

**Joint Conference of Restoration Branches  
Stone Church  
Independence, MO  
November 10-13, 2005**

**Conference Resolutions, November 11, 2005**

**Resolution #1, Conference Officer Requirements, submitted by the Logistics Committee**

*Resolved that Conference officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, Treasurer) chosen from the standing ministry, High Priests and Elders (Doc. & Cov. 122:9b), must be from a participating Restoration Branch; and*

*Resolved, as Seventy are not standing ministers but are representative of the traveling presiding councils (Doc. & Cov. 120:3, 4; 122:9a), a Seventy elected to a Conference office need not be a member of a participating branch.*

**Resolution #2, Rules of Representation, submitted by the Credentials Committee**

**Rules of Representation**

**Rules of Order**

**Representation of Restoration Branches**

**1. Restoration Branch Defined.** A Restoration Branch has been organized under the legal authority granted by the *Articles of Incorporation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (1872)* and in accordance with the directions in A Manual of Practice and Rules of Order and Debate for Deliberative Assemblies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, compiled by Joseph Smith and Thomas W. Smith, and approved by General Conference action in 1876 and 1891. A Restoration Branch has three primary characteristics:

1. It has been organized by one or more priesthood members who trace their authority to the Reorganized Church.
2. Its membership is composed of six or more members who are in good standing and are under the pastoral charge of an elder, priest, teacher, or deacon. (“Elder” includes the offices of high priest, seventy, bishop.)
3. It preaches and practices the original tenets and doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints originally founded April 6, 1830, by Joseph Smith, Jr., and perpetuated in the Reorganized Church by his son, Joseph Smith III, April 6, 1860.

A Restoration Branch has certain rights which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The right to elect its leadership;
2. The right to identify and police its membership;
3. The right to administer in the ordinances of the gospel as traditionally administered by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints;
4. The right to approve priesthood calls and ordain men limited to the offices of elder, priest, teacher, and deacon;
5. The right to conduct business relative to its particular area of operation;
6. The right to associate (or disassociate) in secondary and governmental organizations; and
7. The right of representation at conferences.

A Restoration Branch does not practice such doctrines as the ordination of women to priesthood offices, the serving of the sacrament to persons without authoritative baptisms, the ordaining of men to priesthood offices other than elder, priest, teacher, or deacon. Any branches previously associated with an organization which participated in such practices are encouraged to renounce the same in order to function as an independent Restoration Branch.

**2. Representation of Restoration Branches.** Each Restoration Branch shall be entitled to one (1) delegate.

**3. Representation of Restoration Branch members.** Each Restoration Branch shall be granted one (1) additional delegate for each 25 members or portion thereof listed in the branch's official membership list. **Example:** A properly organized Restoration Branch will be granted one (1) delegate, (preferably its branch president or other Melchisedec priesthood member) based on organization alone. An additional delegate will be allowed for its membership up to 25 members. One (1) more delegate will be allowed for each 25 members or portion thereof beyond the first 25 members. Thus, a branch of 35 members will be allowed 3 delegates.

**4. Choosing of delegates.** Restoration Branches shall be free to adopt rules to choose their representatives from among their membership.

**5. Qualifications of delegates.** The only qualifications for eligibility as a delegate to this Joint Conference of Branches shall be membership in good standing and enrollment in the Restoration Branch which is being represented.

**6. Delegate votes.** Properly seated delegates shall be designated by the conference Logistics Committee with a distinguishing badge and shall cast a vote equal to 25 individual member votes.

**7. Certifying of Restoration Branches.** Restoration Branches seeking representation in the Joint Conference of Branches must provide the following information to the Credentials Committee on or before November 10, 2005:

1. A brief history and/or by-laws which identify the official branch position regarding organization and practices;
2. A list of members certified by a branch officer, including names, contact information, date of baptism, and priesthood office and date of ordination, if applicable (other information such as date of birth and priesthood who performed a person's baptism or ordination would be helpful); and
3. An official delegate list as allowed by Rule #3 and certified by a branch officer.

