

Resolutions Approved by Conference

Joint Conference of Restoration Branches Independence, Missouri

This is a compilation of resolutions from November 2005 through April 2019.

These resolutions are intended to be in harmony with the governmental law of the Restored Church established by Joseph Smith Jr. and the Reorganized Church by Joseph Smith III. These resolutions are predicated on the Inspired Version of the Bible, The Book of Mormon and the latter day revelations of Joseph Smith Jr. and Joseph Smith III as found in the Doctrine and Covenants and includes any subsequent revelations in harmony therewith.

Doctrine and Covenants 85:9b-10a *“And unto every kingdom is given a law; and unto every law there are certain bounds also, and conditions. All beings who abide not in those conditions, are not justified; for intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence; wisdom receiveth wisdom; truth embraceth truth; virtue loveth virtue; light cleaveth unto light.”*

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Active Resolutions

Resolution #1, Conference Officer Requirements

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 #3, Rules of Order (amended 6/3/2017)

Rules of Ordering the Conference

1. Mass meeting of participating Melchisedec Priesthood. Following prayer and supplication to the Lord that these activities shall be blessed with His spirit, a mass meeting of the registered Melchisedec priesthood from participating branches shall be convened prior to the election of officers. The JCRB Vice President shall call the meeting to order and appoint the JCRB secretary/clerk to take minutes.

2. Presiding Protocols. The Conference President shall be chosen from among the Melchisedec priesthood of the participating branches. Preference shall be given to the office of Apostle, then the office of High Priest, then to the office of Seventy, and finally the office of Elder.

3. Nomination by the Melchisedec Priesthood for Conference President. Having affirmed the presiding protocols, the Vice-President shall open nominations for the office of President of the Conference. The nominee shall be determined by a hand vote of the priesthood.

4. Closing the Mass Meeting of Melchisedec Priesthood. The Vice-President shall direct the Secretary/Clerk to prepare a report of the meeting and election results for the conference. 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, the presiding officer shall read the report of the mass meeting of the Melchisedec priesthood to the conference. He shall then accept the nomination from the Melchisedec priesthood and open the floor for nominations. Following the nominating process, the conference President shall be chosen from the eligible nominees by vote of the officially registered membership.

6. Electing other officers. Nominations will then be opened for four officers: Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, Treasurer and Recorder. These offices will be filled by vote of the officially registered membership.

7. Officers: Officers shall be elected to serve from spring conference to spring conference. New officers shall assume their responsibilities at the close of the conference at which they were elected. These duties of the officers are as follows:

a. President: 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. The president will be responsible to ensure that the operations needed to carry out the will of the conference during the inter-conference period are handled.

b. 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.

c. Secretary/Clerk: The Secretary/Clerk shall be chosen from among the Melchisedec 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 delegates and members. He shall serve as the secretary for the Logistics Committee with voice and vote. The Secretary shall be allowed to contract with members to assist in completing these tasks.

d. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be chosen from among the Melchisedec 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 to the conference. In all his duties, the Treasurer shall be accountable to the Conference. The Treasurer shall draw from among the membership to assist him in transacting his responsibilities.

e. Recorder: The Recorder shall maintain membership records as submitted by participating branches and oversee the credentialing of delegates and members as chair of the Credentials Committee.

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. A Simple Chart of Motions is an adaptation from this book and shall be provided to delegates and members to help in directing the business sessions.

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 for approval of the proposed Rules of Representation, the Rules of Order, and proposed Order of Business.

10. Resolutions. Participating branches and committees shall be invited to submit resolutions to the Logistics Committee prior to the Conference, 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 120 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 #6, Fellowship with all faithful members and branches

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

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

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

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 Elders

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

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

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 #14, No priesthood authority for women

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

Resolution #15, Duty of saints/priesthood

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.

Resolution #16, Affirm Doc. & Cov. 119:4

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.

Resolution #17, Points of general agreement for Restoration Saints

Amended April 10, 2008

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. We believe the priesthood have the responsibility of preaching the gospel and inviting all to come unto Christ (DC 42:4; 53:2b; 50:4, 5a, 6c; 65:1b).

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)

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)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (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)

Patriarchal Blessing (DC 125:3-6; 107:29b)

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 #22, Logistics Committee organization

Moved that the Logistics Committee be sustained as a permanent committee 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 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.

JCR #31, Resolution on Sustaining Higher Priesthood Officers

Whereas, it has been the practice of the church conferences to vote whether to sustain or not sustain the men of the priesthood whose calling had been approved by conferences greater than that of a single branch; and Whereas, it is proper and scriptural for the priesthood who are ordained to the offices of High Priest, Seventy, Bishop and Patriarch to be presented to the conference of the Saints so that they may or may not be sustained in their office and calling; and

Whereas, The Book of Mormon declares the reason for submitting to the vote of the people.

35 Now it is not common that the voice of the people desireth anything contrary to that which is right; but it is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right;

36 Therefore this shall ye observe, and make it your law to do your business by the voice of the people.

37 And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you; (Mosiah 13:35-37)

See also this small sample of precedents:

D&C 121:1a, and 126:12 Requiring sustaining vote.

RLDS C.H. Vol. 1 Chapter 24:642, A refusal to sustain.

RLDS C.H. Vol. 3 Chapter 4:116 Presidents of Seventy sustained.

RLDS C.H. Vol. 3 Chapter 4:118 Bishops sustained; and

Whereas, for more than twenty years there has been no representative conference of the church members that could vote to sustain or not sustain these men of the priesthood; therefore,

Be It Resolved that the priesthood: Seventy, High Priests, Bishops, and Patriarchs are invited to submit their names individually to the Secretary/Recorder of the Conference, to be sustained and supported in their office and calling by the vote of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches.

JCR #32, Limitations on conference and officers

No Joint Conference nor any of its officers has the right or authority to regulate the internal affairs of participating branches by virtue of office or position in the Joint Conference.

JCR #35, Financial Limitations

Whereas the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB) is organized exclusively for a religious purpose; and

Whereas the Internal Revenue Service Code requires certain obligations of a religious organization under section 501(c)(3); and

Whereas the JCRB will adhere to the above mentioned code; therefore be it

Resolved that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches absolutely ensures that no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons; and be it

Resolved that the JCRB absolutely refrains from participating in the political campaigns of candidates for local, state, or federal office; and be it further

Resolved that upon dissolution of the JCRB, assets and earnings shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

JCR #39, Motion to Extend Committee Appointments thru Spring Conference

Moved that all current committee appointments except the Finance Committee continue until the next Conference and from spring to spring thereafter beginning with the Spring, 2007, Conference.

JCR #40, RLDS in organizational disorder

Resolved, that the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is in organizational disorder.

JCR #41, COC is a new church

Resolved, that the Community of Christ is a new church, culminating over 40 years of doctrinal changes to the church's formulated creed and well understood faith.

JCR #42, JCRB practices ordinances as originally restored

Resolved, that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches and its participating branches preach the gospel and practice the ordinances as originally restored and taught in the scriptures.

JCR #43, Adoption of RLDS Rules through January 1, 1958

Resolved, that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches and its participating branches adopt the scriptures, resolutions, rules of order, and quorum decisions of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as they existed on January 1, 1958; and

Resolved, that the JCRB and its participating branches reserve the right to rescind or modify any doctrinally incorrect resolutions, rules of order and quorum decisions; and

Resolved, that the JCRB and its participating branches reserve the right to adopt any scriptures, resolutions, rules of order, and quorum decisions that are in harmony with the established law of the scriptures; and

Be it further Resolved; that all of this be done by the prayerful deliberation, voice and vote of the conference.

JCR #45, Affirmation of Scriptures

It is therefore the recommendation of the JCRB Succession Committee that the Doctrine and Covenants through Section 144 be affirmed by the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches as being part of the organic law of the church, along with the Inspired Version of the Bible and Book of Mormon.

JCR #46, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Whereas, participating branches of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches believe and uphold the original precepts of the gospel; and

Whereas, the Conference of June 12, 1852 affirmed, "That we recognize the validity of all legal ordinations in the Church, and will fellowship all such as have thus been ordained, while acting within the purview of such authority; Resolved, That we believe that the Church of Christ, organized on the 6th day of April, A.D. 1830, exists as on that day, wherever six or more Saints are organized, according to the pattern in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants." (The Messenger, Vol. 2, p. 9); and

Whereas, the Conference of June 12, 1852 also affirmed, "Where evidence of a legal baptism once having been received, and in the absence of expulsion or apostasy, it was not admissible to require a re-baptism, to be identified with the Reorganization; but that in such cases it was optional with the persons themselves – a matter of conscience with them alone." (The Messenger, Vol. 2, p. 37); and

Whereas, that the participating branches of the JCRB agree with the position of the 1852 conference that re-baptism and re-ordination were not required for membership in the Reorganization; and

Whereas, re-baptism and re-ordination are still not required for membership in the Restoration Branches: therefore be it

Resolved, that the participating branches of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches, an unincorporated ecclesiastical organization, claim that we are a continuation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and not the organization of a new church, in the same way that the Reorganization is the continuation of the original church known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. And be it further;

Resolved, that we believe that any branch formed according to the pattern specified in Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which states, "A 'branch' may be organized at any time, or place, by the concurrence of six or more resident members in good standing, of said Reorganized Church, one of whom must be an elder, priest, teacher, or deacon," is a lawful branch of the Church of Christ as organized on April 6, 1830 and reorganized in April 1853, with all the rights and privileges

of such branches, including, if it so chooses, the use of the name Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

JCR #49, General Conference/National Conference

Resolved that the JCRB shall encourage and assist in the formation of national conferences to be convened in October of each year or more often if necessary; and be it further

Resolved that the JCRB shall lend assistance in the form of providing presiding ministers for organizational purposes; and be it further

Resolved that such conferences may authorize the formation of quorums for the support, training, and guidance of the ministry; and be it further

Resolved that minutes and resolutions approved at these conferences shall be forwarded to the JCRB secretary and that a report shall be made to the JCRB identifying actions requested by these conferences; and be it further

Resolved that the JCRB shall organize an October conference in Independence, MO, for all branches and missions in the United States; and be it further

Resolved that the JCRB shall convene an international, general conference each April in Independence, MO, where the entire church shall come together to direct the work.

JCR #52, Missionary Support

Whereas, the Evangelism Committee of the Joint Conference of Branches has studied the material on missionary support, it recommends the following:

After consideration of the mission, the circumstances, the missionaries required, and other issues, the Seventy, the Evangelism Committee and the Finance Committee, will work together in fasting and prayer to determine the spiritual, temporal and financial requirements for each mission; and

Therefore, be it resolved, that the priesthood be admonished to consider the Lord's pattern of preaching the gospel, and should begin to experiment on his word which says to go out "without purse or scrip" when preaching the gospel to the world, depending on the Lord for their support; and

Be it resolved, that means of support be developed to financially assist the families of traveling priesthood while they are away preaching the gospel; and

Be it resolved, we ask the conference not to place any legislative restrictions on these decisions; and that the work be under the direction of God's Holy Spirit to determine our action in these matters; and

Be it resolved that the Evangelism Committee and the Seventy should take steps to educate the priesthood on the scriptural patterns for evangelism and other necessary education so that priesthood who are sent out will be prepared in all matters, and that the gospel may be preached in its purity.

JCR #53, Resolution to set aside illegal administrative/judicial actions

Whereas, during the dark and cloudy days leading up to the present division in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, numerous brethren were silenced without cause, without proper labor on the part of the church, and without opportunity for due process in an objective appeal procedure; and

Whereas, other brethren were expelled from the church by court actions which violated established church court procedures, i. e., failure to perform and document labor prior to bringing a charge, appointment of courts by parties with interest in the case, allowing administrative officers to participate as prosecutors and witnesses, failure to require subpoenaed witnesses to testify, etc. ; and

Whereas, these and other actions were precipitous, not edifying to the body of Christ, divisive, retaliatory, and a terrible mark on the record of the church; therefore be it

Resolved that this Joint Conference of Restoration Branches deprecates and denounces the tactics and policies used by those administrative officers to discredit and vilify honest and honorable ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ during this latest generation; and be it further

Resolved that those brethren who were wronged in this manner shall be recognized by this Conference as

members and ministers in good standing under the provisions of JCR #16

JCR #54, Receiving Members on Previous Baptism/Ordination

Every person returning to the church of Christ that applies for readmission on their original baptism and/or ordination be considered on a case by case basis by the local presiding officer by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and difficult cases may be referred to a conference (Branch, District, Special, National or General).
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JCR #55, W. B. Smith right to name successor

As long as Wallace B. Smith is alive, no one else can name a successor to the Presidency of the High Priesthood.

JCR #56, Call for Fasting and Prayer on Second Sunday of Each Month

Whereas; many of the saints are confused because of the many voices calling for their allegiance and commitment; and

Whereas; the only way to receive direction is to humble ourselves and call on the Lord in mighty prayer and fasting, (Alma 12:5); and

Whereas; those who call themselves the Lord's church, (II Chronicles 7:14), will be led out of this confusion by humbling themselves and praying; and

Whereas; the trumpet in Zion is blowing uncertain sounds, when the sound from the Centerplace should be very clear, (Joel 2:1,15); and

Whereas; missionary needs are great and the missionary effort is blessed when the call is to pray for, and witness to, those that know not the Christ, (Alma 4:6);

Therefore be it resolved; that the general conference of the Church encourage branches, missions and study groups throughout the world, to set aside the second Sunday of each month for fasting and prayer.

JCR #58, Seventy Ordinations at the Same Conference

Moved that the Seventy be removed from any perceived restriction that would limit them from being called and ordained at the same Conference.

JCR #59, Quorum Organization

Whereas the Aaronic Priesthood desire to organize themselves into quorums, and

Whereas Doctrine & Covenants 118:1c says we must have conference approval to form quorums;

Therefore be it resolved that this conference approve by voice and vote and direct the conference leaders to organize the elders, priests, teachers, and deacons into quorums within three months. (Doctrine & Covenants 118:1c & 104:40b).

JCR #60, Communication with Restoration Branches

Whereas: Branches and Members of the JCRB who are located outside the Independence area are anxious to fully participate to the extent possible in the consideration of actions known or are likely to be on the Agenda of JCRB Conferences, and,

Whereas: Branches and Members of the JCRB who are located outside the Independence area need to rely on timely and open communication from JCRB Officers and other individuals for information regarding actions known or are likely to be on the Agenda of JCRB Conferences, be it hereby,

Resolved: JCRB Officers and members responsible for creating and/or gathering and assembling information regarding actions known or are likely to be on the Agenda of JCRB Conferences should use every available means (e.g., JCRB Web Site, e-mail, postal service, newsletters, telephone) to provide this information prior to said Conferences in a timely and open manner to Branches and Members known to be associated with the

JCRB, and be it further resolved,

Information regarding actions known or are likely to be on the Agenda of JCRB Conferences should include proposed resolutions and the names of the Branch or individuals proposing the resolutions as well as reports of JCRB Officers, and Committees, including the names of committee members.

