

2019-1 World Education Fund

(Submitted by the Education Committee)

Whereas: the Church of Jesus Christ has always recognized the importance of education; and

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

Whereas: there are many who request educational assistance each year; *therefore*

Be it resolved: the JCRB will establish a World Education Fund with an initial allocation of \$5000; *and*

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

Be it further resolved: the JCRB will elect a World Education Committee of three individuals to work with the bishop in overseeing the fund; *and*

Be it further resolved: The following guidelines be adopted to initially guide the use of the funds:

1. World Education Scholarships will be used for two purposes only:
 - a. Student tuition
 - b. Committee costs (e.g. Communication, transferring funds, transcripts)
2. Applications for World Education Scholarships must include a letter of recommendation indicating the student's current standing and activity in the local church.
3. World Education Scholarships are to be paid directly to the school involved.
4. The school involved must agree to send a transcript of grades each term to the World Education Committee.
5. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 (or equivalent) in order to have scholarships renewed. If a lower GPA is obtained, the student may apply for one additional term only, in order to raise the average.
6. Students attending post-secondary schools may apply for loans subject to the same guidelines, except that the loans are to be paid back to the World Education Fund; *and*

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

Passed Passed as Amended Failed Not Considered

2019-2 Restoration Event Commemoration

(Referred by the U.S. National Conference)

Whereas: the heritage of early events of the restoration are historically significant; *and*

Whereas: the meaning and purpose of those momentous events are foundational to our purpose as a people; *and*

Whereas: those events should be considered and remembered for all time; therefore, be it; *therefore*

Be it resolved: that the US National Conference encourage commemorating the following historical events; the grove experience every first Sunday of Spring, the establishment of the Restored Church each April 6th, the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood each May 15th, the visitation of Moroni on September 22nd, and the blessing of the Thanksgiving Holiday; and be it further; *and*

Be it further resolved: that Branches are free to commemorate these occasions as they see fit.

Passed Passed as Amended Failed Not Considered

2019-3 Resolution to replace JCR #49 General Conference/National Conference

(Referred by the U.S. National Conference)

Whereas: JCR #49 requires the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches to convene a U.S. National Conference in October in Independence, Missouri for all branches and missions in the United States; *therefore*

Be it resolved: that JCR #49 be amended by substitution, as follows:

1. The General Conference shall encourage and assist branches in close proximity to form districts;
2. The General Conference shall lend assistance by providing training and presiding ministers for organizational meetings;
3. Resolutions approved at district conferences may be forwarded to the General Conference secretary for consideration by the General Conference;
4. Minutes and/or reports of District Conference activities shall be forwarded to the General Conference Secretary for publication in the General Conference notebook and on the General Conference website;
5. An international General Conference of the church will be convened annually, in April, in the Center Place, where the entire church shall come together to direct the work; *and*

Be it further resolved: that this resolution be forwarded to the General Conference in the Spring of 2019 for further consideration and possible adoption.

Passed Passed as Amended Failed Not Considered

2019-4 Disaster Emergency Fund

(Referred by the U.S. National Conference)

Whereas: Saints around the world are from time to time victims of natural disasters; *therefore*

Be it resolved: that the General Conference:

1. Create a Crisis Relief Fund to which donations to meet these needs could be made.
2. Have an initial allocation of \$5,000 from this conference to the fund; *and*

Be it further resolved: that the President of the General Conference appoint a three-member crisis response team who shall perform the following tasks:

1. Make Saints aware of future disasters where a call for funds could be made.
2. Seek out Saints who are victims of natural disasters
3. Determine their needs for food, clothing, shelter, money as well as ministry
4. Coordinate the delivery of defined needs to the victims
5. Work as much as possible in coordination with the JCRB conference bishop to meet these needs
6. Report on the needs and distribution of aid through sources which may include the Beacon or the JCRB website

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2019-5 JCRB Bishop

(Submitted by the Mass Meeting of the Priesthood)

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

Whereas: the High Priest's Quorum, the Elder's Quorum, the Quorum and Seventy and the Aaronic Mass Meeting have approved and support Brother Rolfe in continuing to act in this capacity; *therefore*

Be it Resolved: that in accordance with D&C 104:7 Brother Rob Rolfe be accepted and supported in the role of Acting Bishop with full authority to perform the tasks of the Bishop including the presiding over of the Aaronic Priesthood.

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As reference for 2019-5 (above):

D&C 104 Intro *The first members of the Council of Twelve of the Restoration were chosen February 14, 1835. At a meeting held to prepare for their first mission as a quorum of apostles, the brethren asked Joseph Smith to inquire of God and attain a revelation for their comfort and for their enlightenment concerning their duty. In response to this request, the following instruction was received through Joseph at Kirtland, Ohio, March 28, 1835.*

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