

# Conference of Restoration Elders

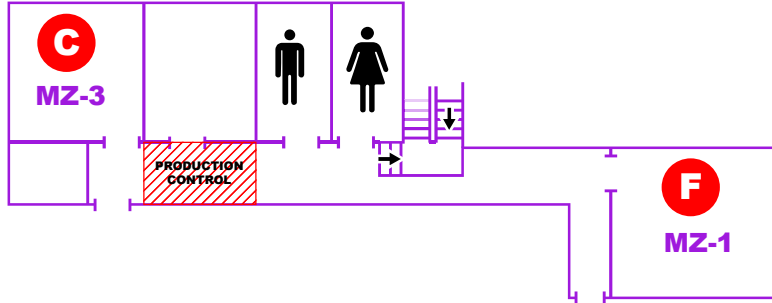
March 29 through April 1, 2023

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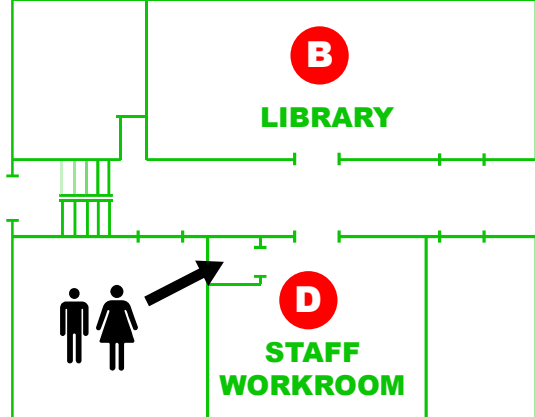


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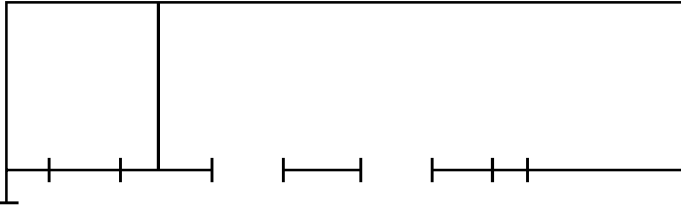
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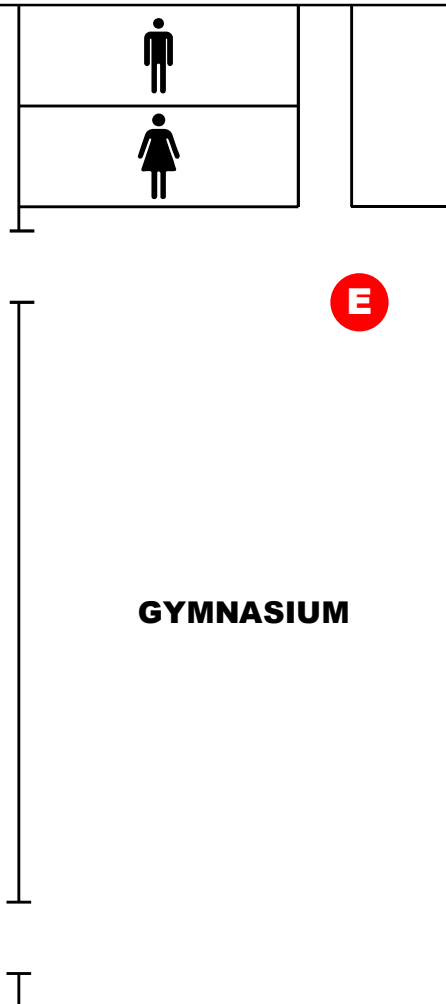
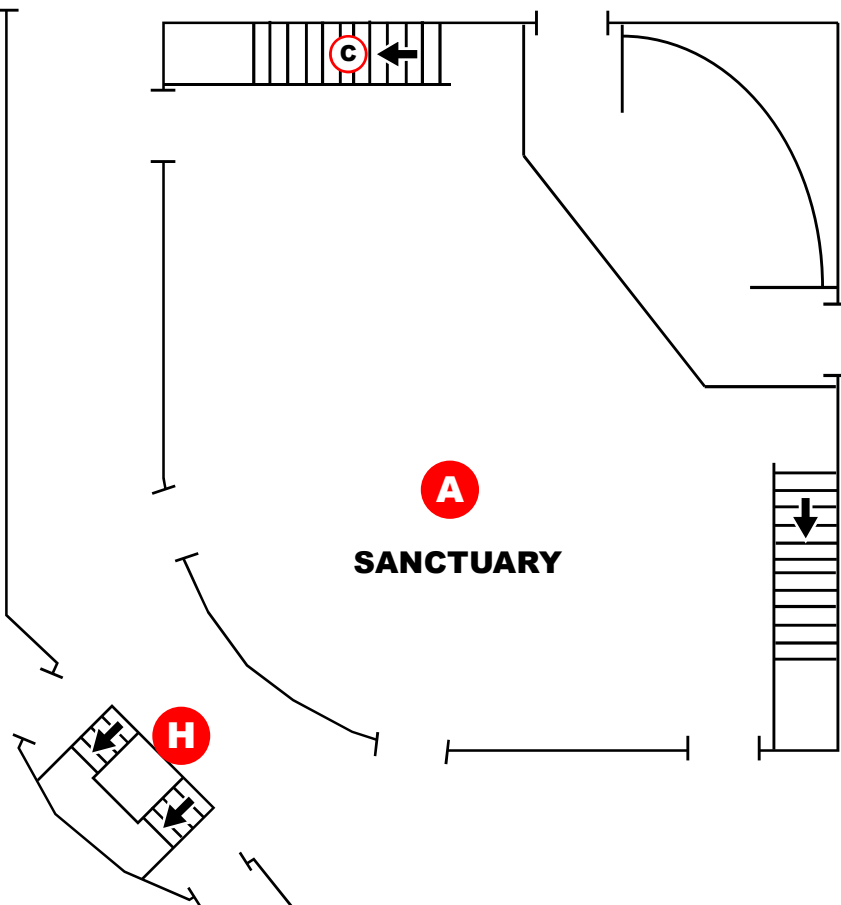


### BASEMENT



## CONFERENCE OF RESTORATION ELDERS

- A Elders 1**
- B Elders 2**
- C Elders 3**
- D Elders 5**
- E Women**
- F Aaronic**
- G Lunch**
- H Registration**



## 2023 Conference of Restoration Elders

### Walking Not as Men

- <sup>1</sup> *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*  
<sup>2</sup> *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to receive it, neither yet now are ye able.*  
<sup>3</sup> ***For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?***  
<sup>4</sup> *For while one saith, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*  
<sup>5</sup> *Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?*  
<sup>6</sup> *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*  
<sup>7</sup> *So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*  
<sup>8</sup> *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.*  
<sup>9</sup> ***For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*** (1 Corinthians 3:1-9)

I welcome you to this year's conference and pray that each of us will be blessed with a great outpouring of His Spirit. D&C 104:9 states that the Melchisedec priesthood holds the keys to all the spiritual blessings of the church. I hope that through the events of this week as we rededicate our lives more fully to the work which we've been called that the church will receive the benefit of the spiritual blessings that will come. This year, we have invited the Aaronic priesthood to play a bigger role in their participation of the conference. A few weeks ago, when I was in Kenya sharing for an ordination service for a brother to the office of Priest, and I was sharing with them that the Aaronic Priesthood hold the keys to the ministry of angels. Quite often we think about them simply inviting the angels to be with us. However, as I was sharing with this brother, I was made keenly aware that the Aaronic priesthood needed to be that angelic ministry themselves. I am hopeful that as an entire priesthood we might fulfill the task that the Lord has before us for this week.

**Wednesday:** - Hearken, O Ye People  
(Section 1a)

*1a. Hearken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say, Hearken ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together;*

**Thursday:** - Walking on the Road to Emmaus (Listen)  
Luke 24:12-31

<sup>12</sup> *And behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem threescore furlongs.*

<sup>13</sup> *And they talked together of all these things which had happened.*

<sup>14</sup> *And it came to pass, that while they communed together, and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.*

<sup>15</sup> *But their eyes were holden, or covered, that they could not know him.*

<sup>16</sup> *And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these which ye have one with another, as ye walk and are sad?*

<sup>17</sup> *And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering, said unto him, Art thou a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?*

<sup>18</sup> *And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people;*

<sup>19</sup> *And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death and have crucified him.*

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### Walking Not as Men

**Thursday:** - Walking on the Road to Emmaus (Listen)

Luke 24:12-31, Cont'd.

<sup>20</sup> *But we trusted that it had been he who should have redeemed Israel. And besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done;*

<sup>21</sup> *Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, who were early at the sepulcher;*

<sup>22</sup> *And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.*

<sup>23</sup> *And certain of them who were with us, went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said, but him they saw not.*

<sup>24</sup> *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!*

<sup>25</sup> *Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*

<sup>26</sup> *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

<sup>27</sup> *And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went; and he made as though he would have gone farther.*

<sup>28</sup> *But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.*

<sup>29</sup> *And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed, and brake, and gave to them.*

<sup>30</sup> *And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he was taken up out of their sight.*

<sup>31</sup> *And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

**Friday:** - Walking Circumspectly

Mosiah 11:147

*147 And they began again to have peace and to prosper exceedingly in the affairs of the church; walking circumspectly before God; receiving many and baptizing many.*

**Saturday:** - Walking in All Diligence

Mosiah 11:148

*148 And now all these things did Alma and his fellow laborers do, who were over the church; walking in all diligence; teaching the word of God in all things, suffering all manner of afflictions; being persecuted by all those who did not belong to the church of God.*

The first 2 days of this conference our themes are focusing on “listening”. Let’s be very diligent in listening to each other as well as to the Lord. God bless our time together.

May God Bless Our Time Together, Brian K. Mundy – CRE Chairman

#### CONFERENCE STAFF

<b>Conference Manager</b>	Brian K. Mundy
<b>Spiritual Councilor</b>	Larry Cottrill
<b>Daily Tidings</b>	Janet Dickson
<b>Registration</b>	Brian Mundy & Janet Dickson
<b>IT &amp; Audio/Visual Support</b>	Kevin McMillian
<b>Recording and Sound</b>	Jacob Roberts
<b>Food Services</b>	Jennifer Hughes
<b>Displays</b>	Paul Gage

## 2023 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule

### *Walking Not As Men*

**March 29 – April 1, 2023**

Daily Themes	<i>Hearken, O Ye People</i> DC 1:1a	<i>Walking on the Road to Emmaus (Listen)</i> Luke 24:12-31	<i>Walking Circumspectly</i> Mosiah 11:147	<i>Walking in All Diligence</i> Mosiah 11:148
Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Registration and information desk will be open daily from 8:00am to 6:30pm				
7:30 – 8:30 am	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Marlin Guin	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding Bishop Joe Burkart	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Steve Bohall	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Milo Farnham
8:45 – 10:15	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Organize Conference - Approve Agenda - Council Reports - Missionary Reports - Discuss meeting access & format for the week - Organize Quorums & meetings	Quorum Meetings	Quorum Meetings	Priesthood Education Presentation & Discussion (1 hr.) ~~~~~ Quorum Meetings
10:30	Quorum Meetings	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Introduction of New Business - Financial Report - Address New Business	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Nominations for Officers & Leaders - Approval of FY2024 CRE Budget - New Business Continues	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Elections - New Business Continues
Noon	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)
1:30	Classes Women ..... Sylvia Powell Aaronic ..... John Ely Melchisedec ..... Doug Smith	Classes Women ..... Monica Rush Aaronic .... Chris Cunningham Melchisedec .. Benji Pedersen	Classes Women .. Marilyn Middleton Aaronic ..... Ron Gage Melchisedec ... Robert Gillam	Classes Women ..... Shari Mason Aaronic ..... Mark McCormick Melchisedec ..... Andrew King
3:15	Priesthood Discussion <i>Elder Jason Anderson</i>	Priesthood Discussion <i>Seventy Richard Neill</i>	Priesthood Discussion <i>Elder Vim Horn</i>	Priesthood Discussion <i>TBD</i>
5:00	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)
6:30	Song Service	Song Service	Song Service	Song Service
7:00	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder Sean Telljohann Elder Steve Kropp</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder Dan Schwartz Priest Mark McCormick</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder John L. Mundy Elder Eric Odida</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder Larry Cottrill Elder Brian Mundy</i>
	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Women's Council	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Colbern Road	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Waldo	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Living Hope

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### 2023 Priesthood Discussion

Day	Topic	Discussion Leader
Wednesday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Zion A. Seeking first to build up the Kingdom of God B. Section 138:3a <i>3a. Let the church again be admonished that the task of establishing Zion presses heavily upon us.</i> C. <i>"The spiritual condition required of you for Zion to come forth."</i>	Elder Jason Anderson
Thursday March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>"Gather and sanctify your oil <b>before</b> the cry at midnight."</i> A. Scripture B. Prayer and Fasting C. Humble Service	Seventy Richard Neill
Friday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>"<b>Be willing</b> to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion."</i> A. You must become one. 1. Groups and associations	Elder Vim Horn
Saturday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Open	TBD

## 2023 Conference of Restoration Elders

### Displays - Publications - Printed Materials

Many organizations were granted the privilege of display space during this year's Reunion/Conference week. A selection of materials from various sources are on display during announced times. Please stop by and look over the many items displayed. It is hereby explicitly stated, however, that no endorsement of materials, programs, or organizations over which the Reunion/Conference has no control is in any way implied or given. Further, the distribution of personal writings or solicitation of funds by individuals is not permitted. All solicitation of funds by groups must be pre-approved. If anyone has a question or request concerning this notice, they should present it to the Conference Manager for referral.