JCR #61, Referral of Doctrinal Issues to Elders Quorum

Resolved that this Conference direct the President, with the consent of the Conference, to refer all resolutions that deal specifically with doctrinal issues to the elders for their consideration prior to being brought up for discussion on the Conference floor; and be it further

Resolved that upon referral of any resolution, the elders may recommend consideration by the Conference, amend the original resolution or propose a substitute for consideration by the Conference, or recommend tabling the resolution indefinitely; and be it further

Resolved that the elders shall report to the Conference a synopsis of their discussions and subsequent actions.

JCR #63, Amendment to General Conference Resolution #966

Whereas, Under procedure followed in the past, all selections by the Presidents of Seventy for ordination to the office of Seventy, after concurrence of the First Presidency and Council of Twelve, have been submitted for approval to the general conference, and

Whereas, There is no specific law requiring action by the general conference in such matters, and such reference often precludes or postpones the ordination of acceptable candidates or nominees for the office of Seventy between Conferences, now, therefore be it and it is hereby

Resolved, that the ordination of Seventies may be authorized during intervening conference periods on selection by the Council of Presidents of Seventy and consultation with the First Presidency and Council of Twelve.

And Be it Further Resolved:

Until the First Presidency and/or the Council of Twelve be restored to the Church, that the ordination of Seventies may be authorized on selection by the Council of Presidents of Seventy and submitted for approval to a National Conference, or a Special Conference called for this purpose; and all ordained Seventy (active in their quorum) shall be submitted to the approval of the next general conference.

JCR #65, Global Women's Ministries

Whereas, the U. S. National Conference of 2008 voted to establish the Restoration Women's Ministries (see USNCR 13), and

Whereas, there is a need for a committee to support the affairs of the women on a global level, Therefore, be it resolved that the Restoration Women's Ministries be sustained by this general conference to act in this capacity.

JCR #66, Encourage Branch & District Organization

Resolved that the church exists today as it did on April 6, 1830 wherever 1) six or more authoritatively baptized members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are organized into a branch according to the pattern specified in the Doctrine and Covenants and 2) said branch teaches the original doctrines of the restored church and observes the ordinances as traditionally observed in the Reorganization; and be further

Resolved that the Conference encourages all members of the church to attend a local branch of the church, or if no local branch exists, to regularly meet with fellow church members with the goal of forming a local branch of the church; and be it further

Resolved that the Conference encourages all branches of the church to join other nearby branches, whenever they exist to form a district of the church, which district can pool the resources of member branches to better serve the saints and spread the gospel within its region.

JCR #68, Appointment of a Conference Historian

Whereas: The Lord has on many occasions commanded his people to “write and keep a regular history.” (See D.C. 47: 1,2; DC 69:1b; DC 123:7-8; I Nephi 2:93; Jacob 1:2-3), and,

Whereas: JCR #3, paragraph 7, makes provision for a Conference Historian, and,

Whereas: We often wish John Whitmer and his successors had been more diligent in recording the history of the Restoration, including the details of and/or background for events that occurred in the early days of the Restoration and even details of actions taken during the days of the Reorganization, and,

Whereas: Minutes of meetings, though valuable, are by nature rather sterile and largely devoid of the details and circumstances that lead to any given Conference action, be it hereby,

Resolved: This National Conference authorizes the immediate appointment, by the Conference officers, of an Acting Historian to serve until the next general conference. And be it

Resolved: The National Conference herein petitions the general conference to create a permanent position of Historian. And, be it further,

Resolved: The Historian shall collect and preserve important documents including written, oral and visual (both audio and visual) recordings, and shall write the official history down for current and future generations to read, understand, debate and critique. He/she should also be an advocate for recording and preserving important historic events, e.g., recording the “setting apart” services at the Zarahemla Branch on January 27, 2008, and the setting apart of Brother Neil Simmons as Senior President of the Council of Presidents of Seventy on April 13, 2008. He/she shall gather information from all relevant sources and subsidiary organizations including branches, districts, quorums, etc. And, be it further,

Resolved: In consultation with the Officers, the Historian shall be able to draft capable people to assist in the gathering, writing, and preserving of the history of this Church. And, be it further,

Resolved: The Historian shall report to the Conference of the church from time to time, be responsive to input from the many quarters of the church, and be free of undue influence from individuals or officers of the church.

And, be it further,

Resolved: We will leave a documented, written history “of all the important things which he (the Historian) shall observe and know concerning my church” (D.C. 69: 1b) so that our children and our children’s children down through all succeeding generations shall know of the events that surrounded the establishment and going forth of the Church of Jesus Christ in this last dispensation of time.

JCR #69, Dissolution of Evangelism Committee

Whereas, according to Section 104:7, “The high priest and elder are to administer in spiritual things, agreeably to the covenants and commandments of the church; and they have a right to officiate in all these offices of the church when there are no higher authorities present.”

Whereas, according to Section 104:13a, the Seventy are to act in the name of the Lord, under the direction of the Twelve, or the traveling high council, in building up the Church, and regulating all the affairs of the same, in all nations; first unto the Gentiles, and then tot the Jews; and

Whereas, there is no history or precedence of a committee of members directing the Seventy and/or approving or disapproving their activities; and

Whereas, there is now, under the authority of the general conference an organized Quorum of Seventy with 19 active Seventy responsible for the overall Evangelism/Missionary work of the Church; and

Whereas, the members of the Evangelism Committee are willing to assist the Seventy in the execution of their scriptural responsibilities to direct the Evangelism work; therefore be it;

Resolved, that the Evangelism Committee be dissolved during the April Conference of 2009 and be it further

Resolved, that the general conference create a Missionary Funding Committee to oversee the funding of all expenditures for Evangelism/Missionary work throughout the world; and that the Missionary Funding Committee be comprised of one member of the bishopric, one member of the Quorum of High Priests, one member of the Quorum of Seventy, and one member of the Quorum of Elders (appointed by each quorum) and be it

further

Resolved, that the Evangelism Committee turn over any documents and/or materials and/or information regarding past, present or future missionary efforts so that there may be a smooth transition of responsibility from the Evangelism Committee to the Missionary Funding Committee.

JCR #70, Proposed Modification of Rules

Resolved, that the Independence District recommend that the general conference modify general conference Rules 44 to 49 and 59, as attached hereto.

VII. Districts

44. District organization. Districts are organized by the First Presidency or a member of the Council of Twelve or by the common consent of two or more contiguous branches. They may meet for mutual improvement, and for the permanent organization and direction of the local ministry.¹ Reasonable notice of the organization meeting must be made available to all who are concerned, stating purpose, time, and place of meeting.

45. The district president is the co-ordinating administrative officer of the church in the district over which he presides. He is entrusted with the care and direction of the branches and district missions through the properly constituted officers of these branches and district missions, and of the nonresident members of the district directly or through the nonresident pastor. It is his duty to plan the extension and development of the work of the church within the district. All of these duties are subject to the district conference.

All district officers should report to the district president and hold themselves subject to his general direction and counsel.

District bishops and bishop’s agents have specific trustee responsibilities in which they are subject to the direction and counsel of the Presiding Bishopric, but, where either a bishop or a bishop’s agent serves as trustee of a district or branch, he is responsible for such trusteeship to the district or branch conference, and to the district or branch president according to the provisions of the district or branch budget.

The district president should be kept fully informed of the condition of all branches of the district and should have frequent consultation with the branch presidents concerning their plans and difficulties. He should be informed of the business meetings of the branches of the district and invited to attend and offer any suggestions or nominations he may desire to present. In emergencies, and especially when the branch president is incapacitated or the branch shall have fallen into decay, he may request or call a branch business meeting; in this or any other necessary situation he may recommend procedure, present nominations for office, or do such other things as will best protect the interests of the church. When these interests shall require, he may take over direction of the branch for a time, administering the work thereafter—either directly or indirectly—until a more permanent arrangement can be made. If the district president is thought to have proceeded unlawfully in any of these matters, appeal is to the next higher administrative officer or to a district conference convened by a majority of the branch presidents of the district.

In all his work the district president may be assisted by one or more counselors chosen from among the elders and sustained by the vote of the district, provided always that the responsibility of decision in the district presidency shall rest on the district president and shall not be transferred from him to a majority of the district presidency by any action of that presidency.

The district president should seek the counsel of the General Church officers concerned, and should respect this counsel, subject to the appeal provided in the law.²

46. District conferences are authorized to transact business relating to the maintenance and spread of the work within the district boundaries, but subject always to the resolutions of general conference and to the advice of the general authorities in matters committed to these authorities under the law. Notice of such conferences should be sent to the First Presidency, the apostle in the field, and to such other general officers as might be concerned with the business to be transacted.

47. Who shall preside? The district president presides over the district conference. At his request, or in his absence, his counselors may preside. Members of the First Presidency or Council of Twelve, or their authorized representatives, may be asked to preside as a courtesy or in view of special circumstances.³ The presiding officer is always subject to the approval of the conference.

48. Duty of the presiding officers. It is the duty of the presiding officers to bring to the attention of the conference such matters as require the consideration or action of the body; to require observance of the rules of order with decorum and propriety; and to secure, as far as he is able, a due respect and regard for the laws governing the church as contained in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and general conference enactments.

49. An appropriate order of proceedings for a district conference is as follows:

Opening worship

Reading and approval of the minutes

Reports, communications, and suggestions from the presiding officer

Communications or reports from the First Presidency, the minister in charge or his assistant, the Presiding Bishopric, or other General Church officers (with precedence in the order named)

Reports of the officers of the district, other than the presiding officer

Reports of standing and special committees

Business made the special order of the meeting Unfinished and new business

Business deferred subject to call

Election of officers

Action on time and place of the next meeting

Adjournment

1. *Doctrine and Covenants 120:1; General Conference Minutes 1930, page 130*

2. *Doctrine and Covenants 120:4*

3. *General Conference Resolution 580*

IX. Further Instructions Concerning Branches and Districts

59. In both branches and districts the presiding officers should be considered and respected in their offices. Nevertheless, the traveling presiding councils of the church, being made by the law, their calling, and the voice of the church the directing, regulating, and advising authorities of the church, and representing it abroad, should when present in either district or branch be regarded and considered as the leading representative authorities of the church, and be respected as such. Their counsel and advice should be sought and respected when given. In cases of conflict, or extremity, their decision should be listened to and regarded, subject to the appeal and adjudication provided for in the law.

He that heareth him that is sent heareth the Lord who sent him, if he be called of God and be sent by the voice of the church.

In these matters there is no conflict in the law.

In matters of personal importance and conduct arising in branches or districts, the authorities of those branches and districts should be authorized and permitted to settle them; the traveling councils taking cognizance of those only in which the law and usages of the church are involved, and the general interests of the church are concerned. "Where cases of difficulty are of long standing, the council may require local authorities to adjust them; and in case of failure to do so, may regulate them as required by their office and duty; and this that the work and church may not be put to shame and the preaching of the word be hindered."¹

Branches and districts are to be conducted according to the rules given in the law as directed in a former revelation: "They shall take the things which have been given unto them as my law to the church to be my law to govern my church. And these affairs are not to be conducted by manifestations of the Spirit unless these directions and manifestations come through the regularly authorized officers of branch or district. If my people will respect the officers whom I have called and set in the church, I will respect these officers; and if they do not, they can not expect the riches of gifts and the blessing of direction."²

As all things are to be done by common consent within the church, all general conference actions shall be forwarded to the branches, districts, stakes, and missions for their discussion and concurrence.

1. *Doctrine and Covenants 120:4, 5, 6, 7*

2. *Doctrine and Covenants 125:14*

JCR #71, Counsel of Joseph Smith III for District Presidents

Resolved that the Independence District requests that the general conference adopt the direction for District Presidents (CH 3:561-564) given by President Joseph Smith III as guidance for District officers in conducting the business of the church in districts.

Much inquiry and controversy arose about this time regarding the duties of district president, and President Smith was solicited to define said duties, which he did, as follows:—

"The presiding officer of a district should seek to obtain the good will of the congregations, and the individuals of which his district is composed. In securing this good will, he should be humble, faithful, and diligent. His first duty toward those under his charge is to seek unto the Lord for wisdom, that he may be aided and instructed to direct the affairs intrusted to him successfully. He should be a firm friend to the truth. His duty under this head would imply that he must speak the truth himself, encourage it in others, and reprove the disregard and the want of it in others. He must be gentle. In this light he must not be heady, high-minded, or obstinate, neither in his preaching to the world nor in his demeanor to the saints. He must be an open, avowed, and honest enemy; to wrong, oppression, false doctrines, and false practices. Under this rule of conduct he is authorized to silence elders preaching in his district, transient or local, if they preach false doctrine, or if they transgress the rules of morality which are known to obtain in the church and by which the members should be governed. He should preach and secure the preaching of others within his district. If at all practicable, he should travel in his district constantly, opening new fields of labor, filling stated appointments, and securing, by a guarded, careful walk and conversation, the favor of the people, that they may be induced to listen to the preaching of the word. He must realize that upon him to a great extent rests the entire moral responsibility of the district. He is supposed to be the representative of the saints comprising the district. As such a representative, if he is dirty in person, and disorderly and unclean in his dress, so will it be understood are his constituents. He must therefore be clean. If he be rough in language, profane, light, using foul and indecent language in private, and uncouth language in public, of just such material will it be understood is his congregation of saints composed. He must therefore be chaste and clean in his conversation.

"He must be impartial as a judge. Under this rule he must be closely discriminating in his choice of elders to take charge of congregations upon special occasions. He must not assume a right which is not his. He may preside at branch meetings, but it is not his right so to do. He may preach in a branch, and may call upon the branch authorities to call special meetings. It is their duty when requested by him to call meetings to do so at once, without delay. He has a right to inquire into the standing of any member in the branch, but it is his duty to make his inquiry of the officers of the branch. It is his duty to notify officers of branches of that which he requires of the branch; of all baptisms and confirmations to which he attends in their respective branches. He should give official notice of all specific changes in the business of the district conferences and other matters of general importance. He should see that all branches under his charge are properly instructed as to time and place of holding conferences, and should himself attend the sessions of conference. It is his duty to encourage the talent in the various officers of the various branches, and upon all suitable occasions call out and uphold those who are of lesser priesthood and talent. It is his duty to hear every official and proper complaint. It is his duty to discourage and refuse to hear every unofficial and fault-finding complaint, more especially should he do this in the priesthood, more especially still in the elders. It is his duty to keep his opinion of the merits of individual quarrels and differences to himself, except when called upon to decide officially; in fact, he is not fit to preside in the trial of any cause concerning the merits of which he has expressed an opinion. He should be a thorough Christian. Under this rule we embrace the following list of duties: It is his duty to be a good son, if he have parents; a good husband, if married; if not married he should be a gallant, but virtuous gentleman; a good father, if he have children. It is his duty to be courteous and friendly to all, remembering this rule more especially 'to the household of faith.' Remark: No natural churlishness of temper will make this rule any less imperative. It is his duty to be studious, active, energetic, unflinching; true as a brother, friend, neighbor, citizen, and child of God. It is his duty to be frank, kind, and firm; neither swerving from direct duty by entreaty of friends nor threats of enemies. It is not his duty to be eloquent and a great speaker, though if he possess these gifts it will be to his advantage. It is his duty to be sober. No drunkard or dram drinker is fit for this position, and should neither be chosen nor sustained. It is not his duty to boast or wrangle with those placed under his authority, nor assume dictatorial power. It is his duty to

be outspoken against vice. He should give it neither countenance nor quarter; nor while he condemn it, should he rail at individuals. It is his positive duty to refrain from hearing and retailing [telling or retelling] slander; nor should he circulate evil tales though they be true.”—The Saints’ Herald, vol. 17, pp. 80-82. (CH 3:561-564)

JCR #72, Insurance needs to local churches

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #800 on April 17, 1919. Which looked “with favor upon the Church carrying its own insurance on Church properties”. And

Whereas, the Bishopric has determined this to be directive in nature. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #800 be rescinded and the Churches (Branches, Districts and Stakes) and the JCRB be authorized to choose to contract with private insurance carriers to meet their insurance needs.

