Quick and Ronnie Quick. Classes were taught by Sara Davis

Women's Council, *Cont'd.*

By: Karen Parker, Chair

and Merisa Mapes. We visited several spots on the campground during a prayer walk as we reflected on the themes from the year, and we got to know each better during mixers by Rebecca Cornish. Camp Pastors were Benji Pedersen and Peter Peterson.



We held the annual Women's Leader Luncheon at Outreach Restoration Branch in October. Rebecca Cornish taught a class on humility in leadership. There was a sweet time of prayer and fellowship as the leaders and council prayer together.

The council chose to continue with the theme of preparation for 2024. Our Winter Gathering in January of 2024 was held at Atherton Restoration Branch with Bill Rhoads as the pastor. Gayle Fleming and Missy Bobbitt taught on the theme Make Ready a Charitable and Humble People Prepared for the Lord. Donna Hawley brought devotions and Amy Jo Gillam ministered to us with the gift of song. 45 women drew closer to the Lord.



At the time of writing, the Spring Gathering was to be held in March at Oak Grove Restoration Branch. We will have a drama, prayer service, and learn to use prayer journals. Preregistration reached 32. Our theme: Make Ready a Joyful and Expectant People Prepared for the Lord.

The theme for the Fall Retreat in September is Make Ready a Faithful and Enduring People Prepared for the Lord.

Women's Council, *Cont'd.*

By: Karen Parker, Chair

As a council we marvel at God's ability to bring together women from many walks of life and blend them into a sisterhood that is a blessing to each one. Old friendships are renewed, and new ones forged during our activities, and we pray we continue to support all women who seek to deepen their relationship with our Heavenly Father and want to help others do the same. Our hope is that each one leaves a gathering having been fed and then feeds another who was unable to attend.



Aaronic Council

By: Mark McCormick

The Aaronic Council strives to provide means and opportunities for brothers of the Aaronic Priesthood to meet throughout the year for fellowship, growth, and support. We gather via zoom monthly to prepare for supporting church gatherings such as the Joint Sacrament Service, Men's Retreat, other joint classes, Elder's Conference, and the Aaronic Priesthood Retreat (being held this year April 13th and 14th).

Conveniently just after the elder's conference, on Saturday, April 13th for our Aaronic Priesthood Retreat we will gather at the **Outreach Restoration Branch** (Address: 723 S. Crysler Ave Independence, MO 64052) beginning with Prayer and testimony as our opening worship. This year we are gathering focused on the phrase: "**Being a Servant in 2024!**" With that thought in mind, we are having varied topics for consideration and discussion. We have brothers Teacher Spencer Hughes from Outreach, Priest Stu Gage from Colbern Road, and Bishop Joe Burkhart from Grain Valley sharing with those that gather on Saturday.

Spencer will be leading our time focused upon how do we, as the Aaronic Priesthood, best provide home ministry in 2024? (I.E., should we still come in a suit and tie? Is the home the only place? Should we have a planned devotion for the family?) Come take a listen to what Spencer comes up with and bring your ideas to share with us as well!

Brother Stu has felt strong personal testimony on the importance on the Word of Wisdom. Despite the points of contentions that have arisen through the years over this topic, brother Stu feels up to the challenge to provide insights given to him. There is great promise given in the Word of Wisdom, come hear all about it!

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By: Mark McCormick

Lastly, Brother Joe Burkart, one of the final remaining Bishops in the Restoration, is not only by calling, but by trade, well equipped both spiritually and temporally to share some great insights into the aspects of stewardship and financial planning that we in the Aaronic Priesthood, can grasp the concepts and understanding and then share it with the families throughout our home ministry efforts!

Traditionally our retreat finishes the day off with a Home-Ministry Workshop where we break into small groups and share with other about our experiences about home ministry, then we put that into action and go into the homes of the families that open their doors to us from the congregation that is hosting our gathering.

On Sunday, April 14th, the Aaronic Council will be organizing and providing the ministry to the Outreach Restoration Branch as they have been so kind to host our gatherings both last year and this year! Any of the Aaronic men that attend the Retreat on Saturday can feel free to come on Sunday to Outreach as well and participate in the sharing!

In addition to our retreat, we are planning to have other meetings both in worship and in fellowship throughout the year. Come, be a part of our gatherings – get to know some of your Aaronic brethren that are not at your home congregation! We gather strength in numbers!

In Gospel Bonds,

The Aaronic Council: Mark McCormick, Stephen Henson, Stephen Barnes, Chris Cunningham, Cole Kibbey, Ivan Tellajohann, Henry Trickett, Levi Vickery, & Wilbur Wilson.

International Evangelism Council

By: Dayn Cederstrom

The need for men to cry ‘Repent and prepare the way of the Lord’, Helaman 5:63 is as great today as it has ever been in the world. The missionary work of the church is not the responsibility of a select few but it sets squarely upon every person who has walked into the waters of baptism and now is a member of the great Restoration movement. ‘We now are enlisted in Jesus blest cause’ we sing in the hymn. Everyone, priesthood, and member alike, has been called to share the soul saving message of the gospel. Opportunities overseas that outstrip our current efforts are opening for Saints to sacrifice and to give of their time, their talents, and their voice to call people to repentance and to faith in Jesus!

The International Evangelism Council, representative members of ARM, GEM, LAMB and SEAAM, has met this last year to discuss the needs of the fields where they minister. We are agreed, the message of the Restored Gospel is the same for all these fields. Currently, in Africa (Kenya and Tanzania, particularly) funds are needed for more missionaries (local and from the US), scriptures and missionary materials to meet the increased demand in new areas. We urgently need to get ‘the Word of God’ into the hands of

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By: Dayn Cederstrom

the Saints so that they may spiritually grow in the faith and become mature Christians, Romans 10:16. We have developed a Missionary Evaluation Form based on DC 4:1e. It is designed for Saints to evaluate their preparedness to be a missionary overseas.

'Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, Who will go and work today?" Will you answer, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8.

Youth Council

By: Heather Joyce

During the 2023 - 2024 year the youth council faced many challenges. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we progress in overcoming these obstacles. Here are our current issues in which we are trying to remedy.

- 1) **Scheduling/Meeting:** Due to the wide variety of schedules of the members of the group, we've struggled to find consistent times and dates to meet together. This is in part due to the various time zones in which we live as well as the schedules of the current members.
- 2) **Vision:** We have struggled for several years to truly create one goal or mission for the council. While we have bounced around some ideas and have implemented them, we struggle to have a consistent goal to work toward.

Despite these issues we continue to be optimistic in the hope that God will point us in the right direction.

Additionally, the restoration youth council website continues to be in operation. There are a few testimonies on the site from some members of the council and if the council receives any submissions, we would be happy to include them as well. These submissions are always welcome!

STONE CHURCH

MAIN FLOOR

- CONFERENCE OF RESTORATION ELDERS
- MAIN FLOOR:**
 - LOBBY
 - A** Registration
 - SANCTUARY
 - B** Elders 1
 - LIBRARY
 - C** Elders 2
- UPSTAIRS:**
 - NURSERY
 - D** Elders 3
 - H** Nursery
 - CHOIR ROOM
 - E** Members
- BASEMENT:**
 - LUFF AUDITORIUM
 - F** Aaronic
 - G** Fellowship Hall