### Parking

We trust that all Reunion and Conference visitors are aware of the limited parking available in the Center Place Restoration School parking lots. If you must park on the street to attend Reunion or Conference activities, please respect the needs of our neighbors and be careful not to block driveways.

<b>Elders Conference Credentials Committee Members</b>
Vaughn Cornish
Mark Nunn
Howard Parker
Sean Telljohann

# Melchizedec Credentials Guidelines

Amended April 6, 2010

The following guidelines will serve as the basis for seating all elders in the current assembly and in other CRE activities, and continue in effect unless, or until altered through future conference action.

Participation in the Elders Conference shall be extended to authoritatively ordained Melchisedec Priesthood—

1. **Who**, currently function within a “Restoration Branch,” and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.(A “Restoration Branch” does not accept such doctrines as the ordination of women to the priesthood, the serving of the sacrament to persons without authoritative baptisms, or participate or accept the calling and ordination of men to priesthood offices other than elder, priest, teacher, or deacon. Any branch previously engaged or associated with an organization which participated in such actions are required to renounce the same in order to be considered and function as a “Restoration Branch.”)
2. **Who**, while not joined with a branch, have remained faithful to their calling by supporting the “Restoration Position,” and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
3. **Who**, for reasons of conscience or physical location have continued to minister within the framework of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/Community of Christ, but who have not subscribed to, nor participated in any divergent practices or doctrines, and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
4. **Who** have since then been affiliated with one or more of the factional movements—who are willing to renounce said affiliation and repent of any participation in divergent practices or doctrines including, but not limited to the rejection of any subsequent ordinations, whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
5. **Who**, by accepting a call to the priesthood, have accepted the personal responsibility of maintaining the highest standards of Christian conduct. Verified failure to maintain such standards may constitute grounds for denying or revoking one’s right to voice, vote, and participation in CRE activities.

—Upon the written statements of two or more credible witnesses to conduct on the part of a Melchisedec priesthood member that is unbecoming a priesthood member, or conduct that is detrimental to that members’ ministry, or the ministry of others, the Credentials Committee, or Coordinating Council between conferences, will determine whether said priesthood member is eligible to participate in the Conference of Restoration Elders.

Circumstances or questions concerning eligibility of a Melchisedec priesthood member to be seated in the CRE that may arise that are not covered by any of the above guidelines will be reviewed and acted upon by the Credentials Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Appeals of the decision of the Credentials Committee for seating shall be made in writing and submitted to the CRE Coordinating Council for review, consideration, and action. If the appeal is denied, and one of the parties involved desires to appeal the decision of the Coordinating Council, a committee of seven Elders shall be elected from the seated body of elders in conference to review and consider the appeal. The elected representatives will consider the appeal during the convening conference and render a decision that shall be final for that conference. In this way, the rights of the individual and the rights of the body to consider matters pertaining to the conference will be preserved and protected.



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Financial Reports & Budgets

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## Conference of Restoration Elders 2023 CONFERENCE BUDGET

The following estimated budget is presented simply as information for all registrants and visitors. As you are aware, once again this year, there is no registration fee for participating in the Conference. However, as shown in the proposed budget below, there is a good deal of cost associated with conducting the Conference. Please keep these expenses in mind as opportunities to contribute to the Conference are presented.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – February 28, 2023

	Proposed Budget
<b>Conference Income</b>	
- Conference Offerings	\$9,100.00
- Meal Proceeds	\$1,500.00
- Other Contributions	\$800.00
<b>Total Conference Income</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>
<b>Conference Income</b>	
- Food Costs	\$1,000.00
- Rent	\$5,000.00
- IT & Audio / Visual Support	\$2,400.00
- Foreign Participants / Internet	\$2,000.00
- Custodial Support	\$200.00
- Supplies & Printing	\$800.00
<b>Total Conference Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

### STATE OF FINANCIAL POSITION – March 1, 2023

Cash	Amount
* Bank of America - General	<b>\$177,647.10</b>
Bank of America - ARM	\$151,917.80
Bank of America - LAMB	\$133,488.74
Bank of America - LAMB2	\$1,433.15
Bank of America - SEAAM	\$20,645.49
Bank of America - GEM	\$22,954.94
Bank of America - FSM	\$52,119.93
<b>- Total Assets - Cash</b>	<b>\$560,207.15</b>

Fund Balances / Equity	Amount
* General Operating Fund	\$158,828.65
* Gathering Fund	\$3,970.00
* Patriarch's Fund	\$2,884.86
* Conference Fund	(\$1,839.60)
* YMC Fund	\$11,000.00
* All Saints RG Fund	\$2,803.19
<b>- Sub Total</b>	<b>\$177,647.10</b>
ARM Fund	\$151,917.80
LAMB Fund	\$133,488.74
LAMB 2 Fund Balance	\$1,433.15
SEAAM Fund	\$20,645.49
GEM Fund Balance	\$22,954.94
FSM Fund	\$52,119.93
<b>- Sub Total</b>	<b>\$382,560.05</b>
<b>- Grand Total Balances / Equity</b>	<b>\$560,207.15</b>

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### INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNDS

**May 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023 (Report Covers 10 months of FY 2024\*)**

	General Fund	Gathering Fund	Patriarch's Fund	Conference Fund	ARM Fund	LAMB Fund	SEAAM Fund	GEM Fund	LAMB 2	YMC Fund	FSM Fund	All Saints RG Fund
Total Income	\$113,632.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,586.94	\$317,931.36	\$68,889.11	\$37,939.88	\$16,040.84	\$0.00	\$1,029.91	\$91,860.31	\$3,100.00
Total Expense	\$114,737.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,277.18	\$262,637.02	\$36,311.36	\$37,997.39	\$7,423.60	\$0.00	\$29.91	\$76,369.19	\$722.00
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$1,104.98)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,690.24)</b>	<b>\$55,294.34</b>	<b>\$32,577.75</b>	<b>(\$57.51)</b>	<b>\$8,617.24</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,491.12</b>	<b>\$2,378.00</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	\$159,933.63	\$3,970.00	\$2,884.86	\$850.64	\$120,818.51	\$100,910.99	\$21,303.00	\$14,337.70	\$1,433.15	\$10,000.00	\$36,628.81	\$425.19
+ Other Fund Balance Movements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Net Income / (Loss)	(\$1,104.98)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,690.24)	\$55,294.34	\$32,577.75	(\$57.51)	\$8,617.24	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$15,491.12	\$2,378.00
<b>= Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$158,828.65</b>	<b>\$3,970.00</b>	<b>\$2,884.86</b>	<b>(\$1,839.60)</b>	<b>\$176,112.85</b>	<b>\$133,488.74</b>	<b>\$21,245.49</b>	<b>\$22,954.94</b>	<b>\$1,433.15</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$52,119.93</b>	<b>\$2,803.19</b>
<i>* The CRE Fiscal year is May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023</i>												

### INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNDS

**May 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023 (10 months)**

FY 2023 Income and Expenses Summary Statement		General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/ Outreach Council	International Missionary/ Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	Total Forwarded	
Balance Forwarded by FY 2022		\$158,737.00	\$1,223.00	\$0.00	\$8,129.00	\$752.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$170,216.00	
	FY 2022 Budget								Actual Income	Difference
FY 2023 Income	104,300.00	\$34,726.00	\$12,511.00	\$6,609.00	\$3,235.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57,221.00	(\$47,079.00)
FY 2022 Expense	104,300.00	\$32,544.00	\$15,598.00	\$6,605.00	\$0.00	\$598.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,345.00	(\$48,955.00)
Income / Expense		\$2,182.00	(\$3,087.00)	\$4.00	\$3,235.00	(\$458.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,876.00	
Other Fund Balance Movements										
Ending Balance FY 2022		\$160,919.00	(\$1,864.00)	\$0.00	\$11,364.00	\$294.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$172,088.00	

## Conference of Restoration Elders

### STATEMENT OF GENERAL OPERATING FUND INCOME and EXPENSE and PROPOSED FY 2024 BUDGET

May 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023 (10 months)

FY 2023 Income Detail	FY 2023 Budget	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/ Outreach Council	International Missionary/ Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	Actual Income	Difference	Projected/ Additional Income	Proposed FY 2024 Budget
CRE-General Contributions	\$39,100.00	\$32,501.00							\$32,501.00	(\$6,599.00)		\$17,820.00
Internet & Communications	\$5,000.00								\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)		\$5,800.00
Conference Proceeds									\$0.00	\$0.00		
Book and Tape Sales	\$100.00								\$0.00	(\$100.00)		
Meeting/Retreat Registration	\$4,000.00	\$2,225.00							\$2,225.00	(\$1,775.00)		\$3,000.00
Publications Council/Tidings	\$15,000.00		\$12,511.00						\$12,511.00	(\$2,489.00)		\$17,000.00
Domestic Missionary/Outreach	\$30,000.00			\$6,609.00					\$6,609.00	(\$23,391.00)		\$9,600.00
International Missionary/Outreach	\$7,900.00				\$3,235.00				\$3,235.00	(\$4,665.00)		\$8,000.00
Women's Council/Retreats	\$2,000.00					\$140.00			\$140.00	(\$1,860.00)		\$1,000.00
Education Council/Materials	\$200.00								\$0.00	(\$200.00)		\$280.00
Youth Council/Retreats	\$1,000.00								\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)		\$500.00
Special Prints (SA)									\$0.00	\$0.00		
All Saits Restoration Group									\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$104,300.00</b>	<b>\$34,726.00</b>	<b>\$12,511.00</b>	<b>\$6,609.00</b>	<b>\$3,235.00</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$57,221.00</b>	<b>(\$47,079.00)</b>		<b>\$63,000.00</b>

FY 2023 EXPENSE DETAIL	FY 2023 Budget	General Operation	Publication Council	Domestic Missionary/ Outreach Council	International Missionary/ Outreach Council	Women's Council	Education Council	Youth Council	Actual Expenses	Difference	Projected/ Additional Income	Proposed FY 2024 Budget
Rent	\$14,000.00	\$10,937.00							\$10,937.00	\$3,063.00	\$2,187.00	\$14,000.00
Office Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500.00								\$0.00	\$2,500.00		\$500.00
Equip. Repairs & Replacement	\$17,000.00	\$11,454.00							\$11,454.00	\$5,546.00		\$300.00
Phone, Internet & Communication	\$5,000.00	\$4,457.00							\$4,457.00	\$543.00	\$892.00	\$5,800.00
Advertising & Promotion	\$300.00								\$0.00	\$300.00		\$200.00
Supplies & Materials	\$300.00	\$310.00							\$310.00	(\$10.00)		\$300.00
Postage & Delivery (SA)	\$400.00	\$180.00							\$180.00	\$220.00		\$200.00
Printing & Reproduction (SA)	\$100.00	\$393.00							\$393.00	(\$293.00)		\$200.00
Administrative, Audit & WePay	\$500.00	\$585.00							\$585.00	(\$85.00)		\$720.00
Insurance	\$1,200.00	\$1,398.00							\$1,398.00	(\$198.00)		\$1,400.00
Retreat/Meeting Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,830.00							\$2,830.00	\$1,170.00		\$3,000.00
Publications Council	\$15,000.00		\$15,598.00						\$15,598.00	(\$598.00)	\$1,989.00	\$17,000.00
Domestic Missionary/Outreach	\$30,000.00			\$6,605.00					\$6,605.00	\$23,395.00		\$9,600.00
International Missionary/Outreach	\$10,000.00				\$2,900.00				\$2,900.00	\$7,100.00		\$8,000.00
Women's Council	\$2,000.00					\$598.00			\$598.00	\$1,402.00		\$1,000.00
Education Council	\$1,000.00								\$0.00	\$1,000.00		\$280.00
Youth Council	\$1,000.00								\$0.00	\$1,000.00		\$500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$104,300.00</b>	<b>\$32,544.00</b>	<b>\$15,598.00</b>	<b>\$6,605.00</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>	<b>\$598.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$58,245.00</b>	<b>(\$46,055.00)</b>	<b>\$5,068.00</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>



**Conference of Restoration Elders**  
**MISSINARY BOARDS and PROGRAM INCOME STATEMENT and BUDGETS**

Latan American Missions Board (LAMB) Annual Summary May 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023			
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>Proposed FY 2024 Budget</b>
General Contributions	\$38,311.98		\$53,984.18
Restricted Contributions	\$17,650.00		\$14,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$55,961.98</b>		<b>\$68,484.18</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative</b>		Honduras	Mexico
Bank Fees		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer Fees		\$0.00	\$72.99
Website		\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$72.99</b>		<b>\$85.00</b>
<b>Operations</b>		Honduras	Mexico
Church Building Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
- Mission Support		\$4,400.00	\$0.00
Oblation		\$4,400.00	\$0.00
- Student Support		\$3,300.00	\$0.00
Annual Conference (Honduras)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Maintenance		\$0.00	\$0.00
Plane Tickets		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Travel		\$0.00	\$0.00
Juan Travel to US		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$12,100.00</b>		<b>\$25,500.00</b>
<b>Missionary</b>		Honduras	Mexico
Priesthood Support		\$4,500.00	\$9,900.00
Books & Tracts (purchase / shipping)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Electronic Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Missionary</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>		<b>\$17,050.00</b>
<b>Total of All Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,572.99</b>		<b>\$42,635.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$29,388.99</b>		<b>\$25,849.18</b>