JCR #73, Expense reports for travelers

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #804 on April 18, 1919, Which directed “That each general officer and Conference appointee shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures for personal and traveling expenses...”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #804 be amended to include that “any person who travels for/by direction of the Church, Conference or JCRB shall report all funds they receive from all sources to the Bishop or Treasurer of the JCRB. Expense reports will be furnished to the Bishop or Treasurer of the JCRB as soon as practical after the travel has been completed.”

JCR #74, Affirm Law of Stewardship

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #847 on October 13, 1923, which outlined the belief and direction to the Saints regarding the Law of Stewardship by Filing an Inventory, Paying Tithes, Paying a portion of Their Surplus, Making offerings and Giving an Annual Account of Their Stewardship as required by the Law of God. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we affirm the acceptance and direction given to the Church by GCR #847 and that this direction is still in effect.

Be it further Resolved, That the level of Church organization that exists today does not in any way absolve the saints from complying with the Law of Stewardship and providing an accounting of their Stewardship.

JCR #75, Property Acquisition at Local Level

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #954 on April 9, 1947, referring to the acquisition of property requires “...approval is first had of the First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, Apostles directly concerned and General Church Architect or other approved architect. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #954 is rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, That there is no requirement for any Branch, District or Stake of the Church to gain any further approval of the Church except from the members of the organization considering such a purchase.

JCR #76, Ministry to Native Americans

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #955 on April 12, 1947, which Resolved “That the Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric be requested to give earnest consideration to the needs of the Indian members of the Church...”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #955 be amended to include the “Brethren of the Seventy and the Missionary Funding Committee of the JCRB are hereby incorporated into this GCR as amended”. And be it further

Resolved, that this GCR remains good and wise council to the Church and those who are endeavoring to minister to the Lamanite peoples wherever they may be.

JCR #77, Accountability of Conference Treasurer

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #82 on April 8, 1867, directing the actions of the Presid-

ing Bishop and the use of an auditing committee. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #82 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, that the Bishop shall instruct the Treasurer of the JCRB to provide, in detail, to each annual general conference, his accounts with the Church, and that an auditing committee shall be appointed by the Bishop to examine and report the same, a summary of which shall be published in the Conference Binder and in other locations available to the Saints. This auditing committee is accountable to the Bishop. No member of the auditing committee shall be a member of any standing committee of the general conference or the JCRB.

JCR #78, Reporting of offerings

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #261 on September 26, 1882, directing the actions of the ministry to report all monies received by them to the Bishop to prevent complaints on the part of those who contribute. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #261 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, that all persons who receive funds to support their ministerial efforts shall report all Church monies received by them to the Bishop or Treasurer of the JCRB together with the names of the person who gave the funds, so far as possible, and that they draw for their expenses the approved amount directly from the Bishop or the Treasurer of the JCRB.

JCR #79, Ordering of Quorums

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #311 on April 12, 1886, addressing the ordering of the lesser quorums of the Church and referring the matter back to the Conference and the Twelve. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #311 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, that JCR #59 adopted by the conference on April 12, 2008 has addressed this issue and provided direction in this matter.

JCR #80, Priesthood Ordination Approval

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #312 on April 13, 1886, addressing the requirement “That in organized districts, no one be ordained to the office of an elder, without the voice of the district or conference be had ordering such ordination, or by sanction of the Missionary in charge.” Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #312 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, that the Scriptures, specifically Doctrine and Covenants Section 17 Paragraph 12 and 16 is the Law of God and the Church in this matter.

JCR #81, Privacy of Contributions

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR # 446 on April 7, 1898, requiring “That our present practice of publishing an itemized account of all monies placed in the hands of the Bishop be continued”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #446 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, the monies placed in the hands of the Bishop or the Treasurer of the JCRB remain unpublished to protect the privacy of the individual donor.

JCR #82, Encourage Support of Local Branches

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #455 & #456 on April 14, 1898, directing the Saints to unite with Branches most convenient to the place where they reside. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #455 and GCR #456 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, the Saints are encouraged to unite with a Branch of the Church within a reasonable traveling distance from the place where they reside.

JCR #83, Ordinations by Law of God

Whereas, The General Conference adopted GCR #646 on April 15, 1910, requiring “...that no ordina-

tion to any office in the priesthood shall obtain until the “call” has been approved by those holding Melchisedec priesthood and in authority, whether it be in stakes, districts or branches.” Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #646 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, that the Scriptures, specifically Doctrine and Covenants Section 17 Paragraph 12, 16 and 17, are the Law of God and the Church in this matter.

JCR #84, Rescind GCR #785

Whereas, The General Conference adopted GCR #785 on April 10, 1918, requiring that “no church site be chosen or edifice erected by any branch without first conferring with the Presiding Bishop or Church Architect”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #785 is hereby rescinded.

JCR #85, Auditing Committee

Whereas, The General Conference adopted GCR #787 on April 11, 1918, authorizing “the Presidency to appoint one or more auditors to audit the church accounts”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that GCR #787 is hereby rescinded. And be it further

Resolved, that an auditing committee shall be appointed by the Bishop to examine and report on the church accounts.

JCR #86, Seventy to teach Law of Stewardship

Whereas, In accordance with Doctrine and Covenants Section 120, Paragraph 3d, which states, “The Seventy when traveling by the voice of the church, or sent by the Twelve to minister the word where the Twelve cannot go, are in the powers of their ministration apostles-those sent-...” And

Whereas, In accordance with Doctrine and Covenants Section 114, which states, “1 a. In order to place the church in a position to carry on the promulgation of the gospel, and as a means of fulfilling the law, the Twelve will take measures in connection with the Bishop, to execute the law of tithing; b. and let them before God see to it, that the temporal means so obtained is truly used for the purposes of the church,...”. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Seventy will fulfill their role in the powers of their ministrations as Apostles, and they will, in their duties, teach, expound and exhort the Saints to comply with the Law of Stewardship, the financial law of the Church along with all the other laws that God has placed with us.

JCR #89, Affirmation of Law of Stewardship

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #174 on April 10, 1875, affirms “That the Law of Tithing is binding upon the Church in its scattered condition”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we affirm the acceptance and direction given to the Church by GCR #174 and that this direction is still in effect.

Be it further Resolved, That the level of Church organization that exists today does not in any way absolve the saints from complying with the Law of Stewardship and providing an accounting of their stewardship.

JCR #90, Law of Stewardship Applicable

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #210 on September 11, 1878, affirms “That the Law of Tithing ... is applicable to the Church in its present condition, and should be observed”. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we affirm the acceptance and direction given to the Church by GCR #210 and that this direction is still in effect.

Be it further Resolved, That the level of Church organization that exists today does not in any way absolve the saints from complying with the Law of Stewardship and providing an accounting of their stewardship.

JCR #91, Financial Accountability of Traveling Ministry

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #321 on April 17, 1886, requiring the traveling ministry to report to the Bishop all money received to support the ministry. And the Conference deplores the failure to properly account for all monies received. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we affirm the acceptance and direction given to the Church by GCR #321 and that this direction is still in effect.

JCR #92, No Provision to “Pay” Ministers

Whereas, the General Conference adopted GCR #606 on April 15, 1908, requiring any financial aid paid to the ministry from the Church will be based upon his actual needs. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we affirm the guidance and actions of GCR #606 and we recognize the absence of any provision to “PAY” ministers for their work in accordance with the law.

JCR #93, Formation of a Communications Department

Resolved, that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches authorize the formation of a Communications Department, and be it further

Resolved, that the Department initially consist of three divisions, Periodicals, Information Technology, and Publishing. Additional divisions may be added as the need arises in the future, and be it further Resolved, that each division be organized with a Director, appointed by the Conference President. Directors may organize sub-divisions and appoint staff as needed to fulfill the demands for their services, and be it further

Resolved, that the Communications Department be managed by a Communications Committee consisting of the JCRB officers and the Division Directors, and be it further

Resolved, that the Communications Committee will work closely with the Bishop and the Finance Committee to provide budget planning and funding for the Communications Department, and be it further

Resolved, that the Communications Committee will provide an annual report to the general conference.

JCR #94, Formation of Rules & Resolutions Review Committee

Whereas, the General Conference Resolutions (GCRs) are written to help interpret and apply God’s law to govern the church. Over a thousand GCRs, including those omitted by conference action, have been passed since June 1852. It is imperative that the body of the church, the priesthood and General Officers, have a clear understanding of their meaning, and

Whereas, over time they become difficult to interpret or lost to memory because of the volume of GCRs, and

Whereas, they may become diluted or their meaning lost entirely, e.g. one GCR may be affected by preceding or subsequent GCRs which can affect the overall meaning of the intent of the original GCR covering the topic in question, and

Whereas, to avoid confusion and to simplify the legislative law of the church, it is desirable to concisely compile the body of the GCR’s to enhance corporate memory of the Church for a more effective use of the GCRs, and

Whereas, it is commonly believed that if laws are simple, direct and to the point, they are easier to understand, leading to better application, a greater acceptance of the law and to preserve an accurate corporate memory of our legislative law, therefore be it

Resolved, that a committee be formed to consolidate the Rules and the GCR into general categories, combine GCRs that are on the same subject into a condensed format and for a concise, more easily understood law. This committee is to bring its findings and recommendations to the next general conference and future general conferences, as needed, for approval by said body.

JCR #95, Limitation on General Conference Officers

Whereas it is extremely important that the Saints in the United States take every precaution not to assume a position of authority, or a perception of authority over our brother and sister Saints in far away lands; and

Whereas, there continues to be much confusion regarding the lack of distinction between the U.S. National Conference which is held in the Fall of the year in Independence, Missouri and the general conference which is held in April of each year in Independence, Missouri; and

Whereas, this confusion blurs the distinction not only in the minds of delegates in attendance but saints worldwide, between the U.S. national conference and the general conference, as well as National Conferences held in Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Belize and other national conferences that may occur in the future;

Therefore, be it resolved that in all publications of the church, including magazines, newsletters, formal programs, agendas, resolutions and minutes, etc., the U.S. National Conference shall always be referred to as the U.S. National Conference and not the Fall Conference.

JCR #96, Youth Activities Committee

Resolved: A Youth Activities Committee be formed for the purpose of planning and promoting annual & special activities for youth of all ages throughout the world. These activities can include Youth Camps, Youth Retreats, Reunions & Conference activities. This Committee should work closely with other youth groups. The committee will also help produce materials for youth. The committee will consist of 6 members to be elected and serve staggered three year terms in the same way as members of the Joint Activities Committee, beginning with the 2009 Conference.

JCR #100 Resolution for Quorum of High Priests

Whereas, the High Priests in a meeting on April 18, 2011, with the potential increase in their number, have determined that it is timely to function as “The Quorum of High Priests” according to accepted General Church procedure;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the general conference of Branches, as a continuation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, authorizes the High Priests to form a quorum of High Priests.

JCR #101 Resolution to Rescind JCR #88

Resolved that JCR #88 be rescinded.

JCR #102 Resolution to affirm Doctrine &Covenants 120:2

Whereas men were nominated for ordination to the office of high priest on motions brought directly to a general conference of the RLDS Church between 1857 and about 1873 at which time nominations originated with the High Priests Quorum; and

Whereas Doctrine & Covenants 120:2 states:

[Sec 120:2a] A branch may be presided over by a high priest, an elder, priest, teacher, or deacon, chosen and sustained by the vote of the branch. [Sec 120:2b] Districts may be presided over by a high priest, or an elder, who shall be received and sustained in his office by the vote of the district.

[Sec 120:2c] If a branch, or district be large, he who is chosen to preside should be an high priest, if there be one possessed of the spirit of wisdom to administer in the office of president;

[Sec 120:2d] or if an elder be chosen who may by experience be found qualified to preside, as soon as practicable thereafter he should be ordained an high priest by the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the one ordaining, and by direction of a high council, or general conference, as required in the law.

Resolved that consideration be given by the Quorum of High Priest to ordaining the president of any recognized district in the Church and general conference to the office of high priest.

JCR #103 Resolution For Accepting Members and Credentialing Priesthood in Branches

Whereas Priesthood was restored to the Earth in 1829 before the Church organization was created; and Whereas factions (GCR 71 & 72) neither add to nor take away from priesthood authority (RLDS Church History 3:433); and

Whereas authority is conveyed by the power of the Holy Ghost in the one performing the ordination (DC

17:12);

Therefore let it be resolved that:

1) All lawful ordinations initiated within the RLDS church through 1984 be considered valid in accordance with GCR 4 & 90. Should the legality of the ordination be in doubt, a branch, district, priesthood quorum or any other conference may request that an elders’ court be convened to ascertain the correct action (JCR 16 & 54 and Rules and Resolutions Appendix G).

2) Ordination to the office of elder, priest, teacher and deacon after 1984 be considered valid if:

a) the ordained man is not currently under any legal restriction by a church court having jurisdiction or administrative silence;

b) the ordination was performed in accordance with the law (D&C 17:12,16) and with valid authority derived from the 1860 Reorganization; and

c) The ordaining ministers’ ordinations have not been compromised by the doctrine of women’s ordination to the priesthood.

d) Should the legality of the ordination be in doubt, a branch, district, priesthood quorum or other conference may request that an elders’ court be convened to ascertain the correct action.

3) All lawful ordinances performed by these sustained priesthood (in 1 & 2) are also valid if performed in accordance with the law (GCR 71,72, 90). Thus:

a) Members of these branches will be received on their authoritative baptism in the everlasting covenant (D&C 20).

b) All authoritatively baptized members in good standing have voice and vote in branch, district, national, and general conferences, in agreement with the rules of representation at each conference.

JCR #104 Resolution for Accepting General Officers into the Conference of Branches from First Quorum of Elder

1) Lawful ordinations effected in the RLDS Church to the office of seventy or high priest (or others based on the office of high priest) may be received on their original ordination by application to the appropriate governing quorum of seventy or quorum of high priests, respectively, to assure there is a positive testimony and witness of the individual and his calling. Where confirmation is received, these names will be submitted to be sustained by the voice and vote of the church in general conference. This resolution supersedes JCR 31.

2) Ordinations effected outside of the RLDS Church (in accordance with GCR 71 & 72) to the office of seventy or high priest (excluding the offices of apostle, prophet, evangelist and bishop) may be referred to the council of presidents of seventy or quorum of high priests, respectively, to receive a confirming testimony and the witness of the individual and his calling. Where confirmation is received, these names will be presented to be sustained by the voice and vote of the church in general conference, and if approved would be ordained. In the interim, such individuals would be recognized in their last ordained office of elder, priest, teacher or deacon.