### **Representation of Members**

**8. Membership qualifications.** Participation by voice and vote in the conference is extended to all persons who have an authoritative baptism and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ. An authoritative baptism can only be performed by a priest or elder who traces his priesthood and spiritual authority to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. There can be no taint of the doctrine of women's ordination in his line of authority.

**9. Certification of members of Restoration Branches.** Restoration Branch members wishing to exercise their right to voice and vote shall be named on their respective branch's membership roster as provided to the Credentials Committee. If listed on an approved branch's membership list, members shall be considered to be in good standing and be granted voice and vote in the Conference.

**10. Certification of unaffiliated members.** Church members who are unaffiliated with a Restoration Branch or whose branch chooses not to seek representation at the conference may also exercise voice and vote by applying directly to the Credentials Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the individual member to provide adequate evidence of membership by either documentation (baptismal certificate, ordination certificate) or testimony from one or more valid, reliable witnesses. Application and evidence shall be made on or before November 10, 2005.

**Resolution #3, Rules of Order, submitted by the Logistics Committee (Rules #1-#7 were implemented before being approved; rule #8 was approved separately; rules #9-#12 were approved last; but all are included here as originally submitted to the saints.)**

### **Rules of Ordering the Conference**

#### **Rules of Order**

**1. Mass Meeting of the Elders of Participating Branches.** Following a day of worship, study and supplication to the Lord that these activities shall be blessed with His spirit, a mass meeting of the registered elders from participating branches shall be convened at 4:30 PM on November 10, 2005. The temporary president (elected at the August 20, 2005, planning meeting) shall call the meeting to order and appoint the temporary secretary/clerk to take minutes.

**2. Approval of Presiding Protocols.** The temporary president shall report the findings of the High Priests and Seventy regarding the appropriate presiding priesthood office. Following discussion, the temporary president shall then request an endorsing vote of the elders to affirm the defined principles.

**3. Nomination by the Elders to the Conference for Conference President.** Once the elders have affirmed the guidelines from the High Priests and Seventy with any amendments, the temporary president shall open nominations for the office of president of the conference. Nominations shall be accepted based on the approved guidelines. The nominee shall be determined by a hand vote of the elders.

**4. Closing of Mass Meeting of Elders.** The temporary president shall direct the temporary Secretary/Clerk to prepare a report of the meeting of the elders and election results for the Conference as the first order of business on November 11, 2005. He shall then call upon the newly elected nominee to offer a closing prayer.

**5. Election of Conference President by the Conference.** At the announced time and place on November 11, 2005, the presiding officer as recommended by the High Priests and Seventy shall read the report of the mass meeting of the elders to the Conference. He shall then declare: "On behalf of the elders met in deliberation November 10, 2005, I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to preside as President of this Conference of Branches. Are there any other nominations?" Following the nominating process, the President shall be chosen from the eligible nominees by vote of the officially registered membership.

**6. Ordering the Conference.** The temporary presiding officer shall call the newly elected president to the chair charging him with the responsibility of opening the Conference with prayer and leading the people of the Lord in this sacred and deliberative assembly. Nominations shall then be opened for three officers: Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, and Treasurer.

**7. Officers, Terms, and Duties.** The Conference shall be fully organized when a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, and Treasurer are elected. Officers shall be elected to serve from the beginning of this Conference until another election at the beginning of the next Conference either sustains or replaces each officer thru the electoral process. The duties of the officers are as follows:

**President:** Following the directions of the high priests and seventies, the President shall be elected to preside over the deliberative sessions of the Conference. He shall also serve as the chair for the Logistics Committee in planning and coordinating preparations for the next Conference.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall be subject to the same qualifications for office as the President. He shall be a member of the Logistics Committee with voice and vote and shall preside in the absence or by the direction of the President. He shall serve as a counselor to the President and lend support and assistance. The President and the Vice-President shall function harmoniously for the benefit and welfare of the Conference.

