Outreach Bylaw Changes Proposal Summary – April 21, 2024

1. Editorial

- 1.1. Update TOC page from 9 to **10** for Article XI, Section 2 due to page-break wrap.
- 1.2. Update TOC page from 10 to **11** for Article XII, Section 2 due to page-break wrap.
- 1.3. Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph A Update "Above" to "above" (lower-case)
- 1.4. Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph B.1 Update verse-reference from 26 to 25
- 1.5. Article V, Section 2, Paragraph F Move "**is**" to after "there"; it was out of place.

2. Minor Contextual

- 2.1. Article III, Section 2, Paragraph B Add "**, but not both**" to end of last sentence to clarify that the corporate president cannot backfill both corporate secretary and corporate treasurer simultaneously.
- 2.2. Article III, Section 2, Paragraph C.1 Add "**Both corporate (if any) and branch**" business meeting notes shall be kept by the corporate secretary.
- 2.3. Article III, Section 2, Paragraph D Add "(As reviewed and approved by the Corporate President)" which provides a secondary review of the provisions of insurance coverage.
- 2.4. Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph B Add "(**per Article X**)" which references the requirements for voting members.
- 2.5. Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph B Add "**during a regularly scheduled Sunday morning service**" which clarifies when a no-prior-notice short business meeting for membership transfers could be held.
- 2.6. Article X, Section 4 Add "**The requirements for baptism in Section 17:7a-7d shall be met prior to baptism**." which refers to the specific scriptural requirements for baptism.
- 2.7. Article XI, Section 3 Add " **within this branch**" to the first paragraph (at the end of the phrase in parenthesis) to indicate that priesthood silencing by this branch is a removal of authority within this branch.
- 2.8. Article XI, Section 3 Add ", and to the recorder" in two places, so that the recorder can keep the branch records up to date.

3. Single Consideration Items

- 3.1. Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph A.4.b Add "**a documented**" to provide a record that all three approvers provided approval, e.g. an email, message thread, etc. that can be printed and filed.
- 3.2. Article XI, Section 1 Add "The following process is subject to the leadings of the Holy Spirit in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1." as the last sentence, which recognizes the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the deeply spiritual matter of priesthood calls.
- 3.3. Article XI, Section 1 Add "**The call to the priesthood office shall be presented by the pastor to the pastorate for prayerful consideration.**" to the list as Paragraph A, and move the others down. This allows the pastor a sounding-board for priesthood calls.
- 3.4. Article XI, Section 1, Paragraph D Insert " by the candidate and the priesthood" after "If approved" which ensures that the approval of the candidate and the priesthood are acknowledged before the vote by the branch.

BYLAWS

OUTREACH RESTORATION BRANCH of the

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

as

Restored on April 6, 1830

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ARTICLE I. IDENTIFICATION

- Section 1. Corporate Name. The name of this corporation shall be "Outreach Restoration Branch."
- **Section 2.** Address. The principal office and mailing address of this corporation shall be "723 S. Crysler Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64052."
- **Section 3.** Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for this corporation shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- **Section 4. Shall Not Be Sold.** The principal office and address of Outreach Restoration Branch shall not be sold without a two-thirds vote of approval by the branch membership.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE and MISSION

Section 1. Branch Purpose. This branch is organized to maintain and preserve the beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ as restored under the direction of God through Joseph Smith, Jr. on April 6, 1830, and again when it was reorganized under the direction of God through Joseph Smith III on April 6, 1860. Let it be known to all that Jesus Christ is our rock, our redeemer and the chief cornerstone of this branch.

This branch is also organized to:

- perpetuate the sacramental ordinances as instituted by Jesus Christ in their unaltered state,
- assist in establishing the cause of Zion,
- unite members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with the Restoration movement of the church, and
- reach out to the community and bring the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to all those who will listen.
- Section 2. Holy Scripture. Scripture is divinely-inspired writing which forms the constitutional law of Christ's church and this branch. These bylaws are secondary and subservient to the scriptures. These bylaws exist to satisfy the laws of the state and to provide instruction for the day-to-day operation of the branch and must be in harmony with the scriptures. As used in these bylaws, the term "scripture" refers to the following writings of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:
 - A. Inspired Version of the Bible,
 - B. 1908 edition of the Book of Mormon,
 - C. Sections 1 through 144 of the Doctrine and Covenants.
- **Section 3. Corporation**. This corporation is organized under the General Corporation Code of the state of Missouri and is identified as a not-for-profit entity. This corporation exists for the purposes of holding property, legal protection, conducting business and assisting the branch in its efforts to accomplish its mission.