3) Ordinations effected outside of the RLDS Church to the offices of apostle, prophet, evangelist and bishop will not be accepted for review at this time.

JCR #105 Stewardship Accounting Day

Whereas the general conference has designated that the financial affairs of the church will be administered by a budget, and

Whereas it is very difficult to work from a budget without a projected income and it is impossible to project an income when annual Tithing Statements are sent in at all times of the year, Therefore be it,

Resolved, that March 31st of every year be designated as Stewardship Accounting Day and be it further Resolved, that all Saints are encouraged to file their annual Tithing Statements by this date.

JCR #106 Resolution to Form a Storehouse in Accordance With The Scriptures

Whereas: There are many Saints of the Church who have expressed a desire and interest in the formation of a Storehouse.

And Whereas: The Bishop and his Counselors recognize the importance of a Storehouse as the Lord has directed in its formation and service to the Saints of the Church.

And Whereas: There was a certain resolution that was referred to the Bishopric by the general conference of 2010 that in part pertained to the Storehouse and the work associated with a Storehouse.

And Whereas: The Bishopric wishes to incorporate the purpose and intent of that certain resolution into this resolution.

And Whereas: The Scriptures define and provide direction and a method on how the Storehouse would operate with its members, how it functions and its associations.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That a Storehouse Committee will be formed to investigate and make preparations to form a Storehouse should it be authorized by this general conference.

And Be It Further Resolved: That the Bishop and his Counselors will determine and assign the duties and tasks of this Storehouse Committee.

And Be It Further Resolved: That the Bishop shall choose a Chairperson and that Chairperson shall select four other Saints to assist in the assigned duties of the Storehouse Committee.

And Be It Further Resolved: That the work of this Storehouse Committee will include but not be limited to investigating all aspects of the formation of a Storehouse and report back to the Bishop and his Counselors their findings within six months of this general conference.

And Be It Further Resolved: That the Bishop will present the findings of this committee to the general conference of 2013.

JCR #108 Resolution for changing the budget line item, International Oblation, to Oblation

Whereas, the general conference has a line item in the budget identified as International Oblation and there has been a great need for unaffiliated individuals whose membership is not within a branch or district who can be assisted with oblation needs. And

Whereas, there has not been any method approved by the general conference for our Brothers and Sisters to request or be considered for oblation relief by the Conference. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the line item in the general conference budget titled International Oblation be changed to Oblation. This change would allow the JCRB Finance Committee to receive and consider oblation requests from all members of the Church whose membership does not reside within a branch or district of the church worldwide. This resolution will take effect beginning with the 2012 annual budget and continue with the budgets of future years.

JCR #112—Resolution for the Clarification and Restriction of Conference Officer Duties

Whereas, President Joseph Smith III stated, “The holding of local and general conferences we believe to have been and still to be, one of the surest, safest, and best means that could have been or that can be used to the accomplishment of a proper assimilation of thought and spirit among brethren, and the right understanding of doctrine among the teachers and those taught. These local and general conferences we believe to be authorized by the general laws of the church under the promulgation of the gospel was to be carried on; and they are not therefore the creatures of local organizations called churches or branches. They are natural and necessary assemblings of the church officers for the transaction of necessary business connected with the carrying out of the great program of salvation, and for the free interchange of thought, expression of opinion, and the preaching of the word. We trust that such assemblings will be more largely attended than before. The range of business which may be done at these conferences is very wide, and comprises all “things necessary to be done;” the necessity for the doing of any particular business being the law governing the case, “according to the Bible, Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants.”

Whereas, conferences are a legislative function (i.e. church business) while the conference is in session and not an administrative function (i.e. priesthood and quorums), and

Whereas, general conference Officers have the responsibility of presiding over the general conference and, as members of the Logistics Committee, have responsibilities to plan the next conference (JCR #3), and

Whereas, Conference Officers are a continual presence from conference to conference and are a convenient point of contact, and

Whereas, Conference Officers are restricted from activities that can result in authority over member branches of the JCRB (JCR #32); and

Whereas, the elders (all offices - Sec 125:8) are commanded to build the church (D&C Sec 42); and
Whereas, Elders do not have a standing quorum, but are included in “all offices” of elders, and as individuals, do have direction to build the church; and

Whereas, working with non-JCRB groups is building the church; therefore be it

Resolved that general conference Officers may not use their conference officer title for any purpose not specifically granted by the general conference or while participating in any activity, such as working groups, committees, or any activity involving non-JCRB members, that is not directly related to planning the next conference; and be it further

Resolved that, general conference Officers may use their conference officer title when negotiating logistics that are required to plan and conduct the next conference; and be it further

Resolved that, general conference Officers may not create committees or working groups that involve non-JCRB participants; and be it further

Resolved that, when requests from non-JCRB groups are received by the general conference Officers for activities not associated with logistics for the next conference, they shall refer the request to appropriate quorums and elders (Elders may be selected individually or in groups as appropriate for the request).

JCR #114—Resolution to Change The Fiscal Year of the Conference

Resolved, that the general conference’s fiscal year be from June 1 to May 31 of each year and be it further
Resolved that this resolution be effective with the annual budget passed by the 2014 Conference.

JCR #115 — Policy Statement on Marriage

WHEREAS: Our church doctrine¹ adheres to and supports the Scriptural definition of traditional marriage, which we define as a union between one man and one woman. This includes Genesis 2:29-30, I Corinthians 7: 1-7, as well as prohibitions on same-gender relationships as found in Romans 1:26-28 and I Corinthians 6:9-20. Further, our Doctrine and Covenants specifically declares the following statement on marriage, “... we declare that we believe that one man should have one wife; and one woman but one husband, except in the case of death when either is at liberty to marry again.”² The Book of Mormon also states, “For there shall not any many among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none, for I the Lord God delighteth in the chastity of women.”³ THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: We oppose the performing, officiating, endorsing, supporting or participating in any way or fashion, any wedding, union or other function related to any unions other than between one man and one woman, or that would violate the beliefs and teachings of this general conference in accordance with our scriptures and beliefs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We prohibit our chaplains from being coerced or obligated to perform any ceremony or function that he believes would cause him to violate this Policy Statement, his own conscience or his own convictions.⁴

1. *Church Doctrine is based on the Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures, the 1908 Authorized Edition of the Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants as identified in JCR #45*

2. *D&C Section 111: 4b*

3. *Book of Mormon, Jacob 2:36.*

4. *This Policy Statement encompasses all chaplains (including military, federal government, state government, Veterans Affairs, hospital, fire department, police department, etc.) endorsed by this body and is in effect regardless of their status as an Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard Chaplain serving in a foreign country, State/Commonwealth/Republic/Federal District/Etc. that allows same-gender unions. Our chaplains are still prohibited under this policy, from any participation in any union other than between one man and one woman.*

JCR #116 — Election of Recorder

Be it resolved that the position of Recorder for the Joint Conference of Branches be filled by election by the general conference beginning in April of 2014 and be it further,
Resolved, that the term of service for the Recorder will be from general conference to general conference.

JCR #118 — Modification of JCR #49

Resolved that the US National Conference respectfully requests the general conference to modify JCR #49 to remove the requirement for the US to hold Fall National Conferences and allow for greater autonomy in fall activities.

JCR #119 — Establishment of a Fund to assist the purchase of International Church Properties

Whereas the laws in many countries require that a legally constituted church must have a headquarters building and that, as of now, many churches associated with the Conference are without a building to call headquarters, we hereby

Resolved that the general conference of the JCRB establish a fund to receive contributions from anyone who would desire to assist international churches associated with the Conference in securing land and in building a house of worship that would have the dual purpose of serving as the headquarters building and said fund be administered by the Finance Committee.

JCR #120 — Letters of Invitation for Non-U.S. Delegates

Whereas, the Church of Jesus Christ is a body consisting of all the sons and daughters of Adam who repent and come to Jesus Christ (D&C 3:16a) and is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Romans 1:16), and

Whereas, the Lord commanded the Restored gospel ministry to preach the gospel in all of the world (D&C 83:10), and

Whereas, Restoration branches exist in many countries of the world and these Saints desire to send delegates and to participate in the general conferences and,

Whereas, the whole body is enriched when all of the Saints are able to worship together and the vision of the body is expanded when we labor together, and

Whereas, governmental and logistical conditions require a long lead time to allow for the application and issuing of travel visas, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Credentials Committee be directed by the general conference to prepare and deliver letters of invitation to the elected delegates of all branches and districts outside of the United States by December 15 prior to the next general conference or within 7 days of notification of delegate election by the branches if received after December 15. The letters of invitation should be sent regardless of the balance in the Delegate Travel Fund. Be it further,

Resolved, that this resolution rescinds the portion of JCR 113 which specifies January 15 as a deadline for sending letters of invitation.

JCR #121 — Chaplain Oversight Committee

Resolved that an ad hoc committee be appointed to research and recommend to the 2015 general conference the propriety of being a sponsoring organization for chaplains, both military and civilian. The committee will consist of interested volunteers, both former military as well as civilian, that are members of the Conference. High Priest Rudy Leutzinger to serve as chair and Elder Jared Watson to serve as secretary.

JCR-122 — Filing Revised Articles of Incorporation

Resolved, that the Articles of Incorporation for the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches filed on

November 8, 2007 with the Missouri Secretary of State be amended by authorizing Lathrop and Gage to file the attached Articles of Incorporation for the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches as approved and or amended by the general conference; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution replaces JCR #87.

(See archives for Articles of Incorporation as filed)

JCR#123 — Resolution on Purpose Statement for Joint Conference of Restoration Branches

Resolved: That the following be adopted as the purpose statement for the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches:

Who we are

The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches is a body of people, individual branches and other authoritatively baptized members who share a belief in the distinctive message of the Restoration found in the Inspired Version of the Bible, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants, the authority of priesthood and the sanctity of the ordinances and the sacrament.

Our purpose

The purpose of the JCRB is to bring people into a covenant with the Father through Jesus Christ. We exist to spread the Restored Gospel of Christ, to assist in the gathering of the House of Israel, and to establish Zion, a city of righteousness, the New Jerusalem. We exist to provide a venue for the members of the Restoration to confer together to make decisions on how to carry out these purposes.

JCR #124 — Financial Procedures and Processes

Due to changes in the JCRB financial procedures and processes in the past year and various committee responsibility changes, it is necessary to update our current Financial Policies, and all prior policies. Therefore, be it

Resolved that the current and all prior Financial Policies be rescinded upon a completed and approved Financial Policy that reflects the actual programs and process being utilized by the JCRB and general conference, and be it further

Resolved that a committee comprised of the Bishop, his councilor(s), the Treasurer, the finance staff (bookkeepers), a representative from the Seventy Travel Committee (STC) and from the Finance Committee and others they may find necessary to include, be responsible to revise the Financial Policy, and be it further

Resolved that the Revised Financial Policy be reviewed, and suggestions considered by the officers of the JCRB and General Conference and the elected committee for recommendation 5 and 6 of the Organizational Analysis, and be it further

Resolved that this completed, reviewed and approved Financial Policy shall be immediately implemented as approved by the auditor and then presented to the 2016 General Conference to be sustained by the General Conference.

JCR #125 — Position of Historian

Whereas: JCR#68 documents the need and importance of the JCRB (General Conference) to maintain a detailed history “of all the important things which he (Historian) shall observe and know concerning my church” (D.C. 69:1b) and,

Whereas: This conference recognizes the importance of maintaining a written history, so that our children and our children’s children down through all succeeding generations shall know of the events that surrounded the establishment and going forth of the Church of Jesus Christ in this last dispensation of time.

Resolved: This General Conference create a permanent position of Historian and, be it further

Resolved: The different Quorums of this conference and succeeding conferences will prayerfully consider per-

sons qualified for this position and submit names to the conference officers for the selection of a Historian, who when chosen by the Officers will serve a three year term (beginning in 2015), and be it further

Resolved: The person chosen to be the Historian in accordance with Resolution #1, shall be a member of the Melchisedek Priesthood, from a participating Branch, and cannot serve as an officer of the Conference during his term as Historian and be it further

Resolved: In consultation with the Officers, the Historian shall be able to recruit capable people to assist in the gathering, writing, and preserving of the history of this Conference and all related organizational entities, e.g., branches, districts, be it further

Resolved: The Historian shall report to the General Conference no less than at each scheduled General Conference the historical information he has gathered.

JCR #126 — Directory of Restoration Priesthood

Whereas there are many isolated Restoration Branches, Groups, and Saints scattered throughout remote areas who are in great need of guest ministry and have very limited resources available to them to find such ministry, and

Whereas there is a wealth of priesthood members, both Melchisedec and Aaronic, who attend the JCRB both as members and visitors who would be very willing to provide such ministry, and

Whereas at this time there is no Priesthood Directory that lists contact information for willing-to-serve priesthood members who attend different Restoration Branches or Groups, or who are in isolated areas where there are no Restoration Branches or Groups, and

Whereas the JCRB General Conference is a place where hundreds of saints gather annually and look to the information tables for news of upcoming events and happenings throughout the Restoration; be it therefore

Resolved, that at the 2015 Conference President's discretion, a Committee be either appointed or elected (during the 2015 JCRB General Conference) to put together as comprehensive as possible, a Restoration Priesthood Directory, and be it further

Resolved, that this be accomplished by said committee personally contacting all JCRB General Conference registered priesthood members, past and present, to ask their permission to include them in this directory, recognizing and informing them that it would not be a "JCRB Church" directory, as the JCRB is simply a Conference of Saints, but a directory made up of voluntary listings of priesthood members throughout the Restoration, and be it further

Resolved that once completed, this Restoration Priesthood Directory will be updated annually and will be made available to the saints during General Conferences by having copies on the information tables and will also be made available through the JCRB Office.

JCR #127 — Representation of Restoration Branches, Members of Restoration Branches and Members At-Large (Resolution to Revise JCR #2 and Replace JCR #113)

Whereas, JCR #2 has undergone several changes with the passage of other JCR's, and

Whereas, JCR 113 does not adequately provide for management of the delegate process, especially for delegates from outside the US; therefor be it

Resolved that, JCR #2, and JCR #113 be combined in the following resolution.

Representation of Restoration Branches, Members of Restoration Branches and Members At-Large

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 qualify 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 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 for being an organized branch.

3. Representation of members of a Restoration Branch. In addition to the delegate authorized in paragraph 2 above, 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 and a total of 75 votes.

4. Proxy-Delegates and Delegates from outside the United States. Proxy-delegates may be used by any Branch, as defined in paragraph 1 of this resolution that, due to logistical or financial obstacles, cannot be fully represented by members of their branch. Proxy-delegates may carry a maximum of 100 votes. In the case of several small branches in close proximity, a Proxy-Delegate may represent more than one branch, but may not carry more than 100 votes. Delegates from any branch, as defined in paragraph 1 of this section, outside of the United States that, due to logistical or financial obstacles, cannot be fully represented by other members of their branch will be allowed to carry a maximum of 100 votes.