ARM FY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT and FY 2024 BUDGET					
ARM Income - May 1, 2022 through March 10, 2023					Proposed FY 2024 Budget
		Budget	Actual	Difference	Income
4103	Restricated	\$150,000.00	\$206,265.52	\$56,265.52	\$150,000.00
4100	ARM - General Contributions	\$96,700.00	\$111,665.84	\$14,965.84	\$111,700.00
Total ARM Income		\$246,700.00	\$317,931.36	\$71,231.36	\$261,700.00
ARM Expenses - April 1, 2023 through March 1, 2024					Expenses
6000	Bank Fees	\$500.00	\$460.00	\$40.00	\$600.00
6001	Postage	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
6002	Medical Needs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
6003	Africa Development	\$1,500.00	\$1,962.00	(\$462.00)	\$2,000.00
Total Operating		\$4,500.00	\$2,422.00	\$2,078.00	\$5,100.00
6101	Kenya - Airfare	\$12,000.00	\$9,606.96	\$2,393.04	\$12,000.00
6102	Kenya - Local Budget	\$15,000.00	\$16,350.00	(\$1,350.00)	\$18,000.00
6103	Kenya - In-Country Travel	\$7,800.00	\$1,156.00	\$6,644.00	\$7,800.00
6104	Kenya - Visas	\$800.00	\$160.00	\$640.00	\$1,000.00
6105	Kenya - Travel to USA	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
6106	Kenya - Books / Scriptures	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
6107	Kenya - Shot / Medical	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Kenya		\$41,400.00	\$27,272.96	\$14,127.04	\$44,600.00
6201	Nigeria Airfare	\$4,000.00	\$3,050.00	\$950.00	\$4,000.00
6202	Nigeria - Local Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,400.00	\$600.00	\$11,500.00
6203	Nigeria - In-Country Travel	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
6204	Nigeria - Visas	\$1,000.00	\$480.00	\$520.00	\$1,000.00
6205	Nigeria - Travel to USA		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6206	Nigeria - Books / Scriptures	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
6207	Nigeria - Shots / Medical		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6208	Nigeria - Oblation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Total Nigeria		\$18,800.00	\$16,530.00	\$2,270.00	\$22,000.00
6301	Tanzania - Airfare	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
6302	Tanzania - Local Budget	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
6303	Tanzania - Oblation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
6304	Tanzania - In-Country Travel	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
6305	Tanzania - Visas	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
6306	Tanzania - Travel to USA		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6307	Tanzania - Books / Scriptures	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
6308	Tranzania - Shots / Medical		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Tanzania		\$5,300.00	\$500.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,300.00
6401	Uganda - Airfare	\$7,200.00		\$7,200.00	\$6,000.00
6402	Uganda Local Budget	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,700.00
6403	Uganda - Oblation	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
6404	Uganda - In-Country Travel	\$1,600.00	\$1,100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00
6405	Uganda - Visas	\$850.00		\$850.00	\$850.00
6506	Uganda - Travel to USA			\$0.00	\$0.00
6407	Uganda - Books / Scriptures	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
6408	Uganda - Shots / Medical	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00
Total Uganda		\$12,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$11,000.00	\$12,600.00
6501	Rwanda - Airfare	\$6,000.00	\$10,797.66	(\$4,797.66)	\$12,000.00
6502	Rwanda - Local Budget	\$4,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$5,500.00
6503	Rwanda - Oblation	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
6504	Rwanda - In-Country Travel	\$2,000.00	\$2,700.00	(\$700.00)	\$2,500.00
6505	Rwanda - Visas	\$400.00	\$50.00	\$350.00	\$400.00
6507	Rwanda - Books / Scriptures	\$500.00	0	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Rwanda		\$14,100.00	\$15,797.66	(\$1,697.66)	\$22,100.00
Total ARM Unrestricted Expenses		\$96,700.00	\$64,122.62	\$32,577.38	\$111,700.00
Total ARM Restricted (Special Projects) Expenses		\$150,000.00	\$198,514.40	(\$48,514.40)	\$150,000.00
TOTAL ARM EXPENSES		\$246,700.00	\$262,637.02	(\$15,937.02)	\$261,700.00
NET INCOME			\$55,294.34		

## Conference of Restoration Elders

ARM YEAR END RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED BALANCES	
ARM - Total Cash on Hand as of March 1, 2023	\$150,877.80
Restricted Fund Balances	
Lisana Tuition	\$0.00
Full-Time Missionary	\$259.59
Kenya Retreat Center	\$1,900.00
Scriptures	\$0.00
Kenya Higher Ed.	\$31,097.48
Kenya National HQ	\$18,000.00
Kenya Widows and Orphans	\$0.00
Widows Mite	\$7,472.58
Book Drive (Nigeria)	\$100.00
Kenya Clinic	\$17,764.00
Book of Mormon Translation Kiswahili	\$8,935.87
Nigeria Oblation (Special Contributions)	\$4,176.44
Delegate Travel	\$0.00
Rwanda Registration	\$2,160.00
Kenya Storehouse	(\$9,280.09)
Light A House	\$3,179.81
Covid Relief	\$0.00
Uganda Oblation	\$360.00
Uganda Building Fund	\$6,968.31
Kenya Oblation	\$455.00
Attenzion Rainwater Projects	(\$900.00)
<b>Total Restrictated Funds</b>	<b>\$92,648.99</b>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$58,228.81</b>

GEM FY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT and FY 2024 BUDGET					
FY 2022 / 2023 Beginning Balance Income			\$14,337.70		Proposed FY 2024 Budget
GEM Income - May 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023		FY 23 Budget	Actual	Difference	Income
4500	GEM - General Contributions		\$16,040.84	(\$16,040.84)	\$10,000.00
4510	England Income	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
4520	Germany Income	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00	
<b>TOTAL GEM INCOME</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,040.84</b>	<b>(\$6,040.84)</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
GEM Expenses - May 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023		FY 23 Budget	Actual	Difference	Expenses
9500	GEM General Expenses			\$0.00	
9511	England Expenses (Travel)	\$2,000.00	\$1,310.36	\$689.64	\$2,000.00
9520	Germany Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
9521	Germany Travel Expenses		\$6,113.24	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
9523	Germany Educational Materials				
<b>TOTAL GEM EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>			<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>			<b>\$7,423.60</b>		
<b>FY 2023 Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$22,954.94</b>		



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SEAAM FY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT and FY 2024 BUDGET					
FY 2023 Beginning SEAAM Fund Balance					
		FY 2023 Budget	Actual	Variance	FY 2024 Budget
Total SEAAM Income		\$45,000.00	\$37,939.88	\$7,060.12	\$45,000.00
Total SEAAM Expenses		\$45,000.00	\$37,997.39	\$7,002.61	\$45,000.00
Income / Expenses		\$0.00	(\$57.51)	\$57.51	\$0.00
FY 2023 Ending SEAAM Fund Balance		\$21,303.00	\$21,245.49		
	Income & Expense Categories	FY 2023 Budget	Actual Income / Expenses	Budget Variance	Proposed FY 2024 Budget
SEAM GENERAL OPERATIONS					
4300	SEAAM General Contributions	\$2,000.00	\$34,859.88		\$2,000.00
4305	SEAAM Tuition Assistance	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)	\$0.00
Sub-Total Income		\$2,000.00	\$35,159.88	(\$33,159.88)	\$2,000.00
8000	SEAAM Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$3,264.50	(\$1,764.50)	\$1,500.00
	SEAAM Bank Fees & Wire Transfers	\$500.00	\$37.70	\$462.30	\$500.00
Sub-Total Expense		\$2,000.00	\$3,302.20	(\$1,302.20)	\$2,000.00
PHILIPPINES					
4310	Philippines Income	\$5,000.00	\$350.00	\$4,650.00	\$5,000.00
4311	Philippines Tuition Assistance	\$15,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$13,800.00	\$15,000.00
	Philippines Oblation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
4313	Philippines Travel Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$1,230.00	\$2,770.00	\$4,000.00
Sub-Total Income		\$29,000.00	\$2,780.00	\$26,220.00	\$29,000.00
	Philippines Educational Materials	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
8101	Philippines Ministry Expense	\$4,000.00	\$6,235.66	(\$2,235.66)	\$4,000.00
8102	Philippines Oblation	\$5,000.00	\$4,796.68	\$203.32	\$5,000.00
	Philippines Rent & Buiding Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
8104	Philippines Travel Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
8105	Philippines Tuition Expense Dispersed	\$15,000.00	\$22,162.85	(\$7,162.85)	\$15,000.00
	Philippines Seventy Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total Expense		\$29,000.00	\$33,695.19	(\$4,695.19)	\$29,000.00
NEPAL					
	Nepal Income	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Nepal Oblation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Nepal Travel Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Sub-Total Income		\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
	Nepal Ministry Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Nepal Oblation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Nepal Travel Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Sub-Total Expense		\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
AUSTRALIA					
	Australia Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Australia Travel Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sub-Total Income		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Australia Ministry Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8405	Australia Travel Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sub-Total Expenses		\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00



## Conference of Restoration Elders

FREEDOM STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES			
FY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT and FY 2024 BUDGET			
Income - May 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023			
*Beginning Balance	\$36,628.81		
	Actuals		Proposed
	Actuals		FY 2024
			Budget
** Beginning Balance			\$21,251.00
FSM Funds Received	\$30,304.40		\$25,000.00
FSM Pledged Income	\$33,077.38		\$40,000.00
FSM Dispersed Income	\$28,478.53		\$45,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$91,860.31</b>		<b>\$131,251.00</b>
Expense - May 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023			
FSM General Expenses	\$1,257.50		\$1,000.00
FSM Distributed Funds	\$74,913.67		\$110,000.00
WePay Transactions	\$198.02		\$400.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$76,369.19</b>		<b>\$111,400.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$15,491.12</b>		<b>\$19,851.00</b>
Summary			
*Beginning Fund Balance	\$36,628.81		
+ Other Fund Balance Movement	\$0.00		
+ Net Income / (Loss)	\$15,491.12		
= Ending Fund Balance	\$52,119.93		

\* = As of 3/31/2022

\*\* = This is a projected amount as of 3/31/2023

## ~ Section 3 ~

### Conference Leadership, Parliamentary Guidelines & Proposed Resolutions

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## 2022-2023 Conference of Restoration Elders Leadership Nomination Form

### Conference Officers

Chairman: Brian K. Mundy  
Secretary: David Joyce  
Treasurer: Ray Lane  
Historian: Danny Hight

### Corporate Officers

President: Brian K. Mundy  
Secretary: David Joyce  
Treasurer: Ray Lane

### Conference Councils

#### Coordinating Council

1. Larry Cottrill 1 yr.
2. Steve Kropp 1 yr.
3. Eric Odida 1 yr.
4. Marciano (Jun) Pormangcales 1 yr.
5. Sean Telljohann 1 yr.
6. Jason Anderson
7. Jay Havener
8. Benji Pederson
9. Zach Wilson

#### Domestic Missionary / Outreach

1. John Eichhorn 1 yr.
2. Brian K. Mundy 1 yr.
3. Frank Dippel 1 yr.
4. Pete Hughes 1 yr.
5. Dale Stafford
6. John L. Mundy
7. Tom Mitchell

#### *(Continuation Under Evaluation)*

##### Education Council

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.

#### Women's Council

1. Nicole Capps 1 yr.
2. Bethany Eggenberger 1 yr.
3. Angie Goff 1 yr.
4. Monica Rush 1 yr.
5. Michelle Turner 1 yr.
6. Kristen Barrett
7. Barb Capps
8. Karen Parker

1. John Ely 1 yr.
2. Stephen Henson 1 yr.
3. Mark McCormick 1 yr.
4. Kevin McMillian 1 yr.

#### (All Appointed By Missionary Boards)

##### International Missionary / Outreach

- |       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| ARM   | 1. <u>Chris Capps</u>     |
|       | 2. <u>Dale Stafford</u>   |
| GEM   | 3. <u>Stephen Henson</u>  |
|       | 4. <u>John L. Mundy</u>   |
| LAMB  | 5. <u>Manuel Castillo</u> |
|       | 6. <u>Mark Farnham</u>    |
| SEAAM | 7. <u>Dayn Cederstrom</u> |
|       | 8. <u>Kevin Humphry</u>   |

#### Publications Council

1. Janet Dickson 1 yr.
2. Jason Hamilton 1 yr.
3. Christy Schrunck 1 yr.
4. Jackie Frinsthal
5. Rebecca Griffin
6. Jacob Roberts
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### *(Continuation Under Evaluation)*

##### Stewardship Council

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Youth Council

1. Julie Betler 1 yr.
2. Paul Edwards 1 yr.
3. Taylor Morrison 1 yr.
4. Ivan Telljohann
5. Heather Joyce
6. Andrew Smith
7. Chrispin Nyamgwara
8. David Samuel

### Aaronic Council

5. Ivan Telljohann 1 yr.
6. Henry Trickett 1 yr.
7. Wilbur Wilson 1 yr.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.

