

**2022 Restoration Branch Family Reunion
and Conference of Restoration Elders
CRE Minutes for Monday, June 20, 2022**

The 2022 Conference of Restoration Elders was called to order at 9:15 am CST on Monday, June 20 under the general theme “Take upon you the Name of Christ and Run the Race.” The meeting began with the singing of “Fairest Lord Jesus,” and an opening prayer was given by Elder Tom Mitchell. Elder Vim Horn welcomed participants to the conference (21 elders present with an additional 18 online sites).

Again this year, the 2022 business sessions were blessed to have participants from across the globe with elders meeting both locally at the Waldo Avenue branch and also registering and attending through Zoom media. Instructions were given regarding participation for on-line elders for voting, etc.

The Conference proceeded to organize by receiving a motion from the Credentials Committee (Elder Vaughn Cornish reporting) to accept the following list of Elders to be seated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jason	Anderson		Terry	Griffin		Eric	Odida
Harold (Buck)	Andrews		Jack	Hagensen		Howard	Parker
Samuel	Baggette		Jay	Havener		Peter	Peterson
Dale	Bainter		Danny	Hight		Garry	Piatt
William	Barret		Jim	Hobbs		Jeff	Rew
Ivan	Bird		Bernard	Hollar		Jerry	Shiflett
Joe	Burkart		Vim	Horn		Doug	Smith
Larry	Clark		Russell	Howard		Sean	Telljohann
Peter	Cornish		Gary (Pete)	Hughes		Shaun	Turner
Vaughn	Cornish		Michael Akahieobi	Ikechukwu		Dale	Warren
Larry	Cottrill		Bob	Immer		Jared	Watson
Bob	Dickson		Godswill	Iro		Zachary	Wilson
Frank	Dippel		David	Joyce			
Joe	Easterling		Ray	Lane			
John	Eichhorn		Elzy	Lasley			
Dayo Samuel	Emmanuel		Brian	Mundy			
Stephen	Farris		John	Mundy			
Paul	Gage		Issac Adeyemi	Musibau			
Greg	Gard		Raphael	Ndu			
Jacob	Gaughran		Richard	Neill			

Seventy Richard Neill served as chair to receive a motion to sustain Elder William (Vim) Horn as Conference Chairman and approved Elder David Joyce as Conference Secretary. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Elder Jay Havener to accept the agenda for the conference business sessions. It was seconded and passed by the body.

Council, Missionary Boards, and program reports as listed in section 4 of the conference notebook were presented. In addition to the written reports found in the notebook and on-line, several people shared additional information and testimonies about the activities and ministry from the previous year.

Women's Council – Sister Monica Rush

Aaronic Council – no report given (missing portion of the notebook report would be forthcoming).

Education Council-Elder Tom Mitchell

Coordinating Council – Seventy Richard Neill added to the report that among their primary duties, the council provides liaisons to the other councils, and it regularly seeks direction from the Lord for Spring, Fall (Kirtland), Men's (Winter) and Reunion/Conference events.

Publication Council –Sister Rebecca Griffin commented on the challenges of mailing packages both in the US and abroad, along with the great success of the magazine.

Stewardship Council and FSM -Bob Dickson provided information regarding Freedom Stewardship Ministries. The program is running extremely well with current participants repaying as scheduled and the need is changing once again; from finding individuals to help to now once again seeking funding.

Youth Council – Sister Heather Joyce shared regarding the efforts this past year including an up and growing website: restorationyouthcouncil.com

Domestic Missionary and Outreach –Elder Brian Mundy shared a geographic model/map of “regions” of the United States which were overseen by different individuals on this Council (section 4.5). There are some beautiful testimonies recorded in section 4 of the conference notebook on these reports. Elder Shaun Turner shared a prelude of a letter that was to be presented to the quorums regarding youth needs in the church. Elder Larry Cottrill (via Zoom) brought an update on the All Saints Group meetings.

International Missionary and Outreach – Seventy Richard Neill said the Council would be presenting a resolution to the quorums and that the Council would be in charge of the Thursday evening service.

ARM- Elder Brian Mundy and Elder Peter Cornish presented introductory statements about activities and turned the floor over to those close to those area.

Kenya -Elder Eric Odida witnessed about specific mission work and messages and he and Brian addressed the Mildred Smith Clinic in Kenya and its successes and specific prayer needs for national approval. There was also beautiful testimony that the Swahili translation of the Book of Mormon is ready to go.