5. Choosing of delegates. Restoration Branches shall be free to adopt rules to choose their representatives from among their membership, or in accordance with rules of this resolution, choose proxy-delegates if they cannot be fully represented by members of their own branch.

6. 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 a Restoration Branch, as defined in paragraph 1 of this section.

7. Special considerations for Restoration Branch representation. The Credentials Committee shall take into consideration the special circumstances facing Restoration Branches who, for various reasons, are unable to provide delegates from among their membership to make the journey to participate in the General Conference. The branch presidency may designate a Proxy-Delegates who, though not members of the respective branch, will agree to communicate to the branch, in person if possible, and report on Conference actions in order to assist the branch in complying with Rule of Order #12. A delegate designated in this fashion may represent more than

one branch, but may not carry more than 100 votes. Such Proxy-Delegates shall be designated by the Conference Credentials Committee with a distinguishing badge indicating their delegate status and some mechanism to display the number of votes they are able to cast when voting in General Conference business sessions.

8. Standard Delegate votes. Properly seated delegates representing branches that have the ability to send a full delegation of members of their branch, shall be designated by the Conference Credentials Committee with a distinguishing badge and shall cast a vote equal to 25 individual member votes.

9. Authorization of Restoration Branches. Restoration Branches seeking representation in the Joint Conference of Branches shall provide the following information to the Credentials Committee on or before the first day of the conference (preferably, at least 10 days in advance):

1. A list of members in good standing and authorized by a branch officer, including names, and when possible, date of baptism and priesthood office and date of ordination, if applicable, date of birth, and ministers who officiated in the ordinances; and

2. An official delegate list as allowed by Rule #3 and certified by a branch officer.

Representation of Members of Branches and Members At-Large

10. Participating Members 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 practice of the doctrine of women's ordination to priesthood in his line of authority.

11. Authorizing 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.

12. Authorizing of unaffiliated members. Church members who are unaffiliated with a Restoration Branch or whose branch chooses not to participate in 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 being seated in the Conference.

13. Branch membership and delegate information for Branches outside the United States, should be sent to the Conference Recorder as early in the year as possible, of the next scheduled General Conference, to allow adequate time, (approximately six weeks) for the US visa application process and for obtaining the most economical airfare as possible, (approximately 15 to 30 days prior to the departure date.)

JCR #128 — JCRB Credentials Committee (Revisions to JCR 19)

Whereas the role of the Conference Recorder and the Credentials Committee has changed since the original passage of JCR #19, therefore be it

Resolved that this revised JCR #19 be adopted by the General Conference.

Resolved that; The Credentials Committee is a permanent Conference Committee with the following organization and responsibilities:

1. The permanent Chair of the Credentials Committee shall be the Conference Recorder who shall then serve as the Credentials Committee Chair and assume management of statistical records for the Conference.
2. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall 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 who participate in the Joint 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 elected 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 Conference shall maintain a permanent record of branch members' information and shall adopt rules for any 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 collecting, maintaining and disbursing this information.

JCR#129 Request for Consideration of Ordinations

Whereas, the inspired message (revelation) brought to the conference provides for the call of men to the office of Apostle and Patriarch/Evangelist.

Be it resolved: that Gary Whiting, Randy Vick, Neil Simmons and Ron Smith be ordained to the office of High Priest, and

Be it further resolved: that Gary Whiting and Randy Vick be set apart to the office of Apostle, and

Be it further resolved: that Neil Simmons, Jerry Vickery, Dan Sherer and Ron Smith be set apart to the office of Patriarch/Evangelist.

Be it further resolved: that is this resolution is tabled, or not approved by this general conference, all those called by GCR 2016-7 shall retain their current priesthood offices and callings.

JCR#130 Support for Youth Rally

Whereas: all youth need to know their Lord and Savior in a personal relationship, and

Whereas: a large percentage of youth leave the church in high school and college age years, and

Whereas: providing an opportunity for joint praise, worship and fellowship with other Restoration youth could provide an additional opportunity for youth to be supported in their growing relationship with Jesus Christ

Be it resolved: that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches support the formation of an independent board that would organize a Restoration Youth Rally to be held in the Independence, MO, area in 2017, and

Be it further resolved: that the board would be made up of a youth leader from various Restoration organizations and a youth representative from each of these groups and that the JCRB would have its youth leader and an elected youth representative representing it on this board.

JCR#131 Consistent References to JCRB General Conference

Resolved: that when "general conference" is referred to in a JCRB resolution it should be formatted as "general conference" in lower case instead of upper case to make references consistent.

CR#132 Archived Resolutions

Whereas: several of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches resolutions refer only to a specific action or time frame, which has expired, or refer to matters that have been changed by later resolutions, And whereas: these resolutions still have value as a historic record even though they are no longer binding on the conference,

Be it resolved: that the booklet with the resolutions for the JCRB be divided into sections of "Active Resolutions" and "Archived Resolutions," with the active resolutions being those that are binding on the conference, And that: the following numbered resolutions be included in the archived section:

JCR#2	JCR#4	JCR#5	JCR#18	JCR#19	JCR#20	JCR#21
JCR#24	JCR#25	JCR#26	JCR#27	JCR#28	JCR#29	JCR#30
JCR#33	JCR#34	JCR#36	JCR#37	JCR#38	JCR#44	JCR#47
JCR#48	JCR#50	JCR#51	JCR#62	JCR#64	JCR#67	JCR#87
JCR#88	JCR#94	JCR#97	JCR#98	JCR#99	JCR#107	JCR#109
JCR#110	JCR#111	JCR#113	JCR#117			

And be it further resolved: that when the conditions of a resolution expire, or new legislation makes the resolution no longer binding, that the Secretary be authorized to archive the resolution with the approval of the

other JCRB officers without further conference action.

JCR#133 Corrections to Resolutions

Whereas: some corrections are needed in the wording of several current JCRB resolutions to make them consistent with correct references or other wording,

Be it resolved: that this be the approved wording for the following current resolutions:

JCR #57, Education Committee

Whereas: Saints outside the Center Place have more difficulty obtaining church materials and resources,

Be it resolved: the JCRB will form an Education Committee in order to address the resource needs of Saints in outlying and secluded areas. This committee shall be comprised of seven members and the chairperson will hold the office of Elder.

JCR #79, Ordering of Quorums

Whereas: the General Conference adopted GCR #311 on April 12, 1886, addressing the ordering of the lesser quorums of the Church and referring the matter back to the Conference and the Twelve. Therefore

Be it resolved: that GCR #311 is hereby rescinded. And

Be it further resolved: that JCR #59 adopted by the conference on April 12, 2008 has addressed this issue and provided direction in this matter.

JCR #86, Seventy to teach Law of Stewardship

Whereas: In accordance with Doctrine and Covenants Section 120, Paragraph 3d, which states, “The Seventy when traveling by the voice of the church, or sent by the Twelve to minister the word where the Twelve cannot go, are in the powers of their ministration apostles-those sent-...”

And whereas: In accordance with Doctrine and Covenants Section 114, which states, “1 a. In order to place the church in a position to carry on the promulgation of the gospel, and as a means of fulfilling the law, the Twelve will take measures in connection with the Bishop, to execute the law of tithing; b. and let them before God see to it, that the temporal means so obtained is truly used for the purposes of the church,... “. Therefore

Be it resolved: That the Seventy will fulfill their role in the powers of their ministrations as Apostles, and they will, in their duties, teach, expound and exhort the Saints to comply with the Law of Stewardship, the financial law of the Church along with all the other laws that God has placed with us.

JCR #89, Affirmation of Law of Stewardship

Whereas: the General Conference adopted GCR #174 on April 10, 1875, affirms “That the Law of Tithing is binding upon the Church in its scattered condition”. Therefore

Be it resolved: that we affirm the acceptance and direction given to the Church by GCR #174 and that this direction is still in effect.

Be it further resolved: That the level of Church organization that exists today does not in any way absolve the saints from complying with the Law of Stewardship and providing an accounting of their stewardship.

JCR #90, Law of Stewardship Applicable

Whereas: the general Conference adopted GCR #210 on September 11, 1878, affirms “That the Law of Tithing ... is applicable to the Church in its present condition, and should be observed”. Therefore

Be it resolved: that we affirm the acceptance and direction given to the Church by GCR #210 and that this direction is still in effect.

Be it further resolved: That the level of Church organization that exists today does not in any way absolve the saints from complying with the Law of Stewardship and providing an accounting of their stewardship.

JRC#134 Substitute to replace JCR #13, Church Exists Where Saints Are Organized According To The Pattern

Resolved: that we believe that a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ, organized in 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 and 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 Delibera-

tive Assemblies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (1876, 1891, 1904).

JCR#135 Budget for Order of Evangelists (From The Order of Evangelists)

Whereas, The duties of this office are to be an evangelical minister; to preach, teach, expound, exhort, to be a revivalist, and to visit branches and districts as wisdom may direct, invitation, request, or the Spirit of God determine and require; to comfort the Saints; to be a father to the church; to give counsel and advice to individuals who may seek for such; to lay on hands for the conferment of spiritual blessing, and if so led, to point out the lineage of the one who is blessed. (D&C 125:3a,b)

Whereas, The Evangelists/Patriarchs are called to be Spiritual Fathers to my people and bring ministry that heals their spirit and reinvigorates their faith as well as reestablishes Zion principles among them. (Rev 2016 General Conference)

Whereas, The Evangelist/Patriarch are referred to as a “Traveling Minister” (D&C 125:4:a,b)

Whereas, The Seventy have been told to continue to seek out new vineyards through prayer and fasting where my gospel must be heard, for many await hearing the words of their salvation in this land and foreign places...(Rev. 2016 general conference)

Be It Resolved That, The Evangelist/Patriarchs present a proposed yearly line item budget, to help with traveling expenses as they exercise part of their duties as “Traveling Ministers” in this land and foreign places.

Be It Further Resolved, Request for traveling ministry be made to the Order of Patriarchs (At present: Fred Greene, Neil Simmons, Jerry Vickery, Dan Sherer and Ron Smith) who will discuss and pray about the request.

Be It Further Resolved, If the Order of Evangelist/Patriarchs are in agreement upon the request, and funds are available, details and plans for the request will be worked out. The Evangelist/Patriarchs will consult with the Apostles and Presidents of Seventy in coordinating plans for the traveling ministry request.

Be It Further Resolved, That an additional yearly line item dollar amount be budgeted for obtaining a common place for the storage of Blessings, possible materials for traveling ministry, and the like.

JCR#136 Education Committee (From the Education Committee)

Whereas, prior JCRB General Conferences have defined the JCRB Education Committee as an elected committee, and

Whereas, the JCRB Education Committee requires members knowledgeable and skilled in curricula and course creation, project management, editing, and layout it is therefore\

Resolved, that the Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary) of the JCRB Education Committee be elected and other members be appointed by the committee officers.

And be it further Resolved, that branches and quorums be encouraged to appoint a liaison to the JCRB Education Committee to better allow the identification of future education needs, improve resource sharing, and share in the development of new educational material.

And be it further Resolved, that this resolution replace JCR#57.

JCR#137 Unite in Prayer and Fasting for the Bringing Forth of Zion

(From the Keosauqua Restoration Branch)

Whereas, given the movement of God to prepare many Christians to receive the fullness of the gospel in America; and, given this period of grace God has given us in this past election; and, given the spirit to move forward the missionary work in America,

Be it resolved that the Church unite, fast, and pray diligently for the Restored Church to grow, especially within the United States in preparation for the bringing forth of Zion and the gathering of Israel.

And be it further resolved that this be done on the First Sunday of every month.

JCR# 138 Church Registration and Houses of Worship Fund

Whereas, presently there is an open fund to receive donations for church registration and church build-

ings/houses of worship totaling \$8,800.00. After evaluating the growth of the church in several nations and the necessity of complying with the laws of the various countries the Apostles recommend the following;

Resolved that a line item be added to the General Conference budget for church registration and houses of worship, and be it further;

Resolved that this fund may be used to assist branches to obtain houses of worship, and be it further;

Resolved that these requests shall be made to the Apostle in charge of the region under consideration. The Quorum of Apostles will develop the criteria for approval of requests. The approved request will be forwarded to the Bishop and the Conference Treasurer for consent and approval of the request during the conference year and be it further;

Resolved that the funds in the current account be transferred to this new fund and that a maximum of \$15,000.00 be added yearly to achieve and maintain a maximum of \$50,000.00.

JCR#139 Fiduciary Responsibility

Whereas, a fiduciary person is legally required to handle finances for the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB), and

Whereas, the JCRB currently as a Bishop functioning in that role, and

Whereas, a Bishop has authority to designate Agents to assist in that fiduciary capacity,

Be it resolved, that Bishop Carl D. Cederstrom be requested to appoint, within three months, a committee of no more than three (3) persons to name an agent for the JCRB to act as a fiduciary agent when events require.

And be it further resolved that this matter be sent to the High Priest quorum to develop a more permanent solution with a report to be made back to the next general conference in April 2019.

JCR #140 World Education Fund

Whereas, the Church of Jesus Christ has always recognized the importance of education.

And Whereas, there are many members throughout the world who lack the resources to pay school fees required for a basic education;

And Whereas, there are many who request educational assistance each year;

Therefore be it Resolved: The JCRB will establish a World Education Fund with an initial allocation of \$5000;

And be it further Resolved: The JCRB will establish an annual World Education Day, in which branches and individuals will be encouraged to contribute to the World Education Fund;

And be it further Resolved: The JCRB will elect a World Education Committee of three individuals to work with the bishop in overseeing the fund;

And be it further Resolved: The following guidelines be adopted to initially guide the use of the funds:

1. World Education Scholarships will be used for two purposes only:

a. Student tuition

b. Committee costs (e.g. Communication, transferring funds, transcripts)

2. Applications for World Education Scholarships must include a letter of recommendation indicating the student's current standing and activity in the local church.

3. World Education Scholarships are to be paid directly to the school involved.

4. The school involved must agree to send a transcript of grades each term to the World Education Committee.

5. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 (or equivalent) in order to have scholarships renewed. If a lower GPA is obtained, the student may apply for one additional term only, in order to raise the average.

6. Students attending post secondary schools may apply for loans subject to the same guidelines, except that the loans are to be paid back to the World Education Fund.

Resolved that the World Education committee's annual report to the JCRB include names of all current scholarship recipients, aggregate funds, and any recommended amendments to the guidelines.

JCR #141 Disaster Emergency Fund

Whereas Saints around the world are from time to time victims of natural disasters, therefore,

Be it resolved that the General conference make an allocation of \$5,000 to the U.S. National Conference Disaster Emergency Fund.

JCR #142 JCRB Acting Bishop

Whereas Bishop Carl Cederstrom has become physically unable to execute his duties as Bishop to the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches and has appointed High Priest Rob Rolfe to carry out his duties until the General Conference can take action, and

Whereas the High Priest Quorum, the Elder's Quorum, the Quorum of Seventy and the Aaronic Mass Meeting have approved and supported Brother Rolfe in continuing in this capacity, therefore

Be it resolved that in accordance with Doctrine and Covenants 104:7, Brother Rob Rolfe be accepted and supported in the role of Acting Bishop with full authority to perform the tasks of the Bishop including the presiding over the Aaronic priesthood.