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### Conference Officers

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Historian: \_\_\_\_\_

### Corporate Officers

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Councils

#### Coordinating Council

1. Jason Anderson 1 yr.
2. Jay Havener 1 yr.
3. Benji Pederson 1 yr.
4. Zach Wilson 1 yr.
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Domestic Missionary / Outreach

1. Pete Hughes 1 yr.
2. Tom Mitchell 1 yr.
3. John L. Mundy 1 yr.
4. Dale Stafford 1 yr.
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### *(Continuation Under Evaluation)*

##### Education Council

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.

#### Women's Council

1. Kristen Barrett 1 yr.
2. Barb Capps 1 yr.
3. Karen Parker 1 yr.
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.

#### *(All Appointed By Missionary Boards)*

##### International Missionary / Outreach

- |       |          |
|-------|----------|
| ARM   | 1. _____ |
|       | 2. _____ |
| GEM   | 3. _____ |
|       | 4. _____ |
| LAMB  | 5. _____ |
|       | 6. _____ |
| SEAAM | 7. _____ |
|       | 8. _____ |

#### Publications Council

1. Jackie Frinsthal 1 yr.
2. Rebecca Griffin 1 yr.
3. Jacob Roberts 1 yr.
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### *(Continuation Under Evaluation)*

##### Stewardship Council

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Youth Council

1. Heather Joyce 1 yr.
2. Chrispin Nyamgwara 1 yr.
3. David Samuel 1 yr.
4. Andrew Smith 1 yr.
5. Ivan Telljohann 1 yr.
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Aaronic Council

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 yr.

# PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES

## BASIC PRINCIPLES

Only one matter shall be considered at a time (keep it clear)

No one can speak until recognized by the presiding officer.

No one can speak a second time, on the same issue, as long as another wants to speak for the first time. The presiding officer should try to alternately recognize speakers with opposing points view.

Each group should have a Constitution and bylaws that specifies the quorum and any modifications of basic parliamentary procedure.

## TRADITIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to order and quorum check

Minutes of previous meeting

Committee reports (standing & special)

Unfinished business

New business

Announcements

Adjournment

## MOTION vs RESOLUTIONS

A main motion is an actionable matter, which specifies what the group will do in the future.

A resolution is a formal statement of opinion about a matter outside the jurisdiction of the group.

## AMENDMENTS

Amendments should be "relevant" but can also contradict the "intent" of the main motion or resolution.

Only two amendments can be on the floor at the same time: one to amend the main motion or resolution and one to amend the amendment. Additional amendments must wait until at least one of the two is disposed of.

Amendments should be voted on before the main motion or resolution is voted on. If an amendment is tabled or postponed, the applicable main motion or resolution should be tabled or postponed.

## VOTING PROCEDURES

Methods of voting: vocal (aye or nay), showing hands, standing, roll call or secret ballot.

The method of voting may be specified in the bylaws or chosen by the presiding officer. A group may overturn the bylaws method by a 2/3 vote on a main motion that specifies a different method, or it may overturn the choice of the presiding officer by a majority vote on such a motion.

Abstentions are group members present at a meeting but not voting, and abstentions do not affect voting. E.g., In a group of 1,000 members: 2 in favor, 1 opposed and 997 abstentions would be both a majority and 2/3 vote for the matter voted on. The presiding officer, if a member of the group, can vote at any time if the bylaws don't specify otherwise. The presiding officer can vote to break ties, or to create ties (and thus defeat a motion). If not a member of the group, the presiding officer should not vote at any time.

To stop debate and proceed to the voting, a group can pass the "previous question" (2/3 vote), or a member of the group can "call the question" (unanimous consent of the group), or the presiding officer can ask for a vote (also unanimous consent of the group).

## APPEALS

Decisions of the presiding officer are limited by the will of the group. Any "Chair" decision may be overturned by "appealing the decision of the chair." The majority vote determines the decision, even if some members of the group disagree.

## INFORMALITY

Formal procedures require a motion or resolution, properly made and seconded, before debate begins on the issue. Some informal groups discuss the topic first, and the motion or resolution is formulated during discussion. The presiding officer should allow debate, amendments, etc., in both procedures.

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## SIMPLE CHART OF MOTION

Motions are ranked from bottom to top. When any motion is immediately pending, the motions above it are in order; those below it are out of order.

ADJOURN	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Majority
RECESS	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>		May Amend	Majority
TABLE	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Majority
PREVIOUS QUESTION	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>			2/3 Vote
LIMIT DEBATE	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>		May Amend	Majority
POSTPONE DEFINITELY	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
REFER	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
AMEND THE AMENDMENT	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate		Majority
AMEND THE MOTION	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
POSTPONE INDEFINITELY	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority
OBJECT TO CONSIDERATION	Before debate begins	No Debate		2/3 Vote
MAIN MOTION	Requires 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Debate	May Amend	Majority

## HOW TO MAKE MOTIONS

- 1) "I move that \_\_\_\_\_."
- 2) "I object to the consideration of this motion." (Must be BEFORE ANY DEBATE. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.)
- 3) "I move that we postpone this matter indefinitely." (A motion to kill.)
- 4) "I move that we amend the motion by \_\_\_\_\_." OR "I move that we strike out \_\_\_\_\_ and insert \_\_\_\_\_." OR "I move a substitute for paragraph \_\_\_\_\_."
- 5) "I move that we amend the amendment by \_\_\_\_\_."
- 6) "I move that this matter be referred to a committee made up of \_\_\_\_\_."
- 7) "I move that we postpone action on this matter until \_\_\_\_\_."
- 8) "I move that we limit debate on the entire question to \_\_\_\_\_ more minutes." OR "I move that each speaker be limited to \_\_\_\_\_ minutes," ETC.
- 9) "I move the previous question." OR "I call for the question on the entire matter before us."
- 10) "I move that we lay the matter on the table." (This action tables ALL pending business.)
- 11) "I move that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ minutes recess."
- 12) "I move that we adjourn."

**\*In formal parliamentary procedure, motions to limit debate and recess are not debatable and only amendments of motions to adjourn and fix time of next meeting are debatable.**

## **Proposed Resolution #1**

### **Substitute Motion for 2023 Conference**

By: Coordinating Council

At the 2022 conference, after much deliberation a motion was passed to organize a member's conference. Over the last 6 months, the Chairman, and the Coordinating Council, have met with many Branch Pastors, and regions as directed in the resolution. As we listened to those discussions, and concerns we felt a members' forum would be better in our current circumstances and yet satisfy the need expressed in the original resolution. As a result, the Coordinating Council is submitting the following substitute motion to the 2023 Elder's Conference.

#### **Member's Forum (Substitute Motion)**

Be it resolved that the Elders of this conference discuss with their branches, neighboring branches, groups, and individuals, so much as possible, the prospect of joining together in a restoration members forum for worship and prayerful consideration of the issues facing the church.

And further resolved that the Chairman of the CRE and members of the Coordinating Council be explicitly authorized and charged with the goal of organizing and scheduling said forum to take place no later than 12 months from the current date to discuss issues facing the Church. Those participating in the forum would be members from independent restoration branches.

A report of forum discussions will be sent out to all branches.

Branches will be encouraged to discuss the issues facing your branch/region in advance of the forum and send a list of topics for discussion 2 months prior to the forum. All topics will be published; however, discussion will be prioritized based on frequency of subject matter or direction from the Holy Spirit.

## **Proposed Resolution #2**

### **Resolution on Funding Domestic Missionaries from the Domestic Outreach Council**

Whereas: the outreach council is extremely active in several regions.

Whereas: there is an increased demand for missionary and ministerial visits.

Whereas: the demand for ministry and missionary visits is not only requiring missionary pairs of brothers, but also couples or families for long term or extended time periods.

Whereas: The budget level for this council may not be sufficient to support a full time missionary or Missionary family.

Whereas: over the last couple years we have found many scattered saints and the need is now increasing requiring an increased demand for ministry, which in turn requires more funding.

Whereas: the search for scattered saints as well as those who have not received the restored gospel continues and new areas continue open and so the need of even more ministry.

Whereas: The Youth Missionary Corp fund has remained static with no foreseeable youth missionaries available currently.

Be it Resolved: That the Domestic Missionary Outreach Council would ask the conference to: Create a new fund intitled Domestic Missionary fund and move \$10,000 out of the Youth Missionary Corp fund into this new Domestic Missionary fund.

And be it further resolved that this conference move \$30,000 from its general fund into this new Domestic Outreach Missionary fund. The Domestic missionary Outreach Council is further charged to search out, train and support a full time missionary or missionaries and their family. This ministry will come under the direct supervision of the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council.

The Domestic Missionary and Outreach council request these additional funds of \$40,000 from the CRE. These funds are necessary for the ministry to brothers and sisters in areas domestically where the church is struggling.

These additional funds will allow full-time opportunities for traveling elders and or families for this very important ministry for our lost or scattered saints.



## Proposed Resolution #3

### A Proposed Change to the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Previously Amended April 6, 2010, offered by the Coordinating Council

**Whereas, the current Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines have not been reviewed for the past 13 years,**

**And whereas, the Lord spoke to His priesthood at Kirtland on September 24, 2022, to be willing to remove all barriers and hinderances to the achievement of Zion,**

**And whereas, it is individuals who make up the body of the Conference of Restoration Elders rather than the branches,**

**Be it resolved that the Melchisedec Credential Guidelines represent the direction in which the Lord has desired we take in removing barrier and hinderances to the work of the Conference of Restoration Elders,**

**And be it further resolved that these new guidelines be adopted by the vote of the Elders Conference and published as outlined below.**

The following guidelines will serve as the basis for seating all elders in the current assembly and in other CRE activities, and continue in effect unless, or until altered through future conference action.

Participation in the Elders Conference shall be extended to authoritatively ordained Melchisedec Priesthood—

1. **Whose**, ~~currently function within a “Restoration Branch,” and whose~~ office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences. ~~{A “Restoration Branch~~ Said elder does not accept such doctrines as the ordination of women to the priesthood, the serving of the sacrament to persons without authoritative baptisms or participate or accept the calling and ordination of men to the priesthood offices other than elder, priest, teacher, or deacon. ~~Any branch previously engaged, or associated with an organization which participated in such actions are required to renounce the same to be considered and function as a “Restoration Branch.”~~ Any Elder which participated in such actions are required to renounce the same as a credentialed elder.
2. **Who**, while not joined with a branch, have remained faithful to their calling by supporting the “Restoration Position,” and whose office and calling have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between the conferences.
3. **Who**, for reasons of conscience or physical location have continued to minister within the framework of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/Community of Christ, but who have not subscribed to, nor participated in any divergent practices or doctrines, and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.

## Proposed Resolution #3, *Cont'd.*

### A Proposed Change to the Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines

Previously Amended April 6, 2010, offered by the Coordinating Council

4. **Who**, for reasons of conscience or physical location have continued to minister within the framework of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/Community of Christ, but who have not subscribed to, nor participated in any divergent practices or doctrines, and whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credentials Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.
5. **Who**, have since been affiliated with one or more of the factional movements—who are willing to renounce said affiliations and repent of any participation in divergent practices or doctrines. ~~including but not limited to the rejection of any subsequent ordinations, whose office and ordination have been determined to be in order by the Credential Committee of said conference, or the Coordinating Council between conferences.~~
6. **Who**, by accepting a call to the priesthood, have accepted the personal responsibility of maintaining the highest standards of Christian conduct. Verified failure to maintain such standards may constitute grounds for denying or revoking one's right to voice, vote, and participation in CRE activities the Elders Conference.
  - a. Upon the written verification of two or more credible witnesses to conduct on the part of the Melchisedec priesthood member that is unbecoming a priesthood member, or conduct that is determined to that member's ministry, or the ministry of others, the Credentials Committee, or Coordinating Council between conferences, will determine whether said priesthood member is eligible to participate in the Conference of Restoration Elders.

Circumstances or questions concerning the eligibility of a Melchisedec priesthood member to be seated in the Elders Conference that may arise that are not covered by any of the above guidelines will be reviewed and acted upon by the Credentials Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Appeals of the decision of the Credentials Committee for seating shall be made in writing and submitted to the Coordinating Council of the Conference of Restoration Elders for review, consideration, and action. If the appeal is denied, and one of the parties involved desires to appeal the decision of the Coordinating Council, a committee of seven elders shall be elected from the seated body of elders in conference to review and consider the appeal. The elected representatives will consider the appeal during the convening conference and render a decision that shall be final for the conference will be preserved and protected.

## **Proposed Resolution #4**

### **International Emergency Oblation Fund**

Whereas many of the Saints where the church has been established do live in 3<sup>rd</sup> World countries; and

Whereas, when in these countries natural disasters occur these events can be devastating to the 'livelihood' of the Saints; and

Whereas aid and relief in these countries can be insufficient or altogether lacking; and

Whereas the need of the SAINTS can be immediate; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Conference of Restoration Elders establish an 'INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY OBLATION FUND'; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CONFERENCE OF RESTORATION ELDERS do allocate \$15,000.00 to this fund at the Budget Meeting of the 2023 Conference of Restoration Elders: and be it

RESOLVED, that the IEO Fund be supported by contributions of the Saints; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this fund be administered by the International Evangelism Committee and grants be decided by the International Evangelism Committee and approved by the Coordinating Council.

## **Proposed Resolution #5**

### **Consideration of the Fiscal Year for the Conference of Restoration Elders**

At present, the fiscal year is from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

With the understanding that this and Conferences to follow will probably be at or near the end of March or early April.

Be it resolved that this budget be for 10 months, from May 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024.