Section 4. Branch Mission Statement. The mission statement of this branch is:

"Demonstrating Christ's Love – Promoting God's Kingdom on Earth."

This shall be accomplished through a needs-based ministry that will:

- 1. bring people to Jesus,
- 2. glorify God through worship, and
- 3. equip believers for service and witness.

ARTICLE III. CORPORATE OFFICERS

- **Section 1. Qualifications.** The **corporate officers** shall be president, secretary and treasurer as identified to the state of Missouri.
 - A. These officers shall perform their duties as prescribed in the bylaws adopted by this branch.
 - B. Only voting members of the branch shall be nominated and hold a corporate office.
 - C. The minimum age to be nominated and hold a corporate office is 18 years old.
- **Section 2. Duties.** It is the responsibility of the corporate officers to ensure that the administrative needs of the branch are met in order to accomplish its mission.
 - A. The **corporate officers** are the only individuals authorized to obligate funds, sign contracts, open or close accounts, or enter into any agreement of substance outside the branch. The only exception to this rule is authority given to the facility management committee in Article V., Section 2. and the pastor in Article IV., Section 2., Part A.
 - B. The **corporate president** shall not hold the office of pastor at the same time that he serves as corporate president. The corporate president is responsible to convene and conduct meetings of the corporate officers as needed. The corporate president shall have the ability to act as, and perform the duties of, the corporate secretary or corporate treasurer in the absence of either one, but not both.
 - C. The **corporate secretary** shall seal, with the corporate seal, all official documents pertaining to the branch and shall maintain a file of all official corporate documents of the branch.
 - <u>Both corporate (if any) and branch Bb</u>usiness meeting minutes going back to our incorporation in August 2000 shall be kept by the corporate secretary.
 - 2. The corporate secretary is responsible to ensure that registration, paperwork and fees necessary to continuously maintain our not-for-profit corporate status with the state of Missouri are completed as required by the state.
 - 3. Insurance policies may be seen and copied by branch members, but they will be kept by the corporate secretary.
 - 4. The corporate secretary shall keep and secure the official written copy of these bylaws. He shall also be given an electronic copy to maintain that can be used to amend the bylaws.

D. The corporate treasurer shall examine the branch financial records at least once a year to ensure that proper bookkeeping practices are being used. The corporate treasurer shall be responsible to see that adequate insurance coverage (as reviewed and approved by the <u>Corporate President</u>) is kept in force to protect this branch and its corporate officers.

ARTICLE IV. BRANCH OFFICERS

- Section 1. Offices. The branch officers shall be pastor, recorder, secretary and treasurer.
 - A. These officers shall perform their duties as prescribed in the bylaws adopted by this branch, the scriptures as defined in Article II., Section 2. Aabove, and as led by the Holy Spirit.
 - B. Only voting members (per Article X) of the branch shall be nominated and hold a branch office.
- Section 2. Duties. These are the responsibilities of the branch officers.
 - A. The **pastor** is the spiritual leader of the branch.
 - 1. The pastor shall not hold the office of corporate president at the same time that he serves as pastor.
 - 2. If an elder is available, it is necessary to have an elder serve as pastor. However, if an elder is not available, the pastor may be a deacon, teacher or priest as stated in *Doctrine and Covenants*, section 120, verse 2.
 - 3. A pastor is not eligible to serve for more than three consecutive one-year terms. He may once again be considered as a candidate for pastor after a minimum of a one-year absence from the position.
 - 4. A person seeking financial assistance from the branch will present their request to the pastor.
 - a. A request of \$500 or less may only be disbursed with the approval of the pastor and branch treasurer.
 - b. A request exceeding \$500 may only be disbursed with the <u>a documented</u> approval of the pastor, corporate treasurer and branch treasurer.
 - B. The **branch recorder** is responsible for recording all ordinances and vital statistics of the branch membership, such as baptisms, baby blessings, ordinations, marriages, confirmations and patriarchal blessings.
 - It is preferable that an Aaronic teacher or priest serve in the office of recorder (*Doctrine and Covenants*, section 17, verse <u>2625</u>).
 - 2. He shall perform this responsibility in accordance with guidance found in the scriptures and any additional guidance provided by the pastor and his counselors.
 - 3. The branch recorder shall make a report of activity at the end of the fiscal year to the corporate secretary.

