

### Proposed Resolution #3

#### **Proposed Formation of the Gathering Council**

By the Conference of Elders 2025

**Whereas**, the Lord has commanded the Saints to gather to Independence, Missouri, to establish the New Jerusalem (D&C 57),

**Whereas** the Lord will gather His Saints from the four quarters of the earth in the last days (D&C 32:2b, 36:12f, 45:7b),

**And whereas**, the Lord has given much counsel to the church to make preparations for the gathering,

**And whereas**, we recognize the absence of a Bishop to manage the storehouse, yet we recognize that there is much that can be done to assist in the gathering (D&C 51:4a),

**And whereas** we recognize that there have been Saints who have gathered who went hungry and suffered physically without the assistance of the Saints, due to the fractured condition of the church,

**And whereas** we thus recognize there is great need to help prepare the Saints who have gathered and those who desire to gather for the Lord's great work in the last days.

**Be it resolved** that the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) form a new Council with seven members with staggered terms; with three elected to an initial one-year term and four elected to a two-year term with all subsequent elections being to a two-year term.

**And be it further resolved** that this Council be established for the purpose of preparing to receive and assist Saints who gather into the Independence, Missouri area, both in terms of spiritual and temporal considerations. Such preparations would include providing Saints with information and tangible resources to help them obtain housing, local branch contact information, connections to available jobs, and anything that could be beneficial,

**And be it further resolved** that this Council prepare guidelines, lists of resources, and informational packets to made available, both physically and online, to Saints who desire to gather,

**And be it further resolved** that the Council would work with local branches to support this effort by fostering unity as we focus on the work of assisting in the gathering (D&C 98:9f),

**And be it further resolved** that the Lord admonishes the gathering be not in haste nor by flight, but that all things be prepared (D&C 98:9e), both spiritually and temporally.

**And be it further resolved** that the council prepare update(s) to be published in the Tidings of Zion and the CRE website as deemed appropriate.