**Secretary/Clerk:** The Secretary/Clerk shall be chosen from among the Melchisedek priesthood (Doc. & Cov. 17:25b) to keep a record of the activities and deliberations of the Conference. Minutes shall be provided at each subsequent business session for approval by the body and a draft set of minutes shall be available on the day after the last

business session by electronic format for distribution to all delegates and members. He shall provide guidance in parliamentary procedures for the presiding officer. He shall serve as the secretary for the Logistics Committee with voice and vote. As chair of the Credentials Committee, he shall oversee the credentialing of delegates and members and, until the Conference elects a Recorder, maintain membership records. The Secretary shall serve as the Historian until the Conference fills that office. The Secretary shall be allowed to contract with members to assist in completing these tasks.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be chosen from among the Melchisedek priesthood and shall preside over the Finance Committee. He shall receive all Conference monies and shall disburse all financial obligations. He shall report on budgetary items, as requested, and provide an annual report of Conference income and expenses for the Conference. In all his duties and until a bishop is appointed, the Treasurer is accountable to the Conference. The Treasurer shall draw from among the eldership to assist him in transacting his responsibilities.

**8. Parliamentary Procedures.** The Conference shall be ruled by order and dignity during all deliberations. In order to insure that respect and civility prevail, the final rule for parliamentary questions shall be Parliamentary Procedures in the Church (Young) subject to alterations by this Conference. The President shall preside in the spirit of brotherly kindness and fairness to preserve the rights and privileges of the body and individual members. The Simple Chart of Motions, included below, is an adaptation from this book and shall be provided to delegates and members to help in directing the business sessions.

#### SIMPLE CHART OF MOTIONS

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.

12	ADJOURN	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Majority
11	RECESS	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>		May Amend	Majority
10	TABLE	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Majority
9	PREVIOUS QUESTION	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>			2/3 Vote
8	LIMIT DEBATE	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>		May Amend	Majority
7	POSTPONE DEFINITELY	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
6	REFER	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
5	AMEND THE AMENDMENT	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate		Majority
4	AMEND THE MOTION	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
3	POSTPONE INDEFINITELY	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
2	OBJECT TO CONSIDERATION				2/3 Vote
1	MAIN MOTION	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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." (Tables ALL pending business.)
- 11) "I move that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ minutes recess."
- 12) "I move that we adjourn."

**9. Conference Rules.** When the Conference has been properly organized with the elected officers in place, the President shall call upon the Secretary/Clerk to move Rule #8 above. Upon approval of Rule #8, the Secretary/Clerk shall move for approval of the proposed Rules of Representation, the remaining Rules of Order, and proposed Order of Business.

**10. Resolutions.** Participating branches and committees appointed at the August 20, 2005, planning meeting shall be invited to submit resolutions to the Logistics Committee by October 21, 2005, for inclusion on the Conference Order of Business. The Logistics Committee shall compile an Order of Business for the Conference based on the resolutions which have been submitted. Resolutions shall be categorized to efficiently present each general subject to the body. The Order of Business shall include a period on the first legislative day to allow Conference delegates and members to submit resolutions under new business. All resolutions shall be in written form with the names and branch affiliation of both the moving and seconding parties. The motion shall be read to the body and then provided to the Secretary/Clerk. These shall be published (at least electronically) by the Secretary for distribution and inclusion on the next day's Order of Business.

**11. Voting.** Voting shall be by voice or raised hand at the discretion of the President. In each case, the President shall declare the prevailing side if possible. If the outcome is not clear or a request is made from the body, the President shall call for a division of the house. He shall then request that all delegates in favor of the question raise their hands for counting; then those against. This shall be followed by the same direction to the members. The Logistics Committee shall formulate a strategy for counting the votes in an acceptable fashion and providing the tally to the President so that he may announce the results.