The Following years from March 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS



~ Section 4 ~

Council, Missionary & Program Reports

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## Coordinating Council

By: Steve Kropp

The coordinating council has endeavored to “listen” to the Lord’s call and bring opportunities for His people to come together in spirit & truth to worship. The council meets the third Friday of each month at 6:00 a.m. to allow our brothers from outside the Center Place to join in the discussion, planning and reasoning together.

One of the first opportunities to engage those willing to attend was the worship experience at Kirtland in late September of 2022. We were challenged with two stewardships on which to focus our ministry:

1. *As the five wise virgins did in the parable of the last days, ‘Gather and sanctify your oil, before the cry at midnight’. Prepare yourself through scripture, prayer, fasting, and humble service. You must take the Holy Spirit as a guide in all things that you do in your life.*
2. *Be willing to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion. You must become one. This would include the groups and associations you have formed, and the responsibilities that you carry. Needful things will be restored. All else is inconsequential.*

As the council met in October, it became clear that we needed to engage in a focused attempt to use the next two years to encourage His people to prepare and remove all the barriers. We recognized the good work being done by the many others who were recognizing some of the same inspiration from the Lord. For example: CMRB reunion with near record numbers of attendance at Odessa Hills, over three hundred saints gathering at Colbern Road Restoration Branch on a Sunday night to worship, revival services being coordinated at Living Hope and the list could go on and on.

The council considered how we could work with these many solid efforts to bring about the “cause of Zion”.

The following outlines the work Brian Mundy as the conference chairman and the coordinating council began to pursue on behalf of the challenge to engage over the next two years.

- Regular meetings with various Restoration groups around the center place to Reason Together
- Planning began for a combined worship service at the Stone Church which took place on Jan.7, 2023
- The annual priesthood retreat held at Oak Grove Restoration Branch was planned and the ministry provided on Jan. 28, 2023, was presented in humility and in truth.
- The website for the CRE has been completely redesigned and is rolled out for this Spring conference with the help of Kevin McMilian.
- Along with the website, a series of gospel videos were assembled and are available to be viewed from the CRE website.



## **Coordinating Council, *Cont'd.***

- A study guide titled Seek and Listen *for* Christ's Calling in Your Life was commissioned by the council and is now available for Saints to use in any way they see fit for education and study over the coming months and years.
- International ministry has remained a significant part of the work of the council with each program mentioned being made available through technology, to those around the world.

The conference planning and execution was the last item to be completed in the first six-month period since the gathering at Kirtland. The next six months will be equally important for us to reason together, work together, listen together, and remove the barriers that separate us from the work and from each other.

## **Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council**

By: Frank Dippel, Chairman

It has been a real pleasure to be the chairman of the Domestic Outreach and Missionary Council these past several years. The Brothers', who have volunteered to serve on this outreach council, are extremely committed to the challenge of reaching saints across the states and parts of Canada. They have brought so much energy to this work. It has been and continues to be inspiring.

The council has met nearly every month and has discussed and implemented many tremendous plans to bring ministry to isolated saints. The testimonies they have shared have brought great joy because of the successes they have had in several regions and their hopes for future events and ministries.

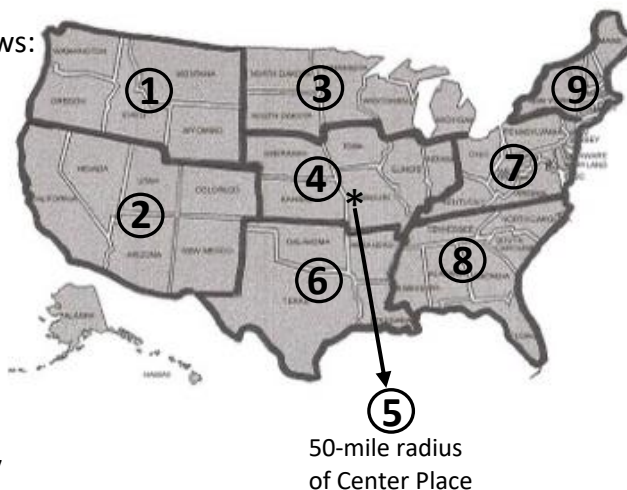
There have been different types of ministries shared from helping to repair neighbors' roofs and retreats for men, women, and youth. The brothers have taught classes, preached many sermons, and testified about events and ministries that have taken place within other branches and regions. These brothers have shared about future events that will take place (conference, worships and etc.) and about the Tiding magazine and the All-Saints Worship Group's online services. They have shared in communion and administrations. All their ministries are intended to enhance the lives of brothers and sisters across the nation.

I truly do appreciate these brothers' ministry, their enthusiasm, and their love for Christ. They have reached many lives and taken the gospel to lost and scattered Saints in many different areas. They have received love, gratitude and thankful embraces from these scattered brothers and sisters, in recognition of the extremely beneficial ministry they have shared.

The Brothers serving on this council are Elders Brian Mundy, John Mundy, Brian Herren, John Eichhorn, Dale Stafford, Pete Hughes, Tom Mitchell, and Bob Dickson. What a group of committed and dedicated ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you, brothers, for your sacrifice and love for other saints and Christ. You have touched many lives. Praise the Lord!

The regions and their respective coordinators are as follows:

Region 1 - Northwest (Incl. Alaska)	Brian Herren
Region 2 - Southwest (Incl. Hawaii)	John L. Mundy
Region 3 - North Central (Incl. Canada)	Tom Mitchell
Region 4 - Midwest (Excl. Center Place)	Dale Stafford
Region 5 - Center Place	Pete Hughes
Region 6 - South Central	Bob Dickson
Region 7 - Mideast	Frank Dippel
Region 8 - Southeast	John Eichhorn
Region 9 - Northeast	Brian K. Mundy



**The following reflects some of the activities this year in a number of the Regions:**

### **Region 1 (Incl. Alaska): Northwest Region Activities**

By: Brian Herren

The Pacific Northwest Region is home to three organized branches of the Restoration, and a number of scattered Saints. The three branches are located in Puyallup, Washington; Vancouver, Washington; and Salem, Oregon. The Pastor in Puyallup is Elder Gary Jones. The pastor in Vancouver, Washington is Elder Mike Terry, and the pastor in Salem, Oregon is Elder Brian Herren.

In October of 2021, a regional meeting was held in order to elect leadership in the region, in an effort to pool ministerial resources, arrange for collective worship, and coordinate unity in growth. Elder Brian Herren was elected as the Regional Director and chose the pastors of the other two organized branches as his counselors. Priest Travis Clark was elected as the Regional Treasurer, and Priest Michael Livingston was elected as the Regional Youth Director. Brother Amos Johnson was elected as Activities Director and Sister Maddy Clark as the Church School Director. Sister Dianna Clark was elected as the Regional Women's Director. Sister Melissa Herren was elected as the Regional Secretary and Elder Mike Terry was appointed as Auditor. A theme was chosen for the year 2022 to help focus the ministry in the region: "Bearing Fruit", taken from John 15:8.

During 2022, three regional youth retreats were organized: winter, spring, and fall retreats. A weeklong summer youth camp was organized, and a week-long reunion was well supported. A woman's retreat, men's retreat, young adults retreat, and priesthood retreat were organized and well attended. Toward the close of 2021, the region sent two missionaries to Tanzania to work abroad: Priest Travis Clark and Elder Brian Herren. Local outreach efforts were ongoing throughout 2022, culminating in the baptism of four new members in Salem in the fall. Three of those baptized had moved here from the Philippines and were neighbors of the Herren's. They had been catholic but were open to cottage meetings and were persuaded by the Spirit of the True and Living Church. The fourth that was baptized was the daughter of Teacher Kevin Herren.

## **Region 1 (Incl. Alaska): Northwest Region Activities, *Cont'd.***

Land has been purchased in Salem, Oregon and dedicated for a new church building. The surveying has been completed, civil engineering finished, and the architect's plans have now been submitted for county review and building permit issuance. Invitations for bids were sent approximately two weeks ago and groundbreaking is expected in the spring or summer of 2023. Fundraising is ongoing. The branch in Vancouver continues to meet in a building owned by the branch, and the congregation in Puyallup leases space.

Domestic missions to Eastern Oregon were served, where classes were taught, and church services organized in more remote areas. The effort was aided by membership contacts in the community. Ministry was also directed to Eastern Washington, which was largely supportive ministry to isolated Saints.

Two men were ordained in Salem in 2022. Deacon Travis Clark was ordained a Priest, and Brother Michael Livingston was ordained a Priest. The number of Priesthood has increased in Salem, remained unchanged in Puyallup, and decreased in Vancouver (on account of relocation). There are two active elders in Puyallup, two in Vancouver, and two in Salem. One High Priest passed to his reward in Salem, High Priest John Henderson. One High Priest remains in Salem, High Priest Bill Curtis.

The three organized branches continue to meet together often and share in ministry. They are united in principle and share a strong bond. Cooperation between the branches remains easy, and the presiding elders communicate often. Domestic outreach continues, and the region will support missionary efforts abroad again by sending Brother Brian Herren to Nepal and India in April. The Pacific Northwest continues to share ties with the Saints around the world and cooperated in joint ministry at various branches in Africa, Michigan, and the Center Place. The region also has received ministry from the Center Place, Michigan, and Maine in recent month and years. Each year, the regional leadership has been organizing a Summer Preaching Series, which has helped create and maintain bonds with ministry outside of the area. Brethren from outside of the region have been invited to preach the Summer Preaching Series in the Pacific Northwest over three days, and share a weekend of fellowship: Brother Eric Odida, Brother Frank Shepard, Brother David Gilmore, Brother Paul Gage, Brother Richard Neill, Brother Brian Mundy, Brother Jay Havener, Brother Gary Hawley, and Brother Greg Bird. The Book of Mormon Foundation has also made presentations, and many of our dear brothers and sisters from the Center Place have brought outstanding ministry at reunions and retreats. Several of the sisters from the Center Place have also brought ministry at the regional Women's Retreat. In 2022, the northwest region sent ministry to the Michigan Reunion and Lexington Branch Retreat by way of invitation.

### **Region 1 (Incl. Alaska): Northwest Region Activities, *Cont'd.***

Below is a picture taken after one of the services at the Pacific Northwest Regional Reunion 2022. Brother George Thomas has been the preacher of the day.



### **Region 2 (Incl. Hawaii): Southwest Region Activities**

By: John L. Mundy

The first part of the year was very quiet, outside of phone calls.

In February this year I traveled to Arizona and made contact with an Elder in Albuquerque NM. I visited with him in his home and encouraged him to participate with the All-Saints Congregation with Larry Cottrill the pastor, which he did. I made a visit in Tucson AZ, to an inactive Elder there with ties to Independence. He has not made contact with the Phoenix Branch via Zoom.

The Phoenix Branch lost one of its active Priests due to illness. He will be sorely missed. David Teeples, the Pastor of the Phoenix Branch, is doing well and is keeping the branch active through Zoom as well as having services at the church.

The church in Sieta Vista, AZ is closed. The pastor gathered to Independence. That left only one Elder there.

I would like to have more contact with the saints in California but have not had much success.

### **Region 3: North Central (Incl. Canada)**

By: Tom Mitchell

#### **2022-23 Report**

Contacts have been made with Jay Havener and Tom Essenmacher concerning conditions in the region and possible visiting/mission trips in 2023. Plans has been developed for me to contact first by email all the restoration branch pastors and introduce myself and the domestic outreach council and invite them to the April 22 area conference. This process has begun. Plans are being discussed by Jay and other pastors in

### **Region 3: North Central (Incl. Canada), *Cont'd.***

Michigan to reach out to all COC branches, many of which are closing offering ministry and invitations to worship together when possible.

Jay and I will be meeting in April as I will be attending the April Michigan area conference developing plans for at least two future 3 - 5-week visits to the Michigan area for ministry. I have obtained discount airline tickets purchased during a recent SW airlines sale to Detroit for a week stay. The time will be spent in ministry location and trip planning, attending the conference, participating in worship services and a planned visit to Tom and Jane's residence and ministry to the Charlotte branch, which I have visited previously before Marty's passed away.

I have felt the impress of the good spirit to accept the challenge and request from the priesthood in Michigan and the Domestic Outreach Council for a minister to help in the work in that general area this coming year assisting Jay in that endeavor. I will be staying at his residence in April. He has offered to take care of the driving arrangements and so the cost of the trip will be minimal - perhaps \$100-200 for any food and mileage costs for the April trip.

The cost of the airfare was \$253.36, the only expenditures I am aware of for 2022 - 2023 conference budget for this domestic area.

#### **2023-2024 Fiscal Projection Planning**

Although the details for the mission work in the Michigan area are still in the preplanning stages I have projected a proposed budget schedule to allow the CRE conference to plan budget amounts accordingly. Currently I am the only minister scheduled or volunteering to travel. There is a possibility in the future that my brother, Elder Phillip Mitchell who is also retiring, may have time to travel as a partner later in 2023.

#### **After the April Conference:**

Trip 1: May into June a 3 - 4-week trip either driving from Independence or flying into Detroit and renting a car part of the trip to enable visits to multiple branches in Michigan primarily in the Detroit and Central Michigan area when Jay or Tom are not able to accompany me. The decision to fly or drive will be based on the most efficient use of funds. Planning is that housing and board will be utilizing Saints homes as much as possible. Possible expenditures \$500 - \$1,000.