Articles of Incorporation

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of
Joint Conference of the Restoration Branches

The undersigned individual, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopts these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

Joint Conference of the Restoration Branches

ARTICLE II

This corporation is a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE III

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office in Missouri is 1100 W. Truman Road, Independence, Missouri 64050 The name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address Alan Smith.

ARTICLE IV

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation are: Randy L. Vick, 1100 W. Truman Road, Independence, Missouri 64050.

ARTICLE V

- A. The corporation shall not have members.
- B. The number of directors to constitute the board of directors shall be specified in or fixed in accordance with the corporation's Bylaws, provided that in no event shall such number be less than three.

ARTICLE VI

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, or other private persons; provided, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and grants in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE VII. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any activities that are not permitted to be carried on by an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Code, which are not permitted to be carried on by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170 of the Code, or which are not within the purposes set forth in section 355.025 of the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent state corporation law).

ARTICLE VII

A. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious purposes and to hold the assets of the corporation and to manage the funds as directed by the General Conference of the Joint Conference of the Restoration Branches.

B. Subject to the provisions of ARTICLE VI and the preceding provisions of this ARTICLE VII, the corporation shall have the purpose of carrying on any lawful activity and shall also have all of the powers accorded to it by the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act (or any subsequent state corporation law to which it may be subject).

ARTICLE VIII

The corporation may be dissolved by the Two-Thirds vote of the General Conference of the Joint Conference of the Restoration Branches. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation which remain after payment of its obligations has been made or provided for, and after return, transfer, or conveyance of assets held upon condition requiring such return, transfer, or conveyance, shall be transferred to the Center Place Res-

toration School in Independence, Missouri.
This document has been signed on the 23 day of April, 2015.
In affirmation of the facts stated above,
Randy L. Vick (signature)
Randy L. Vick, Incorporator

Bylaws

Bylaws
of
Joint Conference of Restoration Branches

ARTICLE 1

Offices and Records

1.1 Registered Office and Registered Agent. The initial registered office and the initial registered agent of the corporation in the state of Missouri shall be as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation. The registered office and the registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

1.2 Corporate Offices. The corporation may have such corporate offices anywhere within and without the state of Missouri as the Board of Directors from time to time may appoint or the business of the corporation may require. The principal office of the corporation may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

1.3 Records. The corporation shall keep, as permanent records of the corporation, minutes of the meetings of the General Conference of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (hereinafter referred to as the General Conference of the JCRB), the Board of Directors and of committees of the Board of Directors, and a record of all actions taken by the General Conference of the JCRB or by the Board of Directors or any committee thereof without a meeting, and the corporation shall maintain appropriate accounting records. The corporation shall also keep, at its principal or registered office in Missouri, such records and information as it may from time to time be required by law to keep at such location, if any. The records of the corporation shall be maintained in written form or in any other form that is capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time.

ARTICLE 2

Membership

2.1 The Corporation. The Corporation shall have no members.

2.2 The Unincorporated Association of Branches and Members. The General Conference of the JCRB is an unincorporated association of Restoration Branches and members of the church, according to JCR#1 operating under the Rules of Order, Resolutions, Council Decisions and Policies of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in effect on January 1, 1958 and as amended by General Conferences after January 1, 2007.

ARTICLE 3

Board of Directors

3.1 Powers of the Board. The property and activities of the Corporation shall be controlled and managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have and is vested with all and unlimited powers and authorities to execute, enact and perform the resolutions of the General Conference of the JCRB, except as may be expressly limited by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, to do or cause to be done any and all lawful acts and things for and on behalf of the Corporation, to exercise or cause to be exercised any or all of its powers, privileges, and franchises, and to seek the effectuation of its objects and purposes.

3.2 Number, Qualifications, and Tenure of Directors.

(a) The number of directors to constitute the first Board of Directors shall be at least four. The persons holding the following positions with the General Conference of the JCRB shall automatically constitute the

members of the Board of Directors of the corporation:

- (i) President;
- (ii) Vice-President
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Treasurer

(b) A Bishop who is recognized by the General Conference of the JCRB shall also be a member of the Board of Directors. If there are two or more Bishops, the Bishops shall determine among themselves which one shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

(c) A director does not need to be a resident of the state of Missouri. A director must be at least 18 years of age.

(d) Each director shall hold office for the term which such director serves in the position described in Section 3.2(a), unless such director earlier resigns.

3.3 Filling Board Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the death or resignation of a member of the Board of Directors may be filled for the balance of the term of the deceased or resigned member, by an appointment of a successor member by the majority vote of the Board of Directors until such time as the position has been filled by the General Conference of the JCRB, except in the case of a Bishop. Any vacancy created by the death or resignation of a Bishop shall be filled by another Bishop determined in any subsequent meeting of Bishops. If no Bishop remains, the position shall remain vacant until one is available.

3.4 Board of Director Meetings.

(a) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held following the annual meeting of the General Conference of the JCRB.

(b) Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

(c) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called, and may only be called, by or at the request of the President or any two directors. Such meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice thereof given pursuant to section 3.

(d) Actions of the Board of Directors taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors that is held at a time or place other than the time or place at which such meeting is required to be held pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws shall be valid if notice of such meeting is waived pursuant to the provisions thereof.

3.5 Notice of Board of Director Meetings.

(a) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice.

(b) Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice.

(c) Notice of each special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to the directors by the person or persons who call such meeting at least two days before the date of such meeting.

(d) Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors may be oral or written and shall state the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors may be communicated in person, by telephone, telecopy, or other form of wire or wireless communication, or by mail or private carrier. Oral notice shall be effective, i.e. shall be deemed to be given to the recipient, when communicated.

3.6 Waiver of Notice. Any notice required to be given to a director by any provision of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or any law may be waived in a written instrument signed by such director, whether before, at, or after the meeting for which such notice is required to be given, if the instrument is filed with the minutes of the meeting or in the corporation's records. Attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where such director upon arriving at the meeting or prior to the vote on a matter not noticed in conformity with these Bylaws objects to the lack of notice and does not vote for or assent to the objected to action.

3.7 Action of Directors by Consent in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which is required to be or which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all of the members of the Board of Directors take such action and, to evidence such action, sign a written consent (which may be signed in two or more counterparts) that describes the action taken. Each such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held and may be stated as such

in any document executed on behalf of the corporation. The Secretary shall file such consents with the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

3.8 Meetings by Telecommunications Equipment. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, any or all members of the Board of Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board of Directors by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. A director who participates in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

3.9 Quorum Action of Board. Four directors shall, unless a greater number as to any particular matter is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The affirmative vote of three of the directors then in office shall be the act of the Board of Directors if a quorum is present when the vote is taken, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws. Less than a quorum of the Board of Directors may adjourn a meeting successively until a quorum is present.

ARTICLE 4

Committees

4.1 Committees. The Board of Directors may designate one or more interim committees and appoint members of the Board of Directors to serve on them. Each such committee shall have two or more members, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Each committee shall have such power and authority as is specified by the Board of Directors upon the establishment of such committee subject to the Articles of Incorporation and applicable law.

4.2 Committee Action. Each committee of the Board of Directors shall keep regular minutes of its meetings which shall be kept in the minute books or files of the corporation. The provisions of Articles relating to actions by written consent in lieu of meetings and participation in meetings by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment shall apply to committees of the Board of Directors and members thereof.

ARTICLE 5

Officers

5.1 Elected Officers.

(a) The persons who hold the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the General Conference of the JCRB shall automatically be deemed appointed by holding the identical office for this corporation.

(b) An elected officer shall be deemed qualified when such officer begins the duties of the office to which such officer has been elected.

5.2 Term of Office. Each elected officer of the corporation shall hold office for the term of one year and thereafter until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified, unless such officer earlier resigns or is removed by the General Conference of the JCRB. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve in any office.

5.3 Appointed Agents. The Board of Directors from time to time may also appoint such agents for the corporation as it shall deem necessary or advisable. All appointed agents shall hold their respective positions at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and they shall have and exercise such powers and have and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or by an elected officer empowered by the Board of Directors to make such determinations.

5.4 Removal of Agents. Any agent appointed by the General Conference of the JCRB may only be removed by the vote of the General Conference of the JCRB. Any agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors and any employee may be removed or discharged by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

5.5 The President.

(a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. The President shall have such general executive authority, powers, and duties of supervision and management as are usually vested in the office of the chief executive officer of a corporation and shall carry into effect all actions, directions, and resolutions of

the Board of Directors. The President shall have such other or further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in these Bylaws or from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

(b) The President in conjunction with the Treasurer may execute all promissory notes, mortgages, contracts, and other instruments for and in the name of the corporation. The President may execute powers of attorney from the corporation to such person or persons as the President may deem fit, in order that the business or interests of the corporation may be furthered.

5.6 The Vice President.

(a) The Vice President. The Vice President shall have such authority and powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors in absence of the President.

5.7 The Secretary.

(a) The Secretary shall have the general authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities of a secretary of a corporation. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, and he shall record or cause to be recorded and shall maintain the minutes of all meetings and written consents to action without a meeting of the Board of Directors in minute books or files of the corporation to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall perform like duties for each committee of the Board of Directors when requested by the Board of Directors or such committee to do so. The Secretary shall have the authority and power to authenticate records of the corporation.

(b) The Secretary shall bear the principal responsibility to give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors for which notice is required, but this shall not affect the authority of others to give such notice as is authorized elsewhere in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall see that all books, records, lists, and information required by the Articles of Incorporation or law to be maintained at the principal office of the corporation in Missouri or elsewhere are so maintained. The Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such other authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in these Bylaws.

5.8 The Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer shall have the general authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities of a treasurer of a corporation and shall be the chief financial and accounting officer of the corporation. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the safekeeping of the funds and securities of the corporation and shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation. The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, all other books of account and accounting records of the corporation and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all monies and other intangible assets of the corporation in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors (except for assets, such as the corporation's name, that are not susceptible to such deposit).

(b) The Treasurer shall disburse, or permit to be disbursed, the funds of the corporation as may be ordered or authorized by the General Conference of the JCRB. The Treasurer shall render to the President of the corporation or the Board of Directors, whenever asked by either to do so, an account of the financial condition of the corporation and an account of all transactions of the Treasurer and those under the Treasurer's supervision. The Treasurer shall have an independent auditor audit the financial records of the corporation and submit it as well as an account of the financial condition of the corporation to each General Conference of the JCRB. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties and shall have such other responsibility and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in these Bylaws or from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(c) No funds of the corporation may be disbursed without the knowledge of the Treasurer.

(d) The Treasurer shall have authority to appoint one or more bookkeepers to assist in maintaining the financial records and accounts of the corporation. In addition, the bookkeeper(s) shall perform such other duties and have such other authority as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe.

(e) The Treasurer shall provide a detailed financial report to the General Conference of the JCRB, annually. 5.9 Duties of Officers May be Delegated. If any officer of the corporation shall be absent or unable to act, the Board of Directors may delegate, for the time being, some or all of the functions, authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities of any officer to any other officer or to any other agent or employee of the corporation or other

responsible person.

ARTICLE 6 Indemnification

6.1 Indemnification Required by Law. The corporation shall provide to its directors such indemnification as it is required to provide pursuant to the provisions of the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act.

6.2 Additional Indemnification.

(a) The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees, taxes imposed by Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (hereinafter in these Bylaws the "Code"), and expenses of correction paid pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code) and against judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

(b) The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) and against amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of such person's duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability and in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses as the court shall deem proper.

(c) To the extent that a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in the two preceding paragraphs of this section or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding.

(d) Any indemnification under section 6.2(a) or 6.2(b), unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because such person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in section 6.2 and because indemnification is not prohibited by the provisions of section 6.3. Such determination shall be made: (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit, or proceeding; or (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

(e) Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding as authorized by the Board of

Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee, or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section.

(f) The indemnification provided by this section 6.2 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any provision of law, the Articles of Incorporation, other provisions of these Bylaws, any agreement or contract, a vote of disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in an official capacity and as to action in any other capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person.

(g) The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person or incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this section.

(h) For purposes of this section, references to the corporation include all constituent corporations absorbed in any consolidation or merger as well as the resulting or surviving corporation.

(i) The provisions of this section are intended to facilitate the corporation's ability to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as its directors and officers and at its request as directors and officers or in other capacities for other corporations or enterprises by providing and maximizing the amount of indemnification that the corporation is permitted to provide to such persons by the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, and such provisions shall be construed accordingly. The provisions of this section do not limit the corporation's power to pay or reimburse expenses incurred by a director or officer of the corporation in connection with appearing as a witness in a proceeding at a time when the director or officer has not been made a named defendant or respondent to the proceeding.

ARTICLE 7 General

7.1 Checks. All checks, bank drafts, and other orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the Treasurer or his designee(s). Only the Treasurer or his designee(s) shall individually have power to sign all such instruments which are executed or made in the ordinary course of the corporation's business for the corporation.

7.2 Fiscal Year. For accounting and income tax purposes, the corporation shall operate on the fiscal year June 1 to May 31 of the following calendar year.

7.3 Amendments. The Bylaws of the corporation may from time to time be altered or amended in any respect or repealed in whole or in part, and new Bylaws may be adopted, by a vote of the General Conference of the JCRB.

7.4 Interpretation. As used in these Bylaws, the term "and" means and/or and the term "or" means and/or, as appropriate.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the General Conference of the JCRB and the keeper of its conference records; that the Bylaws to which this Certificate is attached were duly adopted by said General Conference of the JCRB as and for the Bylaws of the corporation effective as of the 17th day of April, 2015; and that these Bylaws constitute the Bylaws of the corporation and are now in full force and effect.

Alan Smith, Secretary

Appendix

Included here are Rules and Resolutions that have been replaced by further legislation or which do not have any no longer binding on the conference for other reasons.

Resolution #2, 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 qualify 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 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. Super-Delegates. Super-delegates may be used by any body of membership that exists outside the United States that, due to logistical or financial obstacles, cannot be fully represented by delegates defined in

paragraph 3 of this section.

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

5. 6. 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. 7. Special considerations for Restoration Branch representation. The Credentials Committee shall take into consideration the special circumstances surrounding applications from such Restoration Branches as have been unable to provide a delegate from among their membership who has the ability to make the journey to Independence, MO. 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. A delegate nominated in this fashion shall represent only one branch.

7. 8. Standard Delegate votes. Properly seated delegates shall be designated by the conference Credentials Committee with a distinguishing badge and shall cast a vote equal to 25 individual member votes.

9. Super-Delegate votes. Properly seated delegates representing international members shall be designated by the conference Credentials Committee with a distinguishing badge and shall cast a vote equal to no more than the number of actual members represented. If more than one super-delegate represents a single body of membership, each super-delegate shall cast an equal number of individual member votes.

10. Authorization of Restoration Branches. Restoration Branches seeking representation in the Joint Conference of Branches shall provide the following information to the Credentials Committee on or before the first day of the conference (preferably, at least 10 days in advance):

1. A brief history and/or by-laws which identify the official branch position regarding organization and practices;

2. A list of members in good standing and authorized by a branch officer, including names, contact information, date of baptism, and priesthood office and date of ordination, if applicable, date of birth, and ministers who officiated in the ordinances; and

3. An official delegate list as allowed by Rule #3 and certified by a branch officer.

Representation of Members

11. 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 practice of the doctrine of women's ordination to priesthood in his line of authority.