**12. Branch Approvals and/or Concerns.** President Joseph Smith III defined the Church as a theocratic democracy. It originated thru command of God and is administered by His authority thru priesthood. Sustained by the light of His Spirit, the Church exists for His purposes. Nevertheless, our Heavenly Father has provided that the Saints should have a significant role in the government of His Church: "neither shall anything be appointed unto any of this church contrary to the church covenants, for all things must be done in order and by common consent in the church, by the prayer of faith" (Doc. & Cov. 27:4). As branches are the primary and congregational organization of the Church, it is incumbent upon them to preserve these important democratic principles and encourage all Saints to take an active role in the government of the Church. To this end, this Conference declares that any lawful Restoration Branch that is represented in this or any other conference has the following enumerated rights and responsibilities according to basic scriptural church law and the Manual of Practice and Rules of Order and Debate for Deliberative Assemblies, Section 4 (1876, 1891):

1. The right to petition to become a member of a conference or to withdraw from conference fellowship by the voice of the branch membership;
2. The right and obligation to have conference rules and resolutions brought to the branch by the delegates/official members/branch president for the common consent voice of the branch;
3. The obligation and responsibility by the voice of the branch at a branch business meeting, to approve or disapprove of conference rules and resolutions and the submission in writing to the conference Secretary/Clerk of the branch's decision with any explanatory comments, so that church law, the spirit of revelation, wisdom, and knowledge may be shared for the mutual benefit and progression in righteousness of the Lord's work; and
4. The responsibility to notify the conference of the branch voice on conference matters, rules, and resolutions.

Therefore, within 60 days of adjournment, branches should notify the Secretary/Clerk of agreement with or of opposition to any Conference proceedings. The President, Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, and Treasurer shall review the concerns and/or complaints and communicate with the respective branch prior to the convening of the next Conference. This may lead to responsive legislation in a subsequent conference or, in a worst case scenario, withdrawal of a branch from further Conference participation. No official response will indicate acceptance and approval of conference actions.

**Resolution #4, Special Representation Rules, submitted by the Credentials Committee**

*Whereas, the Rules of Representation clearly state that delegates from participating branches must be members of that branch (Rules of Representation #4 & #5), and*

*Whereas, these rules were adopted to ensure that delegates would adequately represent the will of the branch in Conference deliberations and that delegates could then return to the branches with a fair assessment of the Conference activities, and*

*Whereas, some branches have been desirous to participate in this Conference but have been unable to provide a delegate from among their membership who has the ability to make the journey to Independence, MO; therefore be it*

*Resolved that Credentials Committee shall take into consideration the special circumstances surrounding applications from such Restoration Branches as noted above; and be it further*

*Resolved that, with the concurrence of the Credentials Committee, the branch presidency may nominate a single delegate who, though not a member of the respective branch, will agree to visit the branch and report on Conference actions in order to assist the branch in complying with Rule of Order #12; and be it further*

*Resolved that the nominated delegate shall represent only one branch.*

**Resolution #5, Seating of Joseph F. Smith, submitted by the Credentials Committee**

*Whereas, Joseph F. Smith is the great grandson of Joseph Smith, Jr.; the grandson of Alexander Smith, first presiding patriarch of the Reorganization; the nephew of Frederick A. Smith, second presiding patriarch of the Reorganization; and was baptized and confirmed by his father, Arthur M. Smith, an elder enrolled in the RLDS church until 1925/1926; and*

*Whereas, Br. Joseph F. Smith claims his authoritative baptism traces to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in accord with Rule of Representation #8; therefore be it*

*Resolved that this Conference recognize Br. Joseph F. Smith's lineage and the authority of his baptism and extend to him the hand of fellowship and invite him to participate in this conference as a member with voice and vote.*

**Resolution #6, Fellowship with all faithful members and branches, submitted by the Restoration Seventy**

*Whereas: We recognize the rights of both branches and individuals to decide whether to participate in the conference, therefore be it*

*Resolved: That this conference pledges to extend the hand of fellowship to all those faithful members and branches not represented with delegates at this conference; and be it further*

*Resolved: That the members of this conference will pray for all members of the body of Christ, and ask for their support in prayer.*

**Resolution #7, Referral of controversial issues to quorums, submitted by the Restoration Seventy**

*Whereas: Due to the limitations of time and information, past conference of the Saints have made decisions that were unwise and divisive (example: 1984 World Conference),*