Trip 2: July into August 3 - 5-week trip for mission work and attending the Maine reunion. Similar considerations as trip 1 will be made with the exception of a trip by car or air to the Maine reunion where my wife will join me for ministry with Brian Mundy and Jay Havener.

Possible expenditures \$800 - \$1,000

Note: Fall follow-up trips are not yet planned. As always in current missionary trips I have made domestically to Michigan, the PNW, and overseas to Africa I expect to contribute significant personal funds which our family has set aside for our portion of missionary expenses.

#### **Region 4 (Excl. Center Place): Midwest Activities**

By: Dale Stafford

Since July I have tried to contact 19 groups as stated on the list, we received at the Domestic outreach meeting this past summer. Many on the list did not return my calls, but I was able to contact 15 groups and offered support and ministry to their groups if they wanted it. This would include helping them in finding speakers for Sunday and other types of ministries. Several branches or groups have arrangements with branches in the center place and are provided speakers on a monthly basis and do not require further assistance at this time. A few of the groups on the list have disbanded.

We are currently providing speakers and/or ministry to Des Moines Branch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We provided speakers to Des Moines group twice this past fall and it was planned I was to provide ministry on January 29<sup>th</sup>, but they called and told me come another time because of snow, ice, and freezing temperatures in area. We have rescheduled that assignment on the last Sunday of March.

Support has been given to the St. Joseph restoration branch. We have provided guest ministry to them twice. (I provided the spoken word in November, and which was well received.)

I also brought the spoken word to the saints at the Columbia Restoration Branch Missouri in October and also to the Puyallup Restoration Branch in Washington in October.

This weekend I will be attending the Winter Revival at Council Bluffs Restoration Branch. Hopefully I will be able to meet many saints in the Iowa area and this will open the door to provide ministry in the future!

It has been scheduled for me to provide the Sunday morning message and serve the sacrament to a group of Saints in Illinois this coming Easter.

#### **Region 6: South Central**

By: Bob Dickson

My activities over the past year in the SW region have been disappointing to say the least.

I have made two fruitful visits to the branch in Miami, Oklahoma to bring ministry. I planned a third trip, which was to be a weekend revival, along with Brother Steve Kropp last fall, only to find the timing was not good for the branch.

I spoke in the Dallas Restoration Branch earlier in the year along with Brother Brian Mundy.

Other efforts to bring ministry in Texas have not proven fruitful. I planned a trip last fall along with Brother Jack Hagensen but did not receive encouragement beyond Dallas-Ft Worth to come. I spoke with members in Austin, Marlin, and College Station, but found no real interest in ministry. One sister in Hearne (College Station) welcomed our trip but indicated that no one in her area would see us, and that sister is already receiving ministry twice a month from her son in Ft. Worth.

## **Region 6: South Central, *Cont'd.***

The church in Texas is deteriorating to almost nothing outside the Dallas-Ft Worth area. The elderly Pastor in Marlin told me, “please don’t come, you would be wasting your time.” I was unable to secure any visits to share ministry in Texas.

## **Region 8: Southeast**

By: John Eichhorn

Fruitful trips are in ALL seven states. There were apparently 80 families visited and 25 wanted the Communion.

Eric Woolery and I made two trips, one in January 2022. The states of Alabama, Mississippi and Northern Florida were the main areas visited. In Alabama in the cities of Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Huntsville; then Vancleave, MS and Pensacola, Pace and Milton, Florida.

The 2nd trip was in March 2022. Eric and I traveled the state of Tennessee with the major areas including Nashville, Jackson, Paris, Lexington, Knoxville, and Manchester. Then we went to the state of North Carolina, visiting Saints in Winston-Salem, Raleigh, and Southport. From there on to South Carolina, visiting Saints in Elgin, Greenville, and Pickens. Now on to the Northern part of Georgia to the city of Woodstock and Trenton.

In October of 2022 was trip #3 where Vaughn Cornish and I spent several weeks in Florida and Georgia. Major areas in Florida were Clermont, Apopka (a Restoration Branch), Orlando South to Miami, then on to the North to St Petersburg, Tampa, Port Richey, and Summerville. In Georgia the Saints are scattered throughout the state and there are NO Restoration Branches.

There are trips being planned for 2023 to strengthen the Saints and being a source of support for their needs.

For Florida I am working to put together a Directory. What has been done so far has been sent to the main person (or Elder) in that group for them to correct and to add to it so I can get it then into a compilation booklet for them. This would be a Church Directory for them locating the Saints in Florida. It would be helpful for the Saints to locate Priesthood and Members closest to them and get together often.

## **Region 9: Northeast**

By: Brian K. Mundy

On November 2, 2022, Elders Brian Mundy and Jay Havener flew to Maine to spend two weeks in ministry to the Saints in Deer Island/Stonington, Ellsworth, Bangor, and Jonesport/Beal Island. The first part of the trip was spent on Deer Island visiting the Saints of the Sunset Branch in Stonington. We shared in home ministry, preaching and sharing with their priesthood. Maine at one time had 5 Restoration branches and currently there are two left – Sunset and Jonesport.

## **Region 9: Northeast, *Cont'd.***

### **Sunset Branch and Ellsworth**

Like many Restoration branches, the COVID pandemic hit these branches hard. The Sunset branch utilized Zoom meetings instead of in-person worship during the pandemic as many Saints in the region were concerned about their physical well-being. Like many branches across the U.S. that also used this method, there has been a struggle in getting the Saints back into the sanctuary for in-person worship and fellowship. In meeting with their priesthood, Elder Brian Mundy asked if they wanted to grow their branch or manage its decline. This was a question that was presented to the Jonesport Saints as well.

It was their desire to grow the branch, but also recognized there were obstacles to overcome. Much discussion centered on these obstacles. It was pointed out that there were opportunities on the island to bring youth into the branch via outreach programs. If the youth will come, their parents are likely to follow. Sunset is an older group of Saints, who like many restoration branches, have very, very few youth. However, it was pointed out that there had been two or three other churches on the island that have since closed who had youth attending. It was suggested to find ways to reach out to those families of churches that have closed down.

Another area of discussion was reaching out to the Saints on the mainland such as Ellsworth where there had once been a branch. Saints still live in the area which is about 45 minutes from Deere Island. Sunset has enough priesthood to split between the two areas although there was a general hesitation in doing so due to the small number currently attending the Sunset branch. We posited the solution to this dilemma was to evangelize the Stonington area and send one or two men on a rotating basis to Ellsworth and the surrounding area.

There was much home ministry done on Deer Island with many days starting early in the morning and ending late in the evening. Many good testimonies were shared and brought encouragement to the Saints. We encouraged them to put aside their fears over the pandemic, and begin to reach out to others, sharing their testimonies with their neighbors. The Sunset Branch has a core group of families with much heritage in the church and in the Gospel. Our preaching services had 15 to 18 in-person attendance as well as those who connected via Zoom. We encouraged them to no longer Zoom their worship and prayer services.

We visited 4 Saints in the Ellsworth area and served communion to them. They had not had communion in over four years! We encouraged them to continue to get together and study with one another and to pray together specifically for priesthood to come to their area. This was once a strong group of Saints and I believe there are opportunities for the church to grow there. We also visited a young family there with ties to the church and encouraged them to re-connect to the church for the sake of their family.



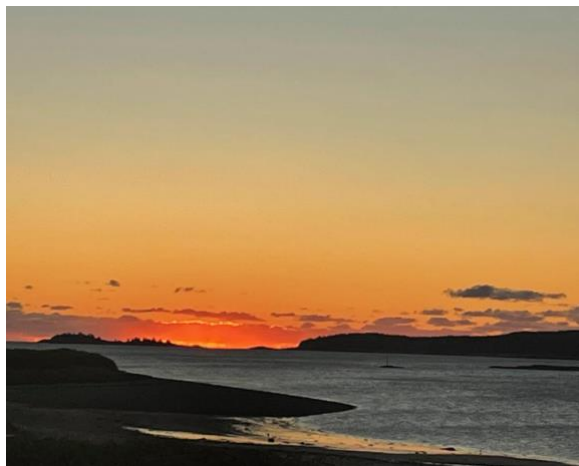
## Region 9: Northeast, *Cont'd.*

### Jonesport/Bangor

We spent the second half of the trip in Jonesport with a side trip to Bangor to visit with two church families in that area. Jonesport has a beautiful facility and like many branches, they lack priesthood who are physically able to function. The Pastor of Jonesport has Parkinson's disease and is limited to preside when physically able to do so. There was the misconception among the members that they could not get together at the church to pray and study together unless the Presiding Elder was present. We corrected this view and encouraged them to gather often for prayer and study even if the Presiding Elder was not in attendance. There are only two other Priesthood available to the branch; an aged Elder and an elderly Deacon.



Once again, we visited many Saints in the Jonesport/Beal Island area. We were well received and was also able to minister to some non-members as well. This is a tight-knit community and in many ways, it is a good thing, but in other ways, it is somewhat of a detriment as it seems most know intimately one another's business. This makes for some sticky relationships at times.



We were able to visit two families in the Bangor area who are older and isolated. Bangor at one time had a very strong branch but due to those gathering in, and moving to other areas, the branch no longer exists. We were able to serve communion to them for which they were grateful.

### A Solution Offered

One of the things that we discussed with both branches to help them to grow was to ask if they would be interested in a full-time missionary family for a significant period of time. Both branches agreed it would be a big help. However, when we told them that it would take at least \$3,500.00 a month from the branches to support the missionaries, they balked. We stated that it would only be about \$1,500 a month for each branch. We asked them to consider this. It is planned that there will be another trip to Maine in April 2023.

November 2 – 13<sup>th</sup>, Elders Brian Mundy and Jay Havener were providing ministries in Maine. The first 4 days were spent at the Sunset Branch in Stonington Maine, with the last 6 days being in Jonesport and Ellsworth. We were able to serve sacrament to some scattered saints that haven't received it for 4 years, administer to the sick, perform many home visits, as well as preach many sermons. One non-member family provided

## Region 9: Northeast, *Cont'd.*

us with their vacation home at no charge where we stayed for 2 nights, which was in the Jonesport area. The only thing they requested is that we leave a blessing on their home. The rest of the time we stayed in the homes of Saints. One of the challenges of being a missionary is eating what is put before you, so we had to just eat the fresh Maine lobster that was offered as well as seafood chowder and lobster rolls at another home. 😊. The next trip will be April 11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>,



primarily focusing in the Jonesport area. The saints in Maine are requesting us to find an individual or a family that would be willing to live there and minister full time. If you are interested, please contact me (816) 668-4521. The Maine reunion will be July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Maggie Leighton at (207) 479-6819 or Email: [maggieleighton14@gmail.com](mailto:maggieleighton14@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. It is always a fantastic reunion, please make plans now to attend.



## All Saints Group Update - by Larry Cottrill

It is a joy to report that the All-Saints Group continues its regular weekly Sunday and Wednesday worship times via Zoom. Born out of necessity during a pandemic and now continuing as a true outcrop of God's redeeming love and desire for us to be in worship as believers no matter our physical location in the world.

We are thankful for the sacrifice of those Priesthood members from other branches who have brought ministry through the spoken word and classes. We are blessed by the many scattered Saints who are regular attenders and participate in the various aspects of worship services, often giving their time and talents to our shared experience.

## **All Saints Group Update, *Cont'd.***

From time to time, we have the great pleasure of Saints attending that have membership at their organized local branch. Sometimes it is their second service, like those from Africa or Europe, sometimes it's because of weather issues or just not feeling so well. Whatever the reason, this has always been additive to our worship and has extended our reach of the Gospel message.

Mission and outreach continue to inspire our Christian faith community to share God's grace with each other and the world where we live. We seek from our worship as do you, a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father that leads to the living out of our faith daily in word and deed.

To that end, great thanks is due to the CRE for their support and encouragement. And as always, we would welcome your time in support of our efforts through the spoken word or for classes.

## **African Restoration Ministries (ARM)**

By: Bill Barrett

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of whom we attempt to serve in the continent of Africa. The work progresses at an ever-increasing pace in spite of the setbacks from Covid. The saints in the US have responded impressively to the needs of the African Saints, and it is so much appreciated.

**Nigeria:** This past year it has not been safe for Americans to travel to Nigeria because of kidnappings requiring ransom payments, but the Lord had an alternate plan. There was an exchange of ministry between Kenya and Nigeria which expanded the ministry of each country. In May, brother Dayo Samuel went to Kenya and bore his testimony about the Lord returning soon. In August brothers James Yogo and Mishael Onyiego came to Nigeria to attend the national retreat and spent the following week visiting various branches to bring ministry. It was a miracle the Saints provided the money to release Onyiego's newborn twins from the hospital the day before he traveled to Nigeria.



Other miracles occurred when the Saints overwhelmingly responded to two disasters that happened in Nigeria in October – severe flooding affected some 50 of our Saints in different parts of Nigeria, with water as high as the door handles on cars. Many homes needed repairs and others had to move to new locations.



## **Nigeria, Cont'd.**

Also, in Port Harcourt. 7 homes were destroyed by fire, killing one of our widowed church members and 3 of her 5 children. The remaining 2 children have been taken in by church members. Other funds have been sent to help widows send their children to school.

Dayo and another Elder travelled to Abakaliki in Ebonyi State Nigeria to establish a new group and baptize 8 members. At least 21 members have been baptized in Nigeria this year.

In the coming year hopefully US missionaries can make a trip to Nigeria. Dayo is planning a pulpit exchange weekend where 4 branch leaders will go to 4 other branches for classes and preaching for spiritual growth. At the church camp site in Atan, Ogun State, a mission house, clinic, and offices are being built with a future worship center planned.