12. Authorizing 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.

13. Authorizing 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 being seated in the Conference.

Resolution #4, Special Representation Rules

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

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 #13, Church exists where saints are organized according to the pattern

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 #18, Conference in April, 2006

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

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 ad-

vice, 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

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

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 #24, Evangelism Committee organization

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

Resolution #27, Approval of conference budget

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 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.

JCR #29, Representation by Delegations from Outside the United States

Whereas, the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches invites branches, districts, and national churches from around the world to be represented by sending delegates to the Conferences; and Whereas, travel restrictions by various governmental authorities and/or financial hardships impose impediments to full representation for branches outside the United States; therefore be it

Resolved that branches located in countries other than the United States may be represented in this Conference by one (1) official delegate who may cast a vote equal to twenty-five (25) member votes plus the number of members resident in that branch as documented on the official branch roster provided to the Credentials Committee; and be it further

Resolved that local branch conferences, whether district or national, may determine the proper ratio of members to delegates that provides representation of the official membership of that local conference as provided to the Credentials Committee; and be it further

Resolved that delegate voting ratios from countries outside the United States shall be approved by the Credentials Committee at least two (2) weeks before the Conference convenes; and be it further

Resolved that the Credentials Committee shall take appropriate measures to see that recording of the votes of these delegates are properly counted.

Resolved that the resolution on those delegates representing more than 25 members be in place for this conference only, further study and recommendations to be brought to the next conference.

JCR #30, Seating of the delegation from the Honduras National Conference

Whereas, the JCRB encourages participation by delegations from countries outside the United States as noted in the rule on Representation from Delegations Outside the United States; and Whereas, sixteen branches and missions in Honduras held a conference and elected 3 delegates to represent them in this Conference; therefore be it

Resolved that the National/District Conference of Honduras with a total membership of 420 saints—250 of which are designated as active—shall be represented by Socorro Vasquez, Antonio Orellana, and Charles Sperry with the equivalent of 83 member votes each.

JCR #33, Resolution on Traveling Elders

Whereas, traveling elders have been authorized by past Church conferences (“Moved that the traveling elders go two and two”—Times & Seasons, Vol. 4, Page 93; “traveling elders who have recently labored within the bounds of this conference.”—Church History Vol. 1, Chap. 21, p. 563); and

Whereas, traveling elders have been supported by the Church and Church conferences (“report to the president of this conference; that a fund be formed for the support of the traveling elders.”—ChurchHistory, Vol. 3, Chap 27, Page 503; “this conference recommend the members . . . supply the traveling elders with tracts for distribution,”—Church History, Vol. 3, Chap. 24, Page 469.; “Resolved, that the sisters of this branch organize themselves into a sewing society, to furnish worthy traveling elders with such clothing as they need;”—Times & Seasons, Vol. 6, Chap. 3:807); and

Whereas, just as in the early days of the Church, the work in the field calls for more laborers (“we intend to lay before our readers in their proper time and place . . . HELP! HELP! In almost every letter we receive from the travelling Elders, strong solicitations are made for other Elders to come to their assistance, as the work of the Lord is pressing its way into almost all parts of the land; from city to city, from town to town.”—Times & Seasons, Vol. 1, Chap. 4:57); and

Whereas, the success of traveling elders in advancing the work of the Lord was well documented (“We have several communications from the traveling Elders, all giving cheering intelligence of the mighty spread of the work of the Lord, thousands having been added to the church, of late.”—Times & Seasons, Vol. 2, Chap. 2:224); and

Whereas, it was the custom and practice of the early Church to appoint, sustain and set apart traveling

elders (“At this conference the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved: . . . that we sustain Richard Thomas, Lewis Williams, David Griffiths, John Watkins, as traveling elders.”—Church History, Vol. 3, Chap. 28, p. 548; and “that the usual custom of setting foreign missionaries apart by laying on of hands and blessing be observed . . . after which Brethren Joseph Smith, W.W. Blair, A.H. Smith, and E.L. Kelley laid their hands upon him and set him apart.”—DC 123:28a); therefore be it

Resolved that the Restoration Seventy, in consultation with Restoration Branch Presidents/Presiding Elders, and various missionary committees; and after a period of fasting and prayer, nominate certain Elders to function as traveling elders to promulgate the work of the Kingdom, in North America, as well as abroad. And be it further

Resolved that the Conference, by voice and vote, will sustain Elders which shall be set apart and sent forth to spread the gospel. And be it further

Resolved that the Evangelism Committee of the Conference, in consultation with the Restoration Seventy, will assign the traveling Elders to areas of responsibility to insure that the Restoration Gospel goes forth to all nations, including this nation, the Land of Zion. And be it further

Resolved that the Joint Conference of Branches recognize fifteen (15) areas of responsibility for traveling elders:

1. English Speaking North America: Canada, USA and indigenous “nations”
2. Mexico and Central America (Meso-America) and the Caribbean
3. Spanish speaking South America
4. Brazil
5. Israel
6. Eastern Africa
7. West Africa
8. Southern Africa
9. Australia and the islands of the Pacific
10. India
11. Nepal, Tibet and Southern China
12. North China, Philippines, Taiwan
13. Europe
14. United Kingdom
15. Russia and the Ukraine

JCR #34, Greater European Ministries Resolution

Whereas, Greater European Ministries (GEM) has carried the gospel in the European nations for many years as finances and missionaries have been available, and much good has been accomplished by the diligence and devotion of this organization; and

Whereas, GEM has approached the Evangelism Committee to come under the direction of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches; therefore be it

Resolved, Greater European Ministries shall become a subcommittee of the Evangelism Committee, with representation and voice at Evangelism Committee meetings; and be it further

Resolved, GEM be directed by the Restoration Seventy through the Evangelism Committee of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches, and recommend missionaries and provide evangelism for European missions, until such time as a revelation and the ordering of the church render GEM unnecessary.

JCR #36, Conference of Restoration Youth

Whereas the Joint Activities Committee has held the Conference Youth Forum three times thus far to teach the youth about parliamentary procedure and how church conferences function and operate; and Whereas the youth attending the Conference Youth Forum have expressed a desire to continue meeting as an actual youth-run organization.

Be it resolved that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches sustain the current Conference Youth Forum as the “Conference of Restoration Youth”; a youth-run organization under the authority of the Joint Activities Committee. The Conference of Restoration Youth will exist for the purpose of providing an environment for learning about the business affairs of the church; as well as for the planning, running, promoting and supporting of various activities and services. The youth will also prepare resolutions for submission to the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches for the edifying of the church as a whole.

JCR #37, Motion for Spring Conference, 2007

Resolved that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches Logistics Committee plan a Spring Conference for the year 2007 working in conjunction with the Conference of Restoration Elders and publish those dates to the church in a timely manner.

JCR #38, Appointment of Joint Conference of Branches Recorder

Be It Resolved that the President of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches shall appoint a Recorder from among the elders of participating branches to assume all duties as specified in JCR #19; and

Be it Further Resolved that such appointment shall be based on individual qualifications and the direction of the Spirit; and

Be It Further Resolved that such appointment shall be subject to Conference approval annually.

JCR #44, Mission of the Church

Resolved, that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches work together to fulfill the mission of the original church, which is to seek to bring forth and establish Zion (D&C 12:3a) and to gather the remnants of Israel to the lands of their inheritances by preaching the restored gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, especially among the Lamanite descendants.

JCR #47, Joint Activities Committee member terms of office

Whereas conference to conference terms will leave the Joint Activities Committee distressed by recurring conferences, a conference should elect new members to take office each April to provide continuity in the committee between conferences.

Be it resolved that that Joint Activities Committee be a permanent committee with the responsibility of encouraging, coordinating and organizing activities between restoration branches and between organizations both inside and outside of the Independence area that share mutual purpose in the areas of fellowship, worship, study, and service. Each committee member will serve a 3 year staggered terms.

Be it further resolved, that the committee wishes to have the conference sustain 2 of the current members to serve 2 years with 2 of the remaining 4 members to serve 1 year from the date of the April 2007 conference. The remaining 2 members should be elected/sustained at this conference for a term of 3 years. Each term shall have a beginning and ending date corresponding with a yearly conference held in the month of April, or, a conference held as soon as practicable after the month of April for reelection of members for expired terms.

JCR #48, Joint Conference of Restoration Branches for April, 2008

Resolved that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches plan a conference during the week of April 6, 2008 in Independence, MO.

Be it further Resolved that the Joint Conference of Branches hold a fall conference to consider the following items only:

- 1) Do we want the Seventy to form a Quorum?
- 2) Do we want the High Priests to consider their presiding responsibilities?
- 3) The four resolutions from the African Conference (TN 1 thru TN 4).

JCR #50, JCRB Fiscal Year Change

Whereas: The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches annual Conference is at the end of the currently established Fiscal Year which goes from April 1st to March 31st of each calendar year.

And Whereas: The timing of the current Fiscal Year severely effects impacts the Finance Committee's ability to provide from providing an accurate up-to-date statement of the financial affairs of the JCRB to the conference without making several last minute amendments to this report.

And Whereas: The time constraints associated with the preparation of the Conference has added to the difficulty in providing this information to the Member Branches, Delegates and Saints.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches hereby change its Fiscal Year from April 1st-March 31st, to coincide with the calendar year and run from January 1st through December 31st. To transition to this new period of time the current Fiscal Year beginning April 1st, 2008 will end on December 31st, 2008.

JCR #51, Authorization of Presidents of Seventy Ordinations

Whereas: Under the requirement of law of the Lord, which says of necessity there are presidents arising out of these quorums of priesthood, The majority of the Seventy are pleased to bring to this Conference the names of Four brethren of the Seventy whom we testify have been called to preside over the Seventy. In accord with the requirements of the law of the Lord, we entrust these men to your consideration for the conference's approval.

The Restoration Seventy move the following resolution.

The four seventy: Neil Simmons, Frank Frye, Ron Smith and Steve DeVera be approved by this conference to be set apart by the laying of hands to serve as Presidents of Seventy.

And be it further resolved, that each one shall be considered individually by this conference.

JCR #62, Approval of calls to the Office of Seventy

Resolved: Seventy Neil Simmons be set apart by the laying on of hands as the Senior President of Seventy.

Be it further resolved: The following men be approved for ordination to the office of Seventy:

Randy Vick Arturo Gomez Greg Thomas
Hensley Mbanaso Joe Essary Richard A. Smith
Tim Canfield Gary Wilson Mark Deitrick
Rex Curtis, Jr.

And be it further resolved, their ordinations to the office of Seventy shall take place as soon as possible or at the National Conference of their respective areas of ministry.

And be it further resolved, that each one called to the office of Seventy be given consideration for approval individually, by the Conference.

JCR #64, Support of Devon Park in defense of RLDS name

Whereas, a successful defense of Devon Park's use of the RLDS Church name will secure the right of this Conference and its branches to publicize that it is a portion and continuation of the RLDS Church; and

Whereas, a significant number of disheartened and lost church members retain an affection for the RLDS

Church – its traditional presentation of the gospel and the warm, welcoming camaraderie of fellow saints; and

Whereas, dissatisfied members of other Restoration churches, such as the Utah Mormon Church, are more likely to investigate a church using the RLDS Church name; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the General Conference consider contributing to Devon Park's defense of the COC's law suit against them for using the RLDS Church name.

JCR #67, School of the Restoration

Whereas: In the History of the Reorganization there was a department in the church called the "The School of the Restoration," this department was responsible for the training of Priesthood and Members. Specifi-

cally, it trained "Appointees" some of which were Missionaries of the church and served as a general Missionary Training Center .

Whereas: This department was abandoned by the Church in favor of the "Temple School".

Whereas: This school was recently reconstituted for the aforementioned purpose by a group of Saints and Priesthood with the desire to educate and train missionaries for the promulgation of the Gospel. Further it is a 501c3 "Not for Profit" organization and the name is registered in all 50 states.

Therefore: The School of the Restoration wishes to join with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches and retain its name in the conference and all 50 states.

JCR #87, Inclusion of Bishop's Counselors as Trustee

Whereas, The US National Conference adopted USNCR #1 on October 18, 2007, which directed, "...That the presiding Bishop and his counselors shall serve as trustees for the corporation when the JCRB appoints this council; and until that council is appointed, a man of sterling character holding the office of bishop or high priest shall be named as the trustee of the corporation; and the treasurer and vice-president of the JCRB shall serve as assistant trustees." And

Whereas, to better define the authority and responsibilities of the assistant trustees and to incorporate the councilors of a bishop in USNCR #1. And

Whereas, this amendment will allow the bishop and his counselors to function as a bishopric within the Law of the Church. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the last resolved of USNCR #1 be changed to read: "That the Treasurer and Vice-President of the JCRB, and the counselors of the Bishop, shall serve as assistant trustees with the same rights individually or collectively with the same rights as the Trustee."

JCR #88, Calling of High Priests (Rescinded by JCR #101)

Whereas: Calls to the office of High Priest should originate with a council of High Priests sustained by the General Conference.

Whereas: The church is now in an only partially organized condition. The scriptures indicate that procedures for calling and ordination of priesthood are different in the following circumstances: 1) No church exists and is beginning to be restored; 2) the church is partially restored, 3) the church is fully restored and all quorums are filled, and, 4) the call originates in unorganized areas. Confusion and contention over the procedure arises because the saints do not recognize the options presented in the law. For example, by what quorum, council or conference are calls to High Priest to be approved? There is more than one answer to this question, depending on the circumstances then existing in the church.

Whereas: When the RLDS Church was fully organized and functioning with all General Officers, Quorums, and Orders - calls to the office of High Priest were initiated through a Stake President, District President, or the Apostle in charge of a designated geographical area. The call, if initiated by a Stake President - was forwarded to the Apostle in charge, and from him to the First Presidency. If initiated by a District President - was (Starting approximately in 1970) forwarded to the Regional Administrator, then to the Apostle in charge and from him to the First Presidency. If initiated by an Apostle - it went directly to the First Presidency - with consultation with the Stake President or District President. After approval at all steps indicated above, the man was contacted for his acceptance. If he accepted, the call was presented at the Stake or District Conference for acceptance. In unorganized areas the call would be submitted to the First Presidency by the Apostle in charge of the geographical area. There being no conference to accept the call - the Apostle would make any further arrangements necessary for the ordination.

Whereas: Under our current District organizational structure - having no higher authority, i.e., Apostles, Stake Presidents, or First Presidency - the District Conference is the highest local authority, and the General Conference the highest legislative General Church authority. Within the structure of the Independence District, the office of High Priest is the highest priesthood authority, and within the structure of the General Church, the General Conference is the highest legislative authority.

Whereas: The approval of a General Conference is a necessary step because the High Priest is a General Church officer, with the right and the responsibility to bring ministry any place in the world.

Whereas: Based upon the scriptures and the law of the church, it is the opinion of the High Priests that the organization of the church is only partially restored.

