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1. Name: The name of this organization is the "Ft. Worth Restoration Branch," hereafter called the "Branch." Although this is its legal and official name, its members shall think of its name as being the "Ft. Worth Restoration Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" - in spite of the Branch's being entirely independent of, and separate from, the RLDS Church; and notwithstanding that the Branch is not recognized by the leadership presently in control of the properties of said church.
2. Type of Organization: The Branch is a religious organization, but it is not to be considered, because of certain religious reasons, to be a separate denomination or church. The Branch is independent of all other organizations. It may choose to affiliate with other Restoration Branches, but it reserves the right to withdraw from such associations.
3. Purposes: The purposes of the Branch are to conduct regular religious worship services, church school classes and other religious and educational activities for its members and others.
4. Restrictions: The Branch shall not engage in any political activities (except in the defense or promotion of issues concerning public morals), nor engage in any business activities which are not permitted by the laws of this state for a not-for-profit organization, nor by an organization which is exempt from Federal Income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
5. Statement of Belief: The Branch accepts the Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Mormon, and Sections 1 through 144 of the Doctrine and Covenants to be Scriptures, and to be the official law of the Branch. The Branch accepts the Epitome of Faith and the *original* teachings of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which were published before 1958, to be the beliefs of the Branch.

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6. Membership: Individuals who are members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and who sign the Articles of Agreement may be members of the Branch.
7. Governing Body: All power and authority of the Branch is vested in the membership of the Branch in business meetings assembled. While it is the duty of the branch president to provide leadership in all matters, the membership has the right to direct him in his duties, or to override his decisions, or to replace him, at any time. The Branch shall choose officers and/or committees to execute the business of the Branch as found in the Scriptures.
8. Officers: The Branch shall elect a branch president (pastor), secretary, treasurer, recorder, historian, and such other officers as desired - providing that the establishing of such offices and the electing of such officers are in harmony with the Scriptures.

The Branch shall authorize the ordination of men to the priesthood as provided in the Scriptures, and shall issue priesthood licenses to said men which shall certify them as ministers of the gospel, for the Branch. At such time that the quorums will be once again organized and become operative, the Branch shall seek ways, according to the mind and will of God, to integrate existing ordination/licensing procedures into the priesthood quorum structure.

9. Ordinances of the Gospel: The priesthood members who are certified by the Branch shall have power to perform the ordinances of the gospel according to the laws of said organization - which ordinances and the methods of administering them are found in the Scriptures. They include baptism, confirmation, the serving of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, marriage, ordination, blessing of infants, and administration to the ill.

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10. Records: The Branch secretary shall keep records of all minutes of all business meetings, and shall maintain in safekeeping these Branch Regulations and all other official papers of the Branch. The recorder shall keep a record of the names and other statistics of each member, and a record of all ordinances performed under the authority of the Branch. All such papers and records shall be duplicated and kept in at least two different places by at least two different persons so designated by the Branch, to guard against possible loss.
11. Property: The Branch shall have authority to own property. All such property shall be held in the name of the Branch. In order to hold such property and to transact business, the Branch should be formed into a legal organization.
12. Dissolution: In case of dissolution of this Branch, all properties shall be donated to another Restoration Branch or other religious organization, as the Branch shall decide by vote.
13. Amendments: These branch Regulations may be amended by a secret ballot, two-thirds majority vote of the membership at a business meeting which has been duly called for that purpose, and properly announced in advance.