

Members' Forum

March 9, 2024 (8:00 to 4:00)

After prayerful consideration, the following schedule, questions, and moderators have been prepared by the Coordinating Council of the Conference of Restoration Elder (CRE). We have organized the responses from the different Restoration Branches who provided feedback to us and we humbly ask for your prayerful consideration.

We invite you to make your preparations with the Lord to come and share in the spirit of unity with a desire to understand one another and to seek the Lord's will in our lives, in our branches, and in the work of the Kingdom in these last days. Please note that the following schedule is subject to the Spirit's leadings. May you be richly blessed in this endeavor to reason one with another and to seek God's will.

MORNING SESSION SCHEDULE:

Worship Service – led by Forum Pastor, John Mundy 8:00 to 8:30

Introduction – Brian Mundy 8:30 – 8:45

1. Moderator Benji Pedersen 8:45 – 9:15

According to Section 122:16-17 what are some things that we can agree on and work together on?

2. Moderator Jay Havener 9:15 – 9:45

Gathering- Is gathering in the center place still an important mandate?

- A. Who is to gather Section 108?
- B. How does the gathering strengthen the center place? Outlying areas? Proverbs 29:18
- C. Should smaller branches, especially in the center place combine and have a stronger impact on their community?

Break 9:45 – 10:00

3. Moderator Sean Telljohann 10:00 – 11:30

Authority- What can we agree on when it relates to authority?

- A. What constitutes a Splinter Group or factional/Fractional Group?
 - a. Politics or Doctrine?
 - b. How do we lose authority?
 - c. What is apostacy?

3. Moderator Sean Telljohann 10:00 – 11:30 (continued)

- B. If someone joins a factional/splinter group, how can they reunite with the "restoration"? Is there a difference if they had been ordained to a higher office?
- C. What do we do about those who were baptized or confirmed by those of factional priesthood?
- D. What is an authoritative baptism?
- E. If someone is Authoritatively baptized, then scripturally when should they be denied Sacrament?
- F. Do we have authority to form districts or even branches for that matter according to rules and resolutions or scripture?
- G. Can we function as the church in our current condition?

Fasting Service during break – Steve Kropp 11:30 – 1:00

(please note: no meals provided at Waldo)

AFTERNOON SESSION SCHEDULE:

4. Moderator Robert Gilham 1:00 – 1:30

Can we create a database/application of gifts and talents of the restoration to be shared for the building of the kingdom.

- A. Ministry (Preaching, music, missionary, Retreats etc.
- B. Skills trades (tutoring, budgeting and finance, handyman service, auto repairs etc.
- C. Business directory of restoration licensed businesses
- D. Employment and internships. those seeking to hire or be hired.

5. Moderator Jason Anderson 1:30 – 2:15

Outreach to our youth

- A. How can we get our youth more involved in the work of the church?
- B. Why are we losing our youth? What can we do to re-engage them?

Break 2:15 – 2:30

6. Moderator Marlin Guin 2:30 – 3:15

Book of Mormon

- A. What is the work of the church as found in the Book of Mormon?
- B. Is the church still under condemnation for ignoring the BOM sec 83:8. If so, what do we need to do?

7. Moderator Brian Mundy – Closing Worship Service

Can we all be better prepared to love as the lord told us to love and to be ready for Zion and the return of Christ; encourage the entire body to come together in prayer and fasting seeking counsel and the direction of the Lord.

- A. Lack of priesthood above that of Elder
- B. Are we organized as we should be in our current state?
- C. Do we still look to the smith Linage for the next prophet of the church?