Therefore be it resolved: That upon presentation of the names of a proposed council of high priests to the General Conference, to be organized by all high priests who are willing to meet, that said General Conference sustain said council of High Priests to call and ordain other High Priests, if approved by the General Conference. Be it further resolved: That this conference affirms that the law of the church permits the ordination of High Priests whose calls have originated with a council of High Priests and have been approved by a General Conference.

JCR #94, Formation of Rules & Resolutions Review Committee

Whereas, the General Conference Resolutions (GCRs) are written to help interpret and apply God's law to govern the church. Over a thousand GCRs, including those omitted by conference action, have been passed since June 1852. It is imperative that the body of the church, the priesthood and General Officers, have a clear understanding of their meaning, and

Whereas, over time they become difficult to interpret or lost to memory because of the volume of GCRs, and

Whereas, they may become diluted or their meaning lost entirely, e.g. one GCR may be affected by preceding or subsequent GCRs which can affect the overall meaning of the intent of the original GCR covering the topic in question, and

Whereas, to avoid confusion and to simplify the legislative law of the church, it is desirable to concisely compile the body of the GCR's to enhance corporate memory of the Church for a more effective use of the GCRs, and

Whereas, it is commonly believed that if laws are simple, direct and to the point, they are easier to understand, leading to better application, a greater acceptance of the law and to preserve an accurate corporate memory of our legislative law, therefore be it

Resolved, that a committee be formed to consolidate the Rules and the GCR into general categories, combine GCRs that are on the same subject into a condensed format and for a concise, more easily understood law. This committee is to bring its findings and recommendations to the next General Conference and future General Conferences, as needed, for approval by said body.

JCR #97, Neither Council nor Quorum

Resolved that the terms "quorum" and "council" be laid aside so that harmony may prevail in the work; and be it further

Resolved that this General Conference petition President Rob Rolfe to enlist his fellow high priests to complete the task laid on them by the 2009 General Conference in the spirit of wisdom and revelation; and be it further

Resolved that this body of saints uphold our fellow brethren in prayer and fasting that these ordinations may proceed as soon as practicable.

JCR #98, Letter of Invitation and Instruction

Whereas there are members of Community of Christ who are choosing to separate themselves from under the administration of the general church authorities of Community of Christ because of changes in doctrine and practice of doctrine which have occurred and is anticipated shall soon occur; and

Whereas some of those members are seeking a home among the branches composing the General Conference, but because they did not choose to become independent of general church authorities of Community of Christ at an earlier time, they are uncertain as to if and how they might be received by this conference of branches; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the presiding officers of the General Conference of restoration branches, along with other members of the conference which they may appoint to aid them, write a letter of invitation and instruction on becoming members of the General Conference that may be generally and widely circulated and be it further

Resolved that the letter be brought back to this conference for approval before being published

JCR #99 Letter of Invitation to CRE and POZ

Whereas, the Lord has said that, "If ye are not one, ye are not mine." (D&C 38:27) and,

Whereas, one of the main goals of the JCRB is to give voice and vote to all members of the church including all priesthood with authority given through the heritage of angelic ministry and all members with authoritative baptism, and

Whereas, our goal is to unify the branches and individual members who wish to build up the Kingdom of God on earth through the laws and doctrines received from God through Joseph Smith, Jr. and continued through Joseph Smith, III, and

Whereas, there are several groups at this time who claim to have these same goals but in recent years have become distanced from one another and from the JCRB for various reasons, and

Whereas, the only actions this body of saints (the JCRB) can take in meeting our goal of unity is to continually pray and invite our brothers and sisters to join us and request that all saints everywhere be discouraged from rhetoric and actions that cause division among the saints and instead encourage all saints to be unified and of one body,

Therefore be it resolved, that the JCRB extend the hand of fellowship by sending an open letter of invitation from this body to the Pastors of Zion and the Conference of Restoration Elders to join together in unity of purpose, asking them to adopt a policy of unity among the saints and to reject any rhetoric of division, and Be it further resolved, that this letter be written, sent and published by the end of April 2010, and be updated, published and sent again before the 2011 CRE conference.

JCR #107 Committee for equitable delegate voting system

Resolved that a committee consisting of the Credentials Committee and three Seventy appointed by the Quorum President and determine an equitable voting system for international delegates and return to the 2013 Conference with their recommendation.

JCR #109 Resolution for Agreements of Working Harmony between the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches

Whereas, the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches and the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints consist of members who have been baptized by men holding priesthood authority conferred upon them by ordination under the hands of servants of God whose authority can be traced, in an unbroken chain, back to the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr., and who have remained true to the original faith of the Church, organized April 6, 1830; and,

Whereas, both organizations stand for and maintain the same fundamental doctrine and practice, and have the same purpose and ideal for their Church government and work; and, Whereas, we, the members of the "Task Force for Working Harmony", through cooperative discussion and what we have perceived to be the strong, yet gentle leadings of the Holy Spirit, have developed an Agreement of Working Harmony to be presented to the General Conference of the Church for ratification and acceptance; and, Whereas, this action would be for the purpose of allowing the members of each organization to draw together into one structure of worship and organization, thus allowing us to more fully fulfill the counsel given in Doctrine and Covenant 38:6a, "Behold, this I have given unto you a parable, and it is even as I am: I say unto you, Be one; and if ye are not one, ye are not mine." Therefore be it

Resolved, that we mutually agree on the following:

1. Agreed, that we believe in the restoration of the gospel, and the angel's message through Joseph Smith,

Jr., Prophet, Seer and Revelator.

2. Agreed, that so far as the fundamental principles of the gospel of Christ are concerned, both organizations believe the same, as per copies of the Epitome of Faith.

3. Agreed, that the Book of Mormon is a divine record.

4. Agreed, that the redemption of Zion must be by purchase (D&C 58:11c,d; D&C 63:8d, e).

5. Agreed, that we endorse the revelations contained in the Doctrine and Covenants through Section 144 and the Inspired Version of the Bible as the versions for use by the membership.

6. Agreed, that we believe that there are individuals in the different Restoration organizations who hold authoritative priesthood.

7. Agreed, that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, any one of which is an elder, priest, teacher or deacon, there the Church exists.

10. Agreed, that faith and righteousness and the call of God are the chief essentials for the possession of the Aaronic and Melchisedec priesthood.

11. Agreed, that in order to accomplish the work of the Lord committed to his people, it is necessary for them to unite in one organization one day, in harmony with the law of God that “. . . if ye are not one, ye are not mine . . .” (D&C 38:6a).

12. Agreed, that the literal place of Zion will begin in Jackson County and the regions round about for the gathering of the Saints, and that Independence, Missouri is the appointed place for the headquarters of the Church and the Center Place of Zion.

13. Agreed, that the principle of consecration is necessary to the establishment of Zion (D&C 42:8-9; D&C106:2a-c).

14. Agreed, that the law of Christ requires that every man be made a steward, and none are exempt from this law who belong to the Church of the living God, whether officer or member, and that all shall be equal in temporal things (D&C 70:2b-3d; D&C 81:4c-5a); and that not grudgingly, in order to be united according to the law of the celestial kingdom; and that the time has fully come to apply this law in Zion.

15. Agreed, that we believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and the restoration of the “Ten Lost Tribes.”

16. Agreed, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and the earth will be restored to its paradisiacal glory.

17. Agreed, that the principles of Common Consent, as a theocratic democracy, are central to Church government and are important to assure that checks and balances are in place.

18. Agreed, that all points of difference in belief and practice that may exist between the officers and members of our two organizations be referred to the quorums and orders of our priesthood for discussion as they assemble in council from time to time to be referred back to their representative conferences.

19. Agreed, that the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the membership of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches mutually recognize the standing of the other as representing Christ, the Master.

JCR #110 Zion Global Center Proposal

Whereas, the following scriptures are instructions of the Lord concerning the gathering, building up and purchasing of land in Zion:

Place for Zion revealed

Sec 57:1a] Harken, O ye elders of my church saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the Saints:

[Sec 57:1b] wherefore this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion.

[Sec 57:1c] And thus saith the Lord your God, If you will receive wisdom here is wisdom.

[Sec 57:1d] Behold, the place which is now called Independence, is the Center Place, and the spot for the temple is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse;

[Sec 57:1e] wherefore it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the Saints; and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile.

[Sec 57:1f] And also every tract bordering by the prairies, inasmuch as my disciples are enabled to buy lands.

Instruction for Saints

Sec 58:6b] wherefore let them bring their families to this land, as they shall counsel between themselves and me;

[Sec 58:6c] for, behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things, for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

[Sec 58:6d] Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves.

[Sec 58:6e] And inasmuch as men do good, they shall in nowise lose their reward.

Lands purchased, a storehouse and printing house

[Sec 58:7c] And also, this is a law unto every man that cometh unto this land, to receive an inheritance, and he shall do with his moneys according as the law directs.

[Sec 58:7d] And it is wisdom, also, that there should be lands purchased in Independence, for the place of the storehouse, and also for the house of the printing.

Promises for Obedient in Zion

[Sec 59:1b] yea, blessed are they whose feet stand upon the land of Zion, who have obeyed my gospel, for they shall receive for their reward the good things of the earth;

[Sec 59:1c] and it shall bring forth in its strength; and they shall also be crowned with blessings from above; yea, and with commandments not a few, and with revelations in their time; they that are faithful and diligent before me.

D&C scriptures on Zion

[Sec 63:8a] And now, behold, this is the will of the Lord your God concerning his Saints, that they should assemble themselves together unto the land of Zion, not in haste, lest there should be confusion, which bringeth pestilence.

[Sec 63:8b] Behold, the Land of Zion, I, the Lord, holdeth it in mine own hands; nevertheless, I, the Lord, rendereth unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's: [Sec 63:8c] wherefore, I, the Lord, willeth, that you should purchase the lands, that you may have advantage of the world, that you may have claim on the world, that they may not be stirred up unto anger;

[Sec 63:10b] And let all the moneys which can be spared, it mattereth not unto me whether it be little or much, be sent up unto the land of Zion, unto them whom I have appointed to receive.

[Sec 63:13b] He that sendeth up treasures unto the land of Zion, shall receive an inheritance in this world, and his works shall follow him; and also a reward in the world to come:

Fishing River

[Sec 102:2a] Behold, I say unto you, Were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now;

[Sec 102:2b] but, behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I require at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh Saints, to the poor and afflicted among them, and are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom;

[Sec 102:2c] and Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom, otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself;

Church under Condemnation

[Sec 83:8a] 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.

[Sec 83:8b] And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have writ-

ten,

[Sec 83:8c] that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom, otherwise there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion; for, shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.

Counsel on gathering

[Sec 127:4b] Those to whom this work is assigned should exercise the necessary degree of wisdom that the work be effectual for the intent and purposes designed.

[Sec 127:7a] As the Saints have heretofore been instructed in reference to the gathering, they are now again admonished that the gathering must not be in haste, nor without due preparation,

[Sec 127:7b] and must be done in accordance with the revelation given to the church upon Fishing River and in accordance with the counsel and advice of the elders of the church whose duty it has been made to counsel and advise the Saints.

Testimony go forth from Zion

[Sec 58:3b] Behold, verily I say unto you, For this cause I have sent you that you might be obedient, and that your hearts might be prepared to bear testimony of the things which are to come;

[Sec 58:3c] and also that you might be honored of laying the foundation, and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand; and also that a feast of fat things might be prepared for the poor;

[Sec 58:3d] yea, a feast of fat things, of wine on the lees well refined, that the earth may know that the mouths of the prophets shall not fail; yea, a supper of the house of the Lord, well prepared, unto which all nations shall be invited.

Additional D&C scriptures on Zion

[Sec 58:3e] Firstly, the rich and the learned, the wise and the noble; and after that cometh the day of my power;

[Sec 58:3f] then shall the poor, the lame, and the blind, and the deaf, come in unto the marriage of the Lamb, and partake of the supper of the Lord, prepared for the great day to come. Behold, I, the Lord, have spoken it.

[Sec 58:4a] And that the testimony might go forth from Zion; yea, from the mouth of the city of the heritage of God; yea, for this cause I have sent you hither,

Witness

[Sec 60:3d] And now I speak of the residue who are to come unto this land. Behold, they have been sent to preach my gospel among the congregations of the wicked; wherefore, I give unto them a commandment thus:

[Sec 60:3e] Thou shalt not idle away thy time; neither shalt thou bury thy talent that it may not be known. and, Whereas, there is not only the admonition of the Lord to the saints to fulfill these instructions and a great need for a production studio to spread the fullness of the gospel to the 6 billion people on this earth, and place for the public to come to learn of the gospel by way of a visitor's center and museum, a place to help those who wish to gather in to the centerplace of Zion, and other facilities to house office space, and meeting facilities for conference and other large gatherings,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches form a committee of five church members to plan the aforementioned project and define that needs and cost and the allocation of space for the building project, and,

Be it further resolved, that the committee return to the next General Conference with their findings. (Project example attached for visual aid only.)

JCR #111—Legal Needs Committee

Be it resolved: The General Conference will authorize and empower (to include funding) a committee of three to investigate all the legal needs of the General Conference as to “unincorporated associations” and “corporations” as found in the Rules and Resolutions Appendices A, B, and C (1872-1952). This committee will bring their findings and prepared necessary documents to the 2014 General Conference.

JCR #113—Resolution submitted by the Credentials Committee for reforming rules of rep-

resentation

Whereas, the challenge of proper and equitable representation from all of the Branches of the Church has been a difficult challenge since the beginning of the Conference, and

Whereas, in the original Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of 1860, of which we believe to be a continuation of, the by-laws stated that no delegate should represent more than twenty-five members, and

Whereas, because of the large expense to bring our delegates from around the world as well as the difficulties in obtaining visas, a “super” delegate system was suggested, and

Whereas, this was an experiment that was to be used in only one conference originally,

Therefore be it Resolved that the “Super Delegate” be done away with and be it further,

Resolved that Branches that find it difficult to send enough delegates to conference to represent them may be allowed to elect proxy delegates to represent or help represent them and be it further,

Resolved that the branch must submit to the Recorder copies of the minutes which shows the vote of the people as to whom they wish to represent them and be it further,

Resolved the number of delegate(s) who receive paid travel for each Branch outside the Center Place will be determined by the Bishop or his designee; and that by November 30th before the next General Conference the Bishop or his designee will make a determination of the resources available for delegate travel and be it further,

Resolved that Branch membership and the delegate information should be sent to the Recorder by January 15th to allow for obtaining visas and tickets and be it further,

Resolved that these branches receive the same number of votes as indicated in JCR Rule #2 and be it further,

Resolved that these proxy delegates shall not represent more than 100 votes and also that they may not represent more than one branch and be it further,

Resolved, that the Proxy Delegate has 120 days to effectively communicate the results and resolutions in conference preferably by travel, or by other medium of communication deemed effectual and practical.

JCR #117 — Request to the U.S. National Conference

The Seventy unanimously move the following resolution:

Resolved: The 2014 General Conference request the fall USA National Conference to rescind its resolution authorizing the incorporation of the JCRB and that it also requests that the fall USA Conference give all its rights and interests in the said JCRB to the General Conference of the JCRB.