*And whereas: The time in this joint conference of restoration branches is very limited and valuable,*

*And whereas: resolutions of a controversial nature should be presented to the various quorums of priesthood for discussion and debate before being acted on by a conference (Times and Seasons, Vol. 5, p. 649),*

*And whereas: when the various quorums of priesthood are given opportunity to study and research items, a wiser and more detailed examination of the issues could be made,*

*Therefore be it resolved: The joint conference of branches may refer matters to any or all of the various quorums of priesthood that the conference designates.*

*And be it further resolved: Such matters are to be discussed, debated, and researched so that a full report, including majority and minority views, can be published to the various branches, in a timely manner, before reconsideration.*

**Resolution #8, Conference recognizes no president of the church, submitted by the Logistics Committee**

*Resolved, that this conference recognizes no person who currently claims to be President of the Church of Jesus Christ restored under Joseph Smith, Jr., as a legitimate president of the High Priesthood or Prophet, Seer, and Revelator; and be it further  
Resolved, that this conference holds itself separate from their administrations.*

**Resolution #9, Changes to gospel/ordinances are apostasy/abomination, submitted by the Logistic Committee**

*Resolved that this conference regards all changes to the restored gospel (as originally taught and practiced in the Church of Jesus Christ restored under Joseph Smith, Jr., and reorganized under Joseph Smith III) and the alteration made to its ordinances as apostasy and an abomination in the sight of God.*

**Resolution #10, Conference of Restoration Elder, submitted by the Logistics Committee**

*Resolved, that the Conference of Restoration Elders receive an affirmation from the Conference of Restoration Branches that we recognize the work of their councils and invite them to develop a working relationship with the Conference of Restoration Branches.*

**Resolution #11, Working harmony with other organizations, submitted by the Logistics Committee**

*Resolved, That the various conference committees of this conference, in planning activities intended to benefit the body of Christ and promote the kingdom of God on earth, work together with existing organizations in the restoration that share similar and common goals. Because of the presently scattered condition of the body, to avoid competition and unnecessary duplication of effort, the committees of this conference work with organizations currently existing in the restoration.*

**Resolution #12, RLDS is lawful successor, submitted by the Zarahemla Branch**

*We believe that the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as reorganized by Joseph Smith III is the lawful successor to the Church founded by Joseph Smith, Jr.*

**Resolution #13, Church exists where saints are organized according to the pattern, submitted by The Independence Branch**

*Resolved that we believe that the Church of Jesus Christ, organized on April 6, 1830, and continued in the Reorganization on April 6, 1860, exists wherever six or more saints in good standing are organized according to the pattern in the Doctrine & Covenants, Articles of Incorporation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (1872), and A Manual of Practice and Rules of Order and Debate for Deliberative Assemblies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (1876, 1891, 1904).*

**Resolution #14, No priesthood authority for women, submitted by the Zarahemla Branch**

*We do not recognize the office nor ordinances of record of any woman who claims priesthood authority.*

**Resolution #15, Duty of saints/priesthood, submitted by The Independence Branch**

*Resolved that it is the duty of the saints to turn their hearts and their faces towards Zion and supplicate the Lord for such deliverance and it is the duty of the elders, priests, teachers, and deacons of the church to cry repentance and remission of sins to this generation, through obedience to the gospel as revealed in the Holy Scriptures (Inspired Version), the Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine & Covenants and not to faint in the discharge of their duty.*

## Conference Resolutions, November 12, 2005

### **Resolution #16, Affirm Doc. & Cov. 119:4, substitute motion submitted by Elder Gary Whiting**

*We affirm the invitation of Doc. & Cov. 119:4 and believe that the Melchisedec priesthood has been called to administer in spiritual things (Doc. & Cov. 104:7) and each person returning to the church of Christ that apply for readmission on their previous baptism and ordination and be considered on a case by case basis by local presiding Melchisedec priesthood by the Spirit of revelation and difficult cases should be referred to the Conference of Branches.*