- C. The **branch secretary** is responsible for keeping the minutes of all business meetings of the branch.
 - These minutes will be typed and read aloud to the branch membership at the next scheduled business meeting for possible correction and approval, unless delayed by approval of the voting body.
 - 2. Once approved by the branch membership, a corrected copy shall be forwarded to the corporate secretary for record keeping.
 - 3. The branch secretary shall maintain a file of all business meeting minutes for his term. At the end of the corporate fiscal year (December 31), all business meeting minutes shall be forwarded to the corporate secretary.
- D. The **branch treasurer** is responsible for maintaining the branch bank accounts in an up-to-date fashion.
 - 1. The minimum age to be nominated and hold the office of branch treasurer is 21 years old.
 - 2. All financial transactions are to be performed, and obligations met, in a timely manner.
 - 3. The financial books are to be maintained in a manner acceptable to the corporate treasurer.
 - 4. The branch treasurer shall provide year-end giving statements to branch members who have financially assisted the branch in meeting its obligations.
 - 5. Once the corporate treasurer has approved the previous year's financial records, the branch treasurer shall present an annual financial report to the branch.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

- **Section 1. Special Committees.** The pastor and his counselors shall, from time to time, nominate members of the branch to committees for the purpose of carrying on the work of the branch.
 - A. These committees shall serve as long as the pastor and his counselors think it is beneficial to the branch's mission.
 - B. All nominations shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the branch membership.
- Section 2. Facility Management Committee. The facility management committee shall approve and direct the use of funds to operate and maintain the properties of the branch.
 - A. **Number**. The facility management committee shall consist of five members. Three members shall be nominated and elected by the branch membership. One committee member shall be the head deacon of the branch.
 - B. Pastor Nominates One Position. One committee member shall be:
 - 1. nominated by the pastor and

- 2. approved by a simple majority vote of the branch no later than January 1.
- C. **Term**. Each facility management committee member shall serve for a one-year period.
- D. **Dates**. The facility management committee members shall assume their responsibilities on the January 1 following the election and complete those responsibilities on December 31 of the same year.
- F. **Urgent Repair or Replacement**. There may be instances in which there <u>is</u> an urgent need to repair <u>is</u> or replace church property. In such an instance, the facility management committee is authorized to spend up to \$1,000 to repair or replace church property without seeking approval from the congregation. Any urgent repair or replacement that exceeds \$1,000 will require the authorization of two corporate officers or will need to be presented to the branch for approval in a business meeting.
- G. **Building Use**. The pastor and his counselors shall establish policy for use of the church building. The facility management committee will establish procedures to carry out that policy.
 - 1. **Member Use**. It is the desire of this branch to make our church building freely available to branch members if the member who requests its use will accept full responsibility for any cleaning or damage repair that arises from their use of the building.
 - 2. **Non-member Use**. The facility management committee will establish any procedures necessary to ensure that the building is maintained properly after an event.
 - 3. **Marriages or Weddings**. *Doctrine and Covenants*, section 111, verses 2. and 4.b. has been the law of this church since 1835. This branch defines "marriage" as being between one man and one woman. No member of this branch is authorized to make our property available for marriages, weddings or civil unions that do not fit this definition.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- **Section 1.** Meeting Notice. The pastor, or his representative, shall announce all business meetings of the branch membership.
 - A. **Bylaw Changes**. For any meeting that requires a change to branch bylaws, the branch must follow the procedure indicated in Article VIII. Bylaws.
 - B. Transfers. Regarding a meeting to vote on transfers of membership or priesthood from other Restoration branches, if all of the requirements in:
 - 1. Article X. Membership, and
 - 2. Article XI. Priesthood

have been fulfilled, no prior notice is necessary. A short business meeting may be held <u>during a regularly scheduled Sunday morning</u> <u>service</u>. A simple majority vote is required.