Nigeria – Elder Dayo Samuel (via Zoom)

Rwanda – Elder Peter Cornish (Zoom) and Elder Nestor (Zoom)

Tanzania – Elder Brian Mundy

Uganda – Elder Brian Mundy

GEM- Elder Brian Mundy spoke about a recent mission trip to both UK and Germany.

SEAMM- Elder Marciano (Jun) Pamongcales (via Zoom) from the Philippians shared with us testimony of the events there.

Because of the lateness of the hour, the meeting was adjourned for the day, without objection.

Elder Jack Hagensen dismissed the morning with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

CRE Minutes for Tuesday, June 21, 2022

The Tuesday Conference session was called to order at 9:30 AM CST.

With agreement of the brothers, Tuesday's session was started by organizing and meeting in quorums. Two quorums met at the Waldo Avenue site and a third was organized for those on our Zoom sites.

General session was called back to order at 10:30. An invocation was given by Elder Gary Hawley. (25 present and at least 15 on-line sites)

The following additional names were submitted and moved by Brother Vaughn Cornish of the Credentials Committee to be seated and approved by the conference:

Aaron Smith	Tom Okeyo	Mishael Onyiego	Gary Hawley
Manuel Castillo	Benjamin Pedersen	Tom Mitchell	Robert Hayes
Johnny Meyers	Dale Stafford		

The minutes from Monday were approved as read.

The Quorum activity for the day was summarized in reports given by Jason Anderson (Quorum 1), Jay Havener (Quorum 2), and Larry Cottrill (Quorum 3 on-line). Each quorum reported that they had moved through some, but not all, of the proposed resolutions and statements, but that they would require additional time for action and discussion.

Seventy Richard Neill completed the SEAAM report from yesterday. Although travel restrictions were still a big problem last year, constant contact was made with the Saints in that area.

Elder Ray Lane (Treasurer) moved the Conference Budget for 2022 (p.2-2) It was seconded and approved.

Brother Ray then reported on the overall financial position statement on p. 2-2. He also explained why we see some of the deficits on p. 2-4 regarding operating expenses, and noted the proposed CRE Budget.

Financial reports for Missionary Boards were given as follows:

LAMB, written report only (2-5), ARM (including some information on the Clinic)-Brian Mundy, GEM, Brian Mundy, SEAAM- Richard Neill,

FSM-Shaun Turner. Shaun reminded the conference that this year the program was very focused on meeting the needs of Saints, and that that focus would likely change toward fund raising next term.

Elder Danny Hight (Historian) gave a brief statement regarding the role of the CRE Historian and its impact on discussion and perception.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Dayo Samuel.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

CRE Minutes for Wednesday, June 22, 2022

The Wednesday Conference session was called to order at 9:20 AM CST. The hymn "The Old, Old Path" was sung and Elder Jason Anderson opened the day with prayer.

Chairman Vim Horn shared the essence of a letter of communication from Sister Rebecca Griffin regarding ministry to Native Americans to be discussed and considered in quorums as desired.

The body of elders divided into quorums for discussion.

The elders reassembled at 10:30

Elder Vaughn Cornish presented the following names for seating: (approved)

Marciano (Jun) Pamongcales

Austin Odicoh

A moment was provided for reports from the three quorums. Quorum 2 (Jay Havener) reported that they were prepared to advance Resolution 1 with a minor amendment. Also, that they had quite a good, lengthy discussion on Resolution 5. Quorum 1 (Jason Anderson) reported that they were willing to pass Resolution 4 regarding AV equipment with the adjustment to \$17,000. They also spent a lot of time discussing Resolution 5 and 2 but at this time were not prepared to take specific action. Quorum 3 (Larry Cottrill) reported that those brothers (on-line) spoke with passion about Resolution 2, the Kenya letter, and the desire that the members in the United States somehow come to that same passion regarding the work. They also spent time with Resolutions 4 and 3 but with no action. Additional time was spent on a communication from Brother Bob Dickson dealing with a "Members Conference."

A motion was made by Elder Jay Havener to start Thursday's quorum sessions at 9:00 and run until 10:30. After some discussion regarding logistics and the need for adequate time to still meet as a complete body, a substitute motion was approved to move the 11:15 general class to the gymnasium so that the elders could continue to meet in the sanctuary where the AV was in place, until 12:15 (lunch) or longer as necessary.

Nominations for officers and councils were received. Voting would take place Thursday. There was a suggestion that the quorums in Thursday session consider the viability and need of the Stewardship Council and the Education Council.

Resolution 4 was moved (by Quorum 1) with the amendment that the amount approved would be \$17,000.