**East Africa:** two women from the US were joined by Cara Smith from Katar for a women's retreat in Kenya in August. They stayed an additional week to bring ministry among the women. Two Priests were just ordained on Feb. 19 this year in Nairobi. 94 youth are being supported from 24 branches to go to high school.

In **Rwanda**, all 7 branches and 2 new villages have been visited this last year, some of them a second and third time. There have been 24 people baptized from 4 of the branches. A recent trip this March provided 17 more baptisms from 3 branches. Women are going from house-to-house planting gardens and cleaning for the elderly. The Book of Mormon is being translated into Kinyarwanda, and now they are turning to translate the Doctrine and Covenants through section 144. The Rwanda government insists that religious movements certify their ministers through an institute of training before the church can be registered.



In **Uganda** a man's house was destroyed but the Saints responded with oblation funds to help. A number of LDS members have learned of the restoration gospel and the differences and now want to be baptized. The picture on the right is of a revival of 3 different denominations where we were invited to share the restored gospel.

In the next year we will probably have 3 visits to Rwanda, a follow-up visit to Uganda, we have now printed the Book of Mormon in 2 translations, Kinyarwanda, and Swahili.



**ARM** gets its support from people like you. You may donate by going to the Elders Conference Website. Thank you to all the Saint's for your prayers and support and may God bless you all.

2023 SNAPSHOT OF AFRICA												
	KENYA		NIGERIA		RWANDA		UGANDA		TANZANIA		Totals	
Elders	23			16		5		3		2		49
Priests	16			13		5		2		3		39
Teachers	17			2		1		1		2		23
Deacons	14			6		2		1				23
Total Priesthood	70			37		13		7		7		134
Members (estimated)	5,424	Members	506	Members	22	197	Members	82	Members	38	Members	6,269
Branches	26		13	Priesthood	7	Priesthood	1		1			48
	Ahero		Alagbado 1 (Lagos)	4E,3P,1D	140	Nyarugumba	1E	23	Bumagenny	82	Bunda	1P
	Attenzion		Ayetoro (Ogun)	1E	3	Nyamata	1P	17			Museum	1P
	Awasi Mjini		Giri (Abuja)	1E,2P,1D	30						Mwanza town	1E,1T
	Bonde		Godfry/Mike (Abia)	1E,1P		Butare	1P	27			Nyamasieki	1T
	Bumagenny		Kuje (Abuja)	1E,1P,1T,1D	76	Gaseke	1P	42			Sudi	1P
	Chemell		Mbaise (Imo)	1E,2P	30	Kigali	2E,1T	12			Utegi	1E
	Kandaria		Port Harcourt	2E,1P,1T,2D	65	Nyamata	1P	21				
	Katolo		Rafph village	1P		Nyarugumba	1E	23				
	Kehancha		Shaga (Lagos East)	1P	10	Rwanmagana/	2E,1D	29				
	Kisumu		Uban	2	25	Kayonza						
	Lisana		Umuahia	4E,1P,1D	63	Zoko	1P,1D	18				
	Nairobi		Umukoro (Abia)	2E	26							
	Nakuru		Umuopara	1								
	Nivasha											
	Nyabigege											
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	Obuora											
	Ogilo											
	Oyugis											
	Rakwaro											
	Ringa											
	Seme											
	Siany											
	Sori-bay											
	Sulwe											
	Thur-Dibuoro											
Missions	31		3									34
	Asembo		Ajaokuta	still hopefull	6							
	Awasi-Mjini		Kuje (Abuja)	?	19							
	Awendo		Umuda	Hopeful	13							
	Dandora											
	Dirubi											
	Duka-Kawaindi											
	Eldoret											
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	Pap-Onditi											
	Rangwe											
	Rapogi											
	Rongo											
	Seme - Kadero											
	Suna											
	Ugenya											
	Watamu											
Potential Areas	18		8									26
	Asunbi		Aba									
	Kabonyo		Anambra	interested								
	Kakelo - Bongu		Benin City									
	Kapuoja		Chukuku (Kuje)	Hopeful								
	Kendu-Bay		Ebonyi North	Hopeful								
	Kericho		Enugu									
	Kitale		Gbagbalada (Abuja)	Hopeful								
	Kitui		Gbuarri	Hopeful								
	Kochia		Gope (Abuja)									
	Kolweny		Ikorodu	Interested								
	Narok		Suleja (Kogi)	still hopefull								
	Ndhiwa		Surulere (Lagos)	Interested								
	Nyahera			Totals	506	212		82			82	
	Omoche											
	Ongo-Ogosa											
	Osiri											
	Sotik											
	Thika											
	Wangapala											

## Appreciation Letter from Nigeria Church

Elder Dayo Samuel, Servant to Nigeria Church

It is my great pleasure to write note of appreciate to our dearest Brothers and saints in our international church U.S, CONFERENCE OF RESTORATION BOARD AND ARM BOARD MEMBERS for the great supports they had been given to Nigerian church from beginning of this year both spiritually, financially and physical assistance whenever the needs called, we are grateful the way the Lord had been using you all for saints in Nigerian church, lives has been touched and safe through your prayers and financial emergence supports. I cannot mention all the Lord had us ed you all to do in Nigeria church in 2022 but just to say few.



1. We are grateful to mention our ongoing project blocks fence and gate at RESTORATION CAMP site at Atan Ogun state Nigeria that we appealed to ARM to draw from our local yearly budget to achieve this project for the safety of the land at site from hoodlum thugs.
2. We are also grateful supporting for missionary work to our various branches and mission field in Nigeria to share the gospel of the kingdom, Baptism, and confirmation Ordinations to call priesthoods to offices.
3. We appreciated your supports to spiritually and financially to host our National conference this year 2022 and your approval to invited EAST AFRICA MISSIONARY from Kenyan to witness our conference and still visits our branches and mission field in various state in Nigeria.
4. I want to specially thank the U.S saints for their urgent assistance for Brother Isreal from Lagos branch that health issues unable to walk that needed to go for surgery operation, with your support for the first stage 1, we the family were still trust the Lord for second stage for the operation to be carry out. Thank you all for your donations towards the laptop donated to Nigeria church for zoom and other internets church work and support for favor second stage of her NURSING PROFESSION MIDWIVESS that she got admission to medical school at Afinpo Ebonyi state.
5. I will not forget to mention your urgent support to Nigeria flooding victims that affected saints in Lagos, Portarcourt and Ebonyi to clear up their homes and some got new accommodation for their families, we are grateful saints and brothers.
6. We also appreciated your support for widows in our branches.
7. The last not the least of recent occurrence that just happened at Okohia community Portarcourt Elder Stephen branch of fire outbreak in that community because of the mistaken of the oil company of maintain of their pipelines that burned many houses affected by our members of six people mother and 5 children, the mother died instantly, and 3 children died the second day at hospital the other 2 grown up survived the after operation on their legs the fire burned. They had been discharged back to their community taking refuges at church, trusting the Lord for another home and properties the fire destroyed. Their mother will be buried on Wednesday 28th at her husband village Abia state.

## **Appreciation Letter from Nigeria Church, *Cont'd.***

These are few words of APPRECIATION I could remembered to mention to show our Heart of Gratitude for things the Lord had used you Saints and brothers to do for us this year, it is our prayer the Lord will continue to bless and water the seeds you had sown for Saints in Nigeria church and bless your homes and families as you all are serving the Lord in his vineyards.

FURTHERMORE, we are looking forward in preparation to move to new year in 2023, it is my prayer the Lord will continue to bide us together in LOVE AND UNITY for passion to work together as one family of one mind and soul to see ourselves as brothers and sisters, black or white which Jesus Christ as sees us as one to feed his lamp and preparing them for his COMING in these last days.

I had shared the revelation the Lord given to me during my annual 3 days dry fasting and prayer will our CRE chairman Elder Brian Mundy and Elder Bill Barrett which the Lord lay strongly in my heart to visit Philippines to share gospel of the kingdom and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with the saints in Philippines, it is my prayer the Lord will minister to MISSIONARY BOARD to support this vision from the Lord side of direction to share his gospel to the world and not looking at it that am not from missionary board members, but ARM and from Africa, that it might be taking a lot of reconsideration to approves the mission, which am appealing to the board looked out of human flesh but by G od spirit to achieve his plan and purpose to make this vision come through for the Lord's name to be glorify. am looking for your response, which I needed to be working on my tourist visa before I can get entry to their country.

I wish you all a prosperous NEW YEAR IN 2023, together we shall shout HAPPY NEW YEAR as our eyes see a glorious 2023. WE LOVE YOU WITH LOVE OF CHRIST TO SEED HIS LAMP AS COMMANDED PETER. GOD BLESS YOU.

### **Kenya**

By: Eric Odida and Joseph Ochieng

With the continued rapid expansion of the work of the gospel in our region, we need missionaries from the established branches in the US to help the local laborer's plant the church in the new areas and raise up leadership who will help with nurturing the church. We do not know what else to associate this increased interest in the gospel to, except that the Lord is bringing this about. We have testimonies of his miraculously working with the priesthood and church members including women and the youth to bring this about. There is a great need of men to support the growing ministry to these new areas. The local men are not enough considering the workload they already have and also the steps of processing priesthood calls.

The work has today expanded to areas around the coastal town of Mombasa that are predominantly Moslems.





## Kenya, *Cont'd.*

Early this year we were blessed with a team of missionaries comprising Elders Brian Mundy, Shaun Turner and Andy Quick who visited our part of the vineyard to provide the support we badly need. They were able to cover Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya as well as meeting with a team of four from DR Congo in Kigali Rwanda within two weeks. Elder Turner and Quick did the detailed visits in Uganda and Tanzania while Elder Brian Mundy and I took light visits to all the four countries. We still appeal to men and couples with missionary interests to contact the leadership of ARM board or the International Missionary Council to know the manpower needs in these countries. Whether for long or short term visit we ask that those interested make prayers to see if the Lord would lead you to our region.

After the restrictions caused by Covid19 pandemic slowed the work of the ministry for the church in this region, both the missionary and pastoral ministries bounced back, and the Lord has blessed his work with good increase. The work continues to grow both in numbers and strength. The numbers of both the branches and missions continue to grow. The existing branches also continue to grow their numbers and strength. Some of the branch leaders have come up with innovative programs to have the members involved and actively engaged in the work of gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year has been especially a good one as the leadership has put back the many programs that had been affected by the covid19 close downs. We had the Women's Retreat, the Junior Youth Retreat, the Senior Youth Retreat, and the Priesthood Retreat. These all attracted large numbers of the saints and were all blessed with our Lord's spirit. These retreats have always helped to build unity and uniformity in learning within the church family. The support we get from the church in the US to enable us to hold these retreats including sending the teaching personnel and materials is very helpful in conveying the understanding of one worldwide body of saints under the Lordship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It also helps in conveying the necessity of having a Kingdom culture bringing together different nationalities, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. We had men from DR Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda join with their Kenyan church family for the Priesthood retreat, we also had 2 youths from Tanzania come for the senior youth retreat held in December 2022.



Sister Pat Chadwick and the Smith sisters Kara and Erin Cornish from the US joined sister Judi Smith to bring ministry for the Women's Retreat. After the retreat they had time to visit Leonard Chepkonga's family in Sotik who had been away from the church for many years and were experiencing family challenges. It was a wonderful ministry that brought tears of forgiveness and reconciliation to the family of four and restored their participation in the church activities. We noted the unique and crucial role the women ministry played in this particular case. It required what ministry mostly our sisters (women folk) could give, and this came



## **Kenya, *Cont'd.***

in handy. We also were blessed with Elders Andrew King, Lyle Smith, Vim Horn, and Priest Aaron Presler from the US join Doug Smith and the local leadership to teach classes and lead in the activities at the priesthood retreat. Elder Aaron Smith and his wife April came in for the Senior Youth camp. Over the years we held one all-inclusive youth retreats. Their numbers were very large and as much as they were successful, we realized the age differences were always too wide and this needed to be corrected. So, this past year Doug and Judi Smith helped us organize and direct the Junior Youth Retreat. We praise The Lord for the step made in that area.

We are happy to report that the work of the translation of the Book of Mormon into Swahili is complete and a few copies are available to take to Kenya for priesthood and members to start using. We hope to have more copies produced within the next quota. This translation will be an important tool for missionary work in many parts of East and Central Africa.

The Mildred Smith Mission Health Center run by Doug and Judi Smith has been operational for the past two years. The facility has become a critical part of the ministry to the church and needy families in Kisumu area of Kenya. The poor who ordinarily would not afford good medical services in the private as well as the public hospitals are attended to at minimal charges. They are able to get high quality medical care as well as come into contact with the church through the ministry given by the two resident missionaries. There is need to add in-patient facilities for to make it possible to serve the critically ill and those traveling from long distances. If the in-patient section were to be available, this facility would soon be in a position to cater for the need of church members from the neighboring countries also.

The Widows Mite continues to be an important ministry to the church. The widows and their families have a place to turn to when faced with challenges of a material nature. This brings some level of stability to this vulnerable group. The funds have been used to build them homes, buy them cows, sheep, and goats to raise for milk and to sell when their numbers grow. The leadership has also been working with those of them who are strong and in good health to build their capacity, giving them funds to do small-scale businesses and to plant crops to care for their families. Some of them are elderly and rely a great deal on this ministry. With the borders of the Kingdom being enlarged through missionary efforts, their numbers are also increasing.