- C. **Normal Business Meeting**. For a normal business meeting, the pastor, or one that he has appointed, must make a verbal announcement to the congregation at the main Sunday morning worship service at least seven days before the business meeting indicating the day and time it will be convened and what will be discussed.
- D. Urgent Meetings. Urgent matters can arise in which it is necessary to expedite the business of the branch. The "seven-day notice" requirement may not be waived unless a majority of the pastorate and a majority of the corporate officers agree that it should be waived. In such a case, a verbal meeting announcement should be made at the Sunday morning worship service and a branch business meeting could then be convened that same day.
- **Section 2. Special Elections.** In the event that an elected branch officer or corporate officer is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of his term, a special election shall be held to ensure that the position does not remain vacant. The pastor, or one that he appoints, shall preside. If the pastor is unable to serve the remainder of his term in office, the corporate president shall preside over this election.
- **Section 3. Annual Meeting.** Unless otherwise deemed necessary by the branch, an annual business meeting shall be scheduled in September to elect new branch officers and corporate officers for the following year.
 - A. Vote. Approval shall be by a simple majority.
 - B. **Terms**. The term of office for all branch and corporate officers shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31, which corresponds with the branch's fiscal year.
- **Section 4. Quorum.** Six or more branch members present and voting shall constitute a quorum.
- **Section 5. Conduct**. Business meetings will be conducted in a manner that encourages candid discussion of the issues but that also fosters an atmosphere of love and respect for all who attend. Prayer is a necessary activity in any deliberative assembly of this branch.

ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. A Manual of Practice and Rules of Order and Debate for Deliberative Assemblies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (compiled by Joseph Smith and Thomas W. Smith, Plano, Illinois, 1876) shall serve as the parliamentary authority to govern the conduct of branch business meetings.
- **Section 2.** Chairman's Duties. The chairman of any business meeting shall be the pastor or, if he is unable to preside, a member of the pastorate that he shall appoint. It is the responsibility of the chairman of any business meeting to:
 - A. see that all issues are fully explained,

- B. remain neutral in order that both sides of an issue may be heard, and
- C. adhere to the parliamentary authority in conducting business meetings.

The majority must prevail, but the minority must be heard.

Section 3. Bylaws Supersede. These bylaws shall supersede the parliamentary authority in any matters where they might conflict.

ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS

- Section 1. Purpose. These bylaws serve as enforceable rules that govern the functioning of this branch. They are not all-inclusive. Guidance from our Heavenly Father, common sense, and common consent shall prevail in all the decisions of the branch.
- **Section 2.** Amendments. Any change to the bylaws must be made during a scheduled business meeting of the branch. Before amending a bylaw, the following must be done. A written notice that:
 - 1. announces the date and time of the meeting, and
 - 2. describes the proposed bylaw changes in a clear manner,

will be distributed to the congregation at least 14 days prior to the business meeting in which the amendment will be considered.

- **Section 3.** Vote Required. A two-thirds vote is required to approve, amend, change, add to, or delete these bylaws.
- **Section 4.** Bylaw Effective Date. Bylaw changes shall not take effect until 15 days after the vote to amend has passed, in order to allow time for any appeal that might be raised.

ARTICLE IX. APPEALS

Section 1. Appeals. Any decision of the pastor, corporate officer or member acting in an official capacity for the branch is appealable, but only on the basis that the decision was inconsistent with bylaws or scriptures of the church. If a decision of a corporate officer or branch officer is being appealed (other than priesthood silencing or bylaw changes), any member of the branch may make an appeal to the pastor.

After consulting with his counselors, the pastor shall present the appeal to the priesthood of the branch to determine if they will override the decision of the officer.

In as much as possible, any appeal should be presented to the entire branch membership for their consideration. However, if the issue involves a confidential matter or would be too divisive for the branch to consider, the priesthood shall determine whether to present the appeal to the entire branch membership for a decision.

