

Proposed Substitute Resolution #1

Proposed Change in Our Organization Structure, Focus and Direction

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

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

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

8. We acknowledge that in order to better assist the branches we have to change our organizational structure, focus and direction.
9. We acknowledge that the Conference of Restoration Elders is not the church (as was established by the Conference Operating Guidelines of 1996). We also acknowledge that the proposed new organization and structure is not "The Church" but an organization within the Church to promote the Kingdom.
10. Section 83:8a
"8a. And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation."

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

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

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

Be it further resolved that the structure of the organization will be as follows:

(SEE ATTACHMENT A)

Be it further resolved that the next conference of the Restoration Branches of the Church of Jesus Christ will select the President Pro-Tem, the Executive Council, the Administrative Council, Financial Administrative Council, Missionary Council, and the Aaronic Leadership and Guidance Council from the Melchisedec Priesthood of the registered branches. The committees or ministries under these councils are appointed by their respective council and sustained by a vote of the conference membership.

Officers and Councils are defined as follows:

President Pro-Tem: One Melchisedec priesthood member who will function as the spiritual leader of the organization to provide vision and direction to create unity of the branches.

Executive Council: Four Melchisedec priesthood members who will develop each council and individually work with them to establish sub-committees and promote the vision and direction of the organization.

Administrative Council: Four Melchisedec priesthood members who will select and develop the Publications, Technology, Education and Zionics & Gathering (Section 83:1b) committees as well as other administrative responsibilities of the organization.

Financial Administrative Council: Three Melchisedec priesthood members who will include the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and one additional administrative member. Responsibilities for the council include: supporting Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM), receiving and expending tithing, oblation, and general offerings along with promoting and receiving tithing statements. All expenditures will be either approved by the conference through a budget or unanimously agreed upon by the President Pro-Tem and Executive Council and Financial Administrative Council.

Missionary Council: Seven Melchisedec priesthood members who will oversee the various regions of the church: North America (Domestic), Africa (ARM), Europe (GEM), Asia and Australia (SEAAM), Latin America and Native America. Responsibilities for this council will include developing missionary committees over each of these regions as well as promoting the Gospel to build up the church, and developing visiting and full-time missionaries (Section 83:1b).

Aaronic Leadership and Guidance Council: Three Melchisedec priesthood members who will select and develop the Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry and Aaronic Ministry committees.

All Councils and Ministries will be better defined over time.

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