### **Resoluition #17, Points of general agreement for Restoration Saints, submitted by Mt Ayr Restoration Branch**

#### ***The Proposal***

*We affirm that the Church of Jesus Christ consists of all who will repent and come unto Him. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ, we do not intend to create a test of faith or a creed that must be agreed upon by all members of the church. Nevertheless, we uphold the following points as items of general agreement within the Church of Jesus Christ.*

#### **Epitome of Faith and Doctrine**

*We uphold the articles of faith written by Joseph Smith, Jr., found in "Times and Seasons," Vol. III, page 710, 1842. They are as follows:*

*We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.*

*We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.*

*We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.*

*We believe that these ordinances are, first, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

*We believe that a man must be called of God by "prophecy, and by laying on of hands" by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.*

*We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church: viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.*

*We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.*

*We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe that Book of Mormon to be the word of God.*

*We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.*

*We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes, that Zion will be built upon this continent, that that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaic glory.*

*We claim privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.*

*We believe in being subject to kings, president, rules, and magistrates in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.*

*We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "we believe all things, we hope all things," we have endured many things, and hope to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.*

### **Priesthood Authority**

*We uphold priesthood authority as documented in the scriptures, especially in the Inspired Version of the Bible (IV Bible) Ephesians 4:11-13, Book of Mormon (BOM) 1 Nephi 3:113-114, Doctrine & Covenants (DC) 26:2-3b, DC 83:5, and DC 104. We do not recognize the office nor the ordinances of record of any woman who claims priesthood authority.*

### **Ordinances**

*We uphold to practice as specified in the scriptures, with proper authority and procedure, the following ordinances as holy prescribed practices of the church:*

*Ordination of Priesthood (BOM Alma 9:63-65, 69, 72; Mosiah 9:51, 59; Moroni 3:1-3)*

*Preaching (DC 42:4; 53:2b; 50:4, 5a, 6c; 65:1b)*

*Baptism by Water (DC 17:21; BOM 3 Nephi 3:69; BOM 3 Nephi 5:21-26)*

*Laying on of Hands to Receive the Holy Ghost (DC 53:2b; BOM 3 Nephi 5:21-26)*

*Communion (BOM 3 Nephi 8:30-46, 60-61)*

*Blessing of Children (BOM 3 Nephi 8:12-27)*

*Administration of the Afflicted (DC 127:2d; IV Bible Genesis Matthew 10:1, 7)*

*Evangelical or Patriarchal Blessing (DC 125:3-6)*

*Marriage Covenant (DC 49:3a-c; IV Bible Genesis 2:23, 28-30; IV Bible Hebrews 13:4)*

### **Law**

*We acknowledge the law initially given to this movement to govern the church as documented in DC 42; in essence, preach the gospel, establish a storehouse with a bishop, and abide the basic commandments. We agree to work toward submitting more fully to this law by establishing a storehouse to be used as prescribed in the scriptures.*

### **Resolution #18, Conference in April, 2006, submitted by the Logistics Committee**

*Resolved that a Conference of Restoration Branches be organized for the first week in April, 2006, for all branches of the church.*

*Be It Further Resolved that the Logistics Committee work with the Conference of Restoration Elders Coordinating Council to plan joint and/or concurrent activities.*

### **Resolution #19, Credentials Committee organization, submitted by the Credentials Committee**

*Resolved that the Credentials Committee be a permanent Conference Committee with the following organization and responsibilities:*

- 1. The permanent Chair of the Credentials Committee shall be the Conference Secretary/Clerk until such time as the Conference shall deem it necessary to elect or appoint a permanent Recorder who shall then serve as the Credentials Committee Chair and assume all duties of maintaining statistics and records.*
- 2. The Chair of the Credentials Committee should be a member of the Logistics Committee.*
- 3. Four other committee members shall be elected by the Conference to the committee from among the Elders of the Conference of Branches. Appointments shall be staggered two year terms (initially, two 1-year appointments and two 2-year appointments) so that two members are appointed annually.*
- 4. The Credentials Committee shall review the Rules of Representation prior to upcoming conferences and notify the membership of rules changes or registration requirements at least four (4) months in advance of the convening of the subsequent conference.*
- 5. The Credentials Committee shall maintain a permanent record of branch and member information and shall adopt rules for the disbursement of such statistical*

information. After obtaining competent legal advice, the rules shall be presented to the next Conference for approval.