The meeting was adjourned and a closing prayer was offered by Elder Austin Odicoh.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

CRE Minutes for Thursday, June 23, 2022

The Thursday Conference session was called to order at 9:15 am CST. High Priest Paul Gage petitioned the Lord through an opening prayer.

Simon John Mark Maraka

Philip Okumu Adoyo

Caleb Dimire

Wilson Oyatta

Eliud Kenya Okecha

James Yogo Akira

Kenneth Odhiambo Ndonga

Joseph Ochieng

John Odero Oningo

Joshua Okello Honga

A brief statement regarding on-line voting was made and the elders were dismissed to quorum meetings.

The whole body of elders reassembled at 10:40 at which time Elder John Mundy offered a special prayer for the needs of friends in an auto accident and for the health needs of one of our members.

Minutes of Wednesday's meeting were read and approved.

Time was allotted for voting on the Council members and CRE officers. Ballots were collected in person as well as tabulated from on-line participants.

Quorum reports were given.

Quorum 3 (Zach Wilson) reported some discussion and questions on Consideration #5 (POZ letter) and on the Resolution on creating a conference (to include members). There were no action items brought forth from the quorum.

Quorum 2 (Jay Havener) agreed to move forward six (6) resolutions including:

- Resolution regarding creating a Conference.
- Action item on Consideration 5 (POZ) to refer the needs shared in the letter to the CRE Chair and the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council to address the growing concerns contained therein.
- Proposal for a substitute motion for Resolution 3 by prescribing a date to the conference.
- Would move the Resolution regarding selecting 'counselors to the CRE Chairman'
- A referral of Consideration 2 (Kenya letter) to the conference chair.
- Prepared to make a motion to refer the letter on Native American Ministry to the International Missionary Council.

Quorum 1 (Jason Anderson) agreed upon

- an amendment to the Resolution on creating a conference for members to strike the words "take action" and include the words "make recommendations to the branches."
- The quorum also wanted to bring for business an action step on the Native American Ministries letter to refer the letter to the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council to contact IMCA to see if ministry could be provided.

Elder Ray Lane (Treasurer) moved the FY 2023 budget (2-4) with the amendment of \$17,000 instead of \$200 in the 'Equipment, new, repair and replace' line item.

Another amendment (Brian Mundy) was made to change the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council line item from \$15,000 to \$30,000. (passed)

The total budget \$104,300 was passed.

A motion (Brian Mundy) was made and seconded to approve the Missionary Board budgets and it was passed.

The Conference began to consider resolutions and actions put forth by the quorums.

- Resolution 1 was moved by Sean Telljohann and seconded. Discussion was heard regarding training and accrediting/certifying ministers in nations (like Rwanda) where governments require such. The discussion included the difficulties and feasibility of such a program. Amendments were made by Bro. Brian Mundy and Bro. Eric Odida to make the second “Resolved” statement read as follows:
 - “Be it further resolved, that a Board of Trustees be established **by the International Missionary Council** within the CRE, initially composed of **3 to 5 members. These trustees cannot be members of any other existing CRE Council.** While the qualifications of these **members** will vary...”
 - The amendments were passed and the motion was passed as amended.
- Resolution 3 regarding dates and function of CRE Conference/Reunion was moved by Richard Neill. A substitute motion was given by Jay Havener to read...
 - “Be it resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders eliminate the 1-week Reunion/conference format. Be it further resolved that the chairman of the CRE and the Coordinating Council petition the Lord for His guidance and direction to develop a 3-day conference only format to be held on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the Centerplace Restoration School’s annual Spring Break.”
 - This resolution was amended (Brian Mundy) to go to a “4 day” conference (W, Th, F, S). The substitute motion was passed as amended and a related motion (Richard Neill) to establish the dates April 5-8, 2023 for the next CRE conference was made and passed.
- The Resolution to allow the CRE Chair to select counselors was moved and passed.
- A motion was made (Jay Havener) to refer the Petition from Kenya to unite the branches.
 - “Whereas the church in Kenya presented a letter to the CRE voicing their desire and concerns for the church in the United States, be it resolved this letter be referred to the Conference Chairman for consideration and action.”
 - The motion was passed.
- A motion to refer the letter regarding “Ministry to Native Americans” to the International Missionary Council was presented by Jay Havener (Quorum 2). (An amendment to refer it to the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council was defeated.) The original motion was passed.

Business was adjourned for the day at 12:20 pm.

Ballots from elections were tabulated and results were reported. All officers and members in the various councils were approved and the four additional members approved to the Coordinating Council were Vim Horn, Jason Anderson, Zack Wilson, and Benji Pedersen.