- A. Appeals will be made to the pastor, one of his counselors, or the corporate president.
- B. In the case of a bylaw change, any appeal shall be made within five days of the vote to change the bylaws.

- 1. If the pastor or corporate president thinks there is merit for the appeal, it shall be brought before the branch membership in a business meeting.
- 2. A business meeting to consider the appeal will be conducted as soon as possible. By a two-thirds vote, the members will determine whether the action was consistent with our governing principles as found in these bylaws and in scripture. If the action is found to be inconsistent, it is null and void.
- Section 2. Prior Decisions. All decisions and directions of the branch membership adopted prior to approval of these bylaws are considered consistent and shall remain in full force unless revised or deleted by the branch membership during a business meeting.

ARTICLE X. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership Request. A request for branch membership, or withdrawal from membership, shall be in accordance with *Doctrine and Covenants*, section 17, verse 26.
- **Section 2.** Eligibility. Any person shall be eligible to become a member of this branch provided that they have:
 - A. been baptized and confirmed by a member of the priesthood who has authority;
 - B. accepted the religious beliefs that are based upon the original teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ as restored under the direction of God through Joseph Smith, Jr. on April 6, 1830, and again when it was reorganized under the direction of God through Joseph Smith III on April 6, 1860;
 - C. supported the direction and purpose of this branch.
- **Section 3. Procedure.** Requirements for joining this branch, either by transferring membership from another branch or re-affiliation with the church are as follows:
 - A. An individual baptized and confirmed by one having authority may request membership in this branch.
 - B. An individual who is a member of another Restoration branch and is requesting membership in this branch shall request a letter through his previous pastor certifying that he is a member in good standing as directed by *Doctrine and Covenants* 17:26. If this is not practical, the Outreach Restoration Branch pastor shall determine the extent and form of any alternate evidence and base his recommendation on this information.
 - C. A person seeking membership shall be provided copies of the bylaws of the branch.
 - D. Request for membership shall be reviewed by the pastor and his counselors. Their recommendation shall be presented to the branch members for final approval.
 - E. An affirmation of the branch members by a simple majority vote, during a business meeting, is required for approval.

- Section 4. Baptism in this Branch. Unless they request membership in another branch, any person shall be eligible to become a member of this branch who is baptized and confirmed in this branch by a member of the priesthood who has authority. The requirements for baptism in Section 17:7a-7d shall be met prior to baptism.
- **Section 5.** Non-concurrent Membership. A member of this branch shall not hold concurrent membership in another Restoration branch.
 - A. Any evidence that a member of this branch has become a member of another Restoration branch or congregation shall constitute a request for withdrawal of that individual's membership from this branch.
 - B. An attempt shall be made by the pastor or his counselors to confirm the individual's membership in another branch prior to instructing the branch recorder to remove the individual's name from the membership rolls of the branch.
 - C. The pastor or his counselors shall attempt to contact the member's previous branch and notify the prior branch of the member's request to become a member of Outreach Restoration Branch.
- **Section 6.** Voting. Voting privileges are extended to those who have met the membership requirements of this branch.
- **Section 7.** Withdrawal. Any member may withdraw his membership from this branch by submitting a written or verbal request to the pastor or his counselors. If requested, the pastor will provide a letter to the individual requesting withdrawal in accordance with *Doctrine and Covenants*, section 17, verse 26.
- **Section 8. Outside Ordinations.** Regarding a member of Outreach Restoration Branch who accepts a call to priesthood ministry from outside of Outreach Branch, we will consider his membership transferred to the organization that ordained him.

ARTICLE XI. PRIESTHOOD

- Section 1. Calls. The branch shall consider calls to the priesthood offices of elder, priest, teacher or deacon. When the pastor testifies that he has received divine inspiration of the call, the call should be processed. The following process is subject to the leadings of the Holy Spirit in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1.
 - A. <u>The call to the priesthood office shall be presented by the pastor to the pastorate for prayerful consideration.</u>
 - B. The call to priesthood office shall be presented by the pastor to the candidate for consideration.
 - C. If the candidate receives a confirming testimony of his calling, the call should be presented to the priesthood for approval by a simple majority vote. If the priesthood does not approve the call, the process will end and the call will be dropped.