6. A proposed budget shall be brought to each Conference with estimated costs for maintaining this information and providing these services.

**Resolution #20, Publication of missionary materials, submitted by the Evangelism Committee**

*Resolved that this Conference authorize the Evangelism Committee to create and publish missionary materials for foreign lands as well as domestic and in conjunction with other groups so engaged in order to avoid duplication of efforts; and be it further*

*Resolved that the Evangelism Committee work under the direction of the Restoration Seventy in discharging this duty.*

**Resolution #21, Evangelism efforts encouraged, submitted by the Evangelism Committee**

*Because “the field is white already to harvest; and it is the eleventh hour, and for the last time that I shall call laborers into my vineyard. And my vineyard has become corrupted every whit; and there is none which doeth good save it be few; and they err in many instances, because of priestcrafts, all having corrupt minds. And verily, verily I say unto you, that this church have I established and called forth out of the wilderness; And even so will I gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe in me, and hearken unto my voice; Yea, verily, verily I say unto you, that the field is white already to harvest; wherefore, thrust in your sickle, and reap with your might, mind, and strength. Open your mouths and they shall be filled; and you shall become as Nephi of old, who journeyed from Jerusalem in the wilderness; Yea, open your mouths and they shall be filled, saying, Repent, repent and prepare ye the way of the lord, and make His paths straight; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; Yea, repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of your sins; yea, be baptized even by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. (Doc. & Cov. 32:1d-2g)*

*Therefore be it Resolved that*

1. *The Evangelism Committee be sustained and work under the direction of the Restoration Seventy and with the Patriarchs as appropriate*
2. *The branches be encouraged to support the Evangelism and Missionary efforts currently taking place and those taking place in the future through Tithes and Offerings and*
3. *The Conference put a line item in the budget to support the Evangelism efforts of the conference.*

**Resolution #22, Logistics Committee organization, substitute motion moved by Brother Ben McLean, amended by Elder Tyler Crowell**

Moved that the **Logistics Committee** be sustained as a permanent committee in of 15 members including all Conference officers and all other committee members elected to 1 year terms of until the next Conference.

**Resolution #23, Finance Committee organization, moved by Seventy George Knotts**

Moved that the **Finance Committee** be sustained as a permanent committee with the Conference Treasurer as its chair and two other members elected for 1-year terms or until the following conference.

**Resolution #24, Evangelism Committee organization, moved by Elder Russell Reid**

Moved that the **Evangelism Committee** be sustained as a permanent committee with nine elders, three members to serve terms of 3-years; three members elected for 2-year terms; and 3 members elected for 1-year terms.

**Resolution #25, Joint Activities Committee organization, moved by Elder Greg Thomas, amended**

**by Deacon Paul Sinclair and Elder Jack Evans**

Moved that the **Joint Activities Committee** be a permanent committee with the responsibility of coordinating activities as well as future conference activities and with six members elected annually at Conference.

**Resolution #26, Committee for referral of R3f, moved by Seventy George Knotts**

Moved that the President of the Conference appoint a Committee of Elders for the referral of **R3f**.

**Resolution #27, Approval of conference budget, moved by Sister Barbara Wilkinson**

Moved to accept the budgeted items for conference expenses totaling \$8,750 including Supplies-Materials (binders, badges, miscellaneous) at \$2830 plus an additional \$2000 to cover costs of mailings.

**Resolution #28, Approval of additional budgeted items, moved by Elder Gary Metzger, amended by Elder Jack Evans**

Moved to establish a line items for the evangelism budget of \$30,000, miscellaneous \$2,000, and funds for next conference \$10,000 with all missionary expenses be approved by the Seventy.