A closing prayer was given by Henry Trickett who had joined in on-line.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary

CRE Minutes for Friday, June 24, 2022

The Friday Conference session was called to order at 9:15 AM CST and began by singing 'Redeemer of Israel' and an opening prayer was given by Elder Eric Odida.

Elder Phil Mitchell was credentialed by the body.

A point of personal privilege was granted to Elder Brian Mundy. Brian asked for the elders in their quorums to consider and pray for a burden weighing on him pertaining to the resolution regarding a members' conference. A portion of a resolution from last year was read in regards to meetings with restoration branches and he questioned what had been done with that. His concern was that we proceed with some caution regarding the establishment of the members' conference at this time. The focus might rather be turned to the Kirtland Gathering in September for enlightenment on this issue.

The elders broke for quorums at 9:33.

The general assembly of the conference elders reconvened at 10:25. Prayer was given by Elder Jun Pamongcales.

The minutes from Thursday were distributed to be read.

Consideration of remaining business items began:

- A motion was made for adjusting the date for reconvening the Conference of Restoration Elders during the Spring Break weekend for CPRS. It is to be held at CPRS/Waldo Ave Restoration Branch from Wednesday, March 29 through Saturday, April 1, 2023. (Approved)
- Quorum 2 made a motion based on the letter presented by the POZ:
 - Whereas, many of the Saints continue to be concerned with the current state of the Church as outlined in Resolution #5, therefore be it resolved that the Chairman of the Conference and Domestic Outreach Council form a committee to address these growing concerns, reporting to the individual branches their findings through the Domestic Outreach Council and/or Tidings of Zion. **(Approved)**
- Quorum 1 moved the Resolution regarding creating a Members' Conference.
 - A substitute motion was presented by Elder Sean Telljohann (Quorum 1).

Motion that the Elders of this conference discuss with their branches, neighboring branches, groups, and individuals, so much as possible, the prospect of joining together in a membership conference on issues facing the church. That the Elders return to the next scheduled Elder's Conference, empowered by their various branches to act as their representatives in this matter. Also be it resolved that during this time, the Coordinating Council be tasked with developing a plan of action that would facilitate this membership conference, if the representative Elders indicate that desire from the membership.

This substitute motion failed

- A substitute motion was presented by Seventy Richard Neill:
 - Restoration branches that would participate in this conference will be credentialed by the coordinating council and according to the Melchizedek credentials guidelines (amended 4/6/2010). The delegates to the conference would be determined by the branch where they have membership and would be determined by the branch by election or appointment. The delegate so chosen would serve as an authorized representative of their respective branches. Any conference action would finally go back to the branch for their support or disapproval. Voting members at the conference

would include all restoration elders on an ex-officio basis and who have been themselves credentialed by the conference as in the current procedure.

No vote was taken on this item due to the next motion...

- A substitute motion was presented by Elder Brian Mundy. This motion contained portions of the original motion, the substitute motion offered by Quorum 1, and the substitute motion presented by Bro. Neill.
 - It was recognized by the Elder's Conference in 2021 that the Church of Jesus Christ is in decline domestically, for many reasons. In many respects that decline has continued to this date. The Coordinating Council has done outstanding work in many areas to move forward the cause of Zion in the domestic field and throughout the world. Notwithstanding these efforts Christ's church continues to be disunified and failing to move forward as our Lord has challenged us to do. Many baptized members of the church have little voice in the needed activities of the church outside the branch level. Our youth participation seems to be dwindling as they appear to recognize that we speak of the two great commandments, yet we divide ourselves and do not always demonstrate the love that is expected of us. The leadership of the CRE is not explicitly authorized by charter to take the steps that seem to be necessary to move the church toward unity and inclusion.

Be it resolved that the Elders of this conference discuss with their branches, neighboring branches, groups, and individuals, so much as possible, the prospect of joining together in a membership conference on issues facing the church.

And further resolved that the Chairman of the CRE and members of the Coordinating Council be explicitly authorized and charged with the goal of organizing and scheduling a conference to take place no later than 18 months from the current date to discuss and take action on issues facing the Church. The delegates to the conference would come from the various branches that are credentialed as determined by the Coordinating Council. A delegate can include any member in good standing and would serve as authorized representatives of their respective branches. Voting members at the conference would also include all Restoration Elders on an ex-officio basis.

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The Substitute motion presented by Elder Mundy motion passed.

A thanks to Vim Horn was given for his years of service as Chair of the Conference.

The minutes from Thursday were approved as printed.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Joyce, Conference Secretary