- D. If approved by the candidate and the priesthood, a business meeting shall be scheduled for members of the branch to consider accepting the ministry of the man being called. Approval shall be by a simple majority vote of the branch.
- **Section 2. Transfers.** Applications for priesthood members transferring into the branch shall be processed as follows:
 - A. The pastor will appoint a three-man committee of priesthood (this may be three members of the pastorate) to consider the transferee's application request.
 - B. The committee's recommendation and the pastor's opinion will be delivered to the priesthood of the branch. The priesthood will approve or reject the transferee's request by a simple majority vote.
 - C. If the priesthood approve, the transferee's request will be presented to the membership of the branch. A simple majority vote of the members will be required. If the priesthood do not approve, the request will not be presented to the branch membership.
- **Section 3.** Silenced or Inactive Ministers. The pastor may initiate the silencing of a priesthood member (i.e., removal of his authority to perform the duties of his office within this branch). This action must be reported to the Melchizedek priesthood as a point of information, and to the recorder.

The person who has been silenced may appeal the decision of the pastor by contacting any elder in the branch. That elder shall convene a meeting of all Melchizedek priesthood members to consider the appeal. A two-thirds vote of the elders shall be required to override the pastor's decision to silence.

Silenced priesthood, or those men who have surrendered their licenses, may apply to the pastor to have their priesthood authority recognized. If approved by the pastor, the matter shall be presented to the Melchizedek priesthood of the branch for acceptance. Approval shall be by a simple majority. Any record of this information must be communicated to succeeding pastors, and to the recorder.

ARTICLE XII. HARMONY

- **Section 1. Resolving Differences.** It is the objective of the branch membership to accomplish the mission of the branch in a harmonious manner. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all to ensure that nothing comes between members that would prevent success.
 - A. In resolving differences, it is suggested that every branch member follow the procedure prescribed in the law of reconciliation, which is described in Doctrine and Covenants, section 42, verse 23.
 - B. If individuals are unable to resolve their differences, the ministry of an Aaronic teacher must be sought.
 - C. If a teacher is not available, this ministry can be provided by an Aaronic priest or a member of the Melchizedek priesthood.
 - D. It is the responsibility of the member to avoid escalating such matters

to the pastorate. It is the responsibility of the priesthood to refer members to this process. Branch members must be encouraged to meet with the one who has offended them privately as the first step toward reconciliation.

- **Section 2. Correct Doctrine.** It is imperative that members of the branch remain true to the original teachings, doctrines and commandments found in scripture.
 - A. Therefore, this branch has no right to change the doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ as restored on April 6, 1830 and as reorganized on April 6, 1860.
 - B. We do have a responsibility to oppose doctrine that is inconsistent with the original teachings of the church. See *Doctrine and Covenants*, section 27, verse 4.
- **Section 3. Other Restoration Branches.** There are many branches of the Church of Jesus Christ that remain true to the original scriptural teachings of the church.
 - A. Therefore, it is our responsibility to work in harmony with these branches to help build the kingdom of God here on earth, as far as they hold to the original covenants (*Doctrine & Covenants*, section 27, verse 4c.)
 - B. There are also many Zionic endeavors such as associations, campgrounds, conferences and schools that are chartered for the benefit of the saints with the intent of building up the kingdom of God. These endeavors should have our support and participation.
 - C. We recognize that we cannot be isolationists and expect a place in Zion when it is established. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all to work in harmony, as best we can, for the benefit of the kingdom.

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION IN AUGUST 2000

The original bylaws were adopted by the members of Outreach Restoration Branch on the 27 day of August, 2000.

Vaughn Cornish, Pastor Anthony Durant, Corporate President

2014 CERTIFICATION

These bylaws are hereby amended and adopted by the members of Outreach Restoration Branch on this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord 2014, and are considered to be in full force. Other than scripture, these bylaws supersede all other rules or procedures of the branch.

Bill Parker, Pastor

Ted Combs, Corporate President