The Kenya Oblation and Storehouse program started last year continues to provide support for the needy saints during the challenging period the country is going through since the start of Russia Ukraine war and the failed rains. The two combined led to shortage of grains and cooking oil and high prices of fuel leading to serious hardship in the country. The program purchases and stores grain and beans and provides funds to support the saints. This program is going to be even more needed this year and the next as the war continues and the long rains predicted to fail yet again.

## **Kenya, Cont'd.**

The school education programs have been a game changer for the church in the country. They have given hope to the otherwise would be hopeless youngsters and their families. A good number of those who have gone through these programs have proved to be a good testimony that it is a powerful ministry to the individual beneficiaries, their families, and the local communities also. We praise The Lord for it and thank all those who have been and continue to support these programs.

The Attenzion college and retreat center continues to be a blessing to the church in Kenya and the region. The facility has made hosting of retreats affordable as we no longer pay for rental facilities. This saves money for other needs and has considerably reduced our retreat budgets. There is still work to be done to make the facilities a little more comfortable, but the saints have rejoiced in the gift and blessing of this facility.

### **Mildred Smith Mission Health Center Report – Awasi, Kenya**

By: Doug Smith

It has now been two years since the clinic opened and we have been so blessed over the last year by the opportunity to offer medical services to those who are most in need. We continue to stand in awe of the Lord's hand as he has offered provision for every need that we have had and in dealing with the bureaucracies and red tape inherent in working in Kenya.

Here are a few of the blessings that we have had over this last year. The Lord opened up the doors for us to be able to purchase a used Red Cross ambulance. After partial refurbishing, we have been able to use it as a transport vehicle for patients and also at times for visiting missionaries. We were able to purchase this at approximately half of the cost of the usual price for a comparable vehicle, and the Lord also provided a mechanic who volunteered to check out the vehicles that we were bidding on beforehand, and also to complete the work that was needed. This vehicle has gotten us into the homes of saints who have



needed medical attention when none of the other vehicles we have would've been able to make it. As an added blessing, the mechanic who was working on the vehicle at the last check up, asked me if we wanted

## **Mildred Smith Mission Health Center Report – Awasi, Kenya, *Cont'd.***

the air conditioner to work. I was unaware that it even had an air conditioner and was very excited to find that indeed it just needed to have a recharge, and we could travel with even more comfort. The Lord even looks out for the little things.

Another blessing for the clinic has been the purchase of a PowerGene 9600. This is a state-of-the-art machine that tests for the viruses that cause cervical cancer in women. Cervical cancer is the number one cancer killer in Kenya, mainly due to the lack of proper and available screening. Screening is recommended by the World Health Organization, and the Kenya government, but access to this testing was not available in our area or at a cost that was affordable.

With God helping us through the red tape, we were able to begin testing last November. We are in the process of going out to local government and private hospitals to do a presentation on how this testing can be implemented in the routine healthcare of our female population, and we are looking forward to expanding this service in our underserved areas.

We have started work on drilling a well so the clinic can have water that is not dependent on the rainfall, particularly as this year there has been a drought and some serious issues with water availability. We have not had to buy water very often, but having our own consistent source of water, which we can also share with the community, is going to be a blessing. There have been some complications with regard to the placing of the casings, but we are confident that the Lord will work through all of these issues, and that the well will be the blessing that the Lord intends it to be.

Our Kenya rated class E (highest class) lab has been able to offer consistent quality results not just for our patients but also for several facilities surrounding us who either do not have labs, or do not have reliable equipment.

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## **Mildred Smith Mission Health Center Report – Awasi, Kenya, *Cont'd.***

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## **DRC – Congo**

On February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of meeting with Deward, the National Presiding Elder of Congo. Due to the unrest in Congo, we had him, his wife and two other brothers come to Kigali Rwanda to meet with us. Currently we have one branch and one mission in Congo totally 29 members with just 1 Elder. There are 2 obstacles in Congo that we are facing right now, first is the registration of the church, which the ARM Board is working on. The other is the unrest within the country. In fact, while we were meeting the rebels had come into Goma the city where Deward came travelled from where the rebels burnt their neighbors home down and broke into his home. Deward was excited to take some solar lights into Congo to share with the Saints there from the Light A House program. Please keep the Saints and ministry of Congo in your prayers.





## Greater European Ministries (GEM)

By: Brian K. Mundy & John L. Mundy

In May and June of 2022, a missionary trip was conducted to England and Germany by Elder Brian Mundy and Teacher Henry Trickett. Currently we don't have any priesthood in Germany and only 1 Priest in England.



We felt it was necessary to provide the special ministry of a Teacher, in these areas. This was a very beautiful experience to witness because none of the families in either country had



set under the ministry of a Teacher. In Germany, there was two occasions where great divisions existed among members and the Saints asked

Henry specifically "as a Teacher, what would you recommend do we do?" As Henry counseled them, there was no reluctance on their part to do exactly what he counseled them to do, and good fruit was born. In both England and Germany, many classes were shared, sacrament served, and direction given to the Saints. Another trip is planned for both of these countries in May 2023 and then an additional trip to Germany in the summer of fall of 2023.

Another missionary trip to Germany was completed by Elders John Mundy and Brian Mundy with part of the trip being designated to perform a wedding for church member Josephine Barsch and her fiancé. We left KC on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The wedding was performed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. We were invited to stay in the home of Jorge and Andrea Barsch. In the first few days we were there, we made several visits to church members and friends of the Church. Michael Naue asked for baptism and Brian Mundy baptized him in a hotel pool. He received the same evening. Brian left John stayed and was to visit northern Germany by the take place as John came stayed self-quarantined leave. Despite the setbacks that no one where we were Even though our efforts trip was very fruitful as we male in the past 20 years in your continued prayerful Europe. Please pray the Lord will raise up more priesthood within that country.



gift of the Holy Ghost that and came back home while another church member in Baltic Sea but that did not down with Covid. John until it was safe for him to of Covid we were thankful staying came down with it. were limited, we felt the now have baptized the first Germany. Thank you for support for the Saints in

## **Southeast Asia and Australia Ministries (SEAAM)**

By: Seventy Richard Neill

SEAAM represents Southeast Asia-Australia Mission. The primary countries that we are ministering in are Australia, Nepal/India, and the Philippines. The ministry has been greatly affected by the Covid-19 virus.

During the past year we have maintained a good contact with the leaders and people of these nations. Even with difficulty getting into these nations during this time, we have been able to fulfil 100% of the financial commitments that we have made. The majority of the financial support has been for tuitions (grade school thru universities), traveling expense for the priesthood of these countries, and oblation.

Our last SEAAM Board meeting was held March 18, 2023. We are now ready to return fully into sending missionary teams back into these lands.

The missionary team of Aaron Smith (SEAAM Board member), and Elder Brian Herren (from Pacific Northwest), will be going to the Nepal/India region on April 25th to May 8th. They will be working with the priesthood to bring ministry to the people and share about Jesus and Zion from the scriptures. We have been involved in this region for three decades and have had many powerful testimonies. Brother Francis Harper was instrumental in getting the gospel established here. He has now passed on to his reward.

A missionary team to Australia will be made up from amongst Elders Kevin Humphrey, Tom Rindels, and Mark Smith will be going very soon. There will be many Saints to see and bring hope to, but now we have had two members from the Philippines, and two members from Nepal move to Australia. We are hoping to meet with them and have them blend in with the Saints there.

The Philippines is planning to have two trips this year. Seventy Richard Neill will lead the teams, with teams yet to be finalized. We have been blessed to have people to volunteer and willing to go. The teams will work with the leader, Elder Marciano Pamongcales, Jr. He is known as Brother Jun, and he has activity going year around that promises to be filled with pastoral care, and missionary work. Through the Lord's ministry of Murray and Delma Broughton, from Australia in the Philippines, and the work done by God through the Board we have had over 1,000 baptisms since the work began in 2007. And there are many more to come.

The largest population in the world is in this part of the world. The field is ripe, ready to harvest. If you would like to be involved in going to these lands, or making contributions please contact the Board.

Current Board members are Richard Neill (Chairman), Bob Schrunk (Vice-Chairman), Dayn Cederstrom (Treasurer), Jenna Gowan (Secretary), Jack Hagensen, Andrew Smith, Kevin Humphrey, and Tom Rindels.

*'Let All the World Sing, My God and King'*

## **Publication Council**

By: Rebecca Griffin

The Publication Council, a seven-member team was responsible for preparing issues #139-#141 of the Tidings of Zion. Council members for 2022-2023 have been Christy Schrunk, chair; Rebecca Griffin, secretary; Jacob Roberts, Jackie Frinsthal, Janet Dickson, Jason Hamilton as council members, and Benji Pederson as Coordinating Council liaison.

The council met quarterly to discuss various articles, topics and to select cover photos, and to work at editing the articles submitted for publishing. Once the articles are edited, they were sent to the Coordinating Council for approval. The articles are then formed into the Tidings format and sent to the printer, S & S Printing, located in Oak Grove. Once the Tidings are printed, they send them out to subscribers in the United States. The Tidings of Zion to be mailed to foreign countries was prepared for mailing by Rebecca Griffin, Jacob Roberts, and Janet Dickson. We send two boxes of Tidings to the Philippines and one to Kenya. It was interesting towards the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023, that all the boxes we sent to the Philippines during the covid period, were sent back to us. Apparently, instead of forwarding the boxes on, their post office sent them back to us. We send the Tidings of Zion to eleven countries and four congregations in the United States.

Our email address, centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com gives us contact with subscribers and the printer. The Publication Council is a team that enjoys working together. If anyone that reads this report has a testimony or can write an article, we, the Publications Council, encourages you to do so and submit it to us.

## **Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM)**

By: Bob Dickson, Member and Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM) Executive Director

The Lord has greatly blessed the Freedom Stewardship Ministry during the last fiscal year. We have now assisted 18 families by refinancing their high interest debt with no cost loans. One of the families that we assisted has now retired their debt in full and are on the road to financial freedom. We have received a number of testimonies from families we have assisted indicating the pressure that has been removed from their lives by the elimination of high interest loans from the world. The Lord has continued to bless these families and we have experienced limited delinquencies among our assisted families. Furthermore, you will be interested to know that our assistance has been extended to families in the Center Place, but also to families outside of the Center Place.

A testimony of God's goodness was experienced in the Fall of 2022 when the funds available to the ministry had been depleted. Immediately the Lord touched the hearts of a number of donors, and we found ourselves blessed with large donations just when we needed it! God's timing and assistance can always be trusted when we are in His service.

**Freedom Stewardship Ministries (FSM), *Cont'd.***

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Your FSM Board for 2023-2024 are:

Elder Bob Dickson	Executive Director
Elder Brian K. Mundy	Assistant Executive Director
Bishop Joe Burkart	Education Coordinator
Julie C. Betler	Account Manager
Janet E. Dickson	Administrative Assistant

**Women’s Council**

By: Barb Capps, Chair

Now that life is getting a little more “back to normal” we are enjoying more in-person fellowship with our sisters! Our theme for this year is taken from Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Our Heavenly Father has created each of us with our unique gifts and talents and He desired us to live our lives serving Him and others. In doing so we are able to assist in the building of Zion. Each of our themes for the Gatherings and Fall Retreat this year are focused on how to prepare ourselves for Zion.

At our Winter Gathering, Heather Bird and Nicole Capps gave great insight into how we are able to “Prepare Myself for Zion” with Proverbs 31:25 being the guiding scripture verse. “Preparing Myself in My Home and in Christ’s Church” is the theme for our upcoming Spring Gathering to be held at them Lexington Restoration Branch, April 22, 2023. The Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 9-10, 2023, at the Odessa Hills Campground with the theme “Preparing Myself to Share of Zion with Those Around me.” This spring we are again hosting women’s classes on Tuesday, March 7-May 23 at the Oak Grove Restoration Branch. These classes may be attended in person or available on the Oak Grove Restoration Branch website.

In fulfilling the Women’s Council’s purpose, our desire is to aid and assist women in the Restoration to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other. We prayerfully consider the yearly themes and direction He desires for each of our gatherings. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to fellowship with our sisters by providing ministry in the Center Place area and are willing to share in outlying areas as may be requested. Our newsletter and Facebook page also help provide ways to keep us all connected. As we continue in our purpose, we look forward to the blessings God has for us in seeing His Kingdom first.



## **Aaronic Council**

By: Steven Henson

Brothers and sisters, God had blessed us as usual. As an Aaronic council we want to strive to magnify our callings in temporal ministry. We also enjoy getting together as brothers and friends, so we want to establish opportunities to strengthen friendship bonds. We also want to make opportunities for Aaronic priesthood to go into the homes of the saints and bring home ministry, not as a daunting task but to make it comfortable. As an Aaronic council we typically meet once a month on a zoom meeting. We usually start with a short devotion and then go into our meeting.

The last few times we've met we have been discussing our upcoming Aaronic priesthood retreat. The retreat was blessed last year and we're sure this year will be also. The theme this year is See as Christ Sees. The classes will focus somewhat on staying away from back biting and contention, using the Spirit of the law, and welcoming the Holy Spirit into our homes. The Retreat starts Friday evening, May fifth at six and goes through the Sunday morning service. This year the retreat is at Outreach Restoration Branch. All Aaronic priesthood are invited to attend. We're looking forward to the





