

June 22, 2005

To Elder Bob Moore and those who requested a response to the letter pertaining to inter-branch conferences,

This letter is an official response asking for the position of the Restoration Seventy regarding inter-branch conferences.

The Restoration Seventy wish the Saints to understand that we are not legally organized as a "quorum" as defined in the Doctrine and Covenants and wish to express our belief that this cannot happen until a representative conference can take place. (DC 124:5b)

We of the Seventy have found nothing in the law of the Church which may prohibit inter-branch conferences under the current circumstances of the "Restoration." In fact, the early conferences prior to the Reorganization took place under similar circumstances. (June 1852, October 1852, January 1853, March 1853)

We do feel that we can endorse inter-branch conferences, inasmuch as there is no movement to organize into a new church.

We encourage inter-branch conferences, however we do not endorse personal agendas, rather we encourage the Saints to gather together for discussion purposes. Each participating branch maintains the right to remove themselves from such conference if they do not agree with the direction of the conference.

By action of the undersigned Seventy, we unanimously endorse the above affirmations.

Fraternally,

Frank Frye

George Knotts

Richard Neill

Juan Reyes

Royal Roden

Neil Simmons

Ron Smith

George Thomas

The block contains seven handwritten signatures in black ink, each corresponding to a name listed to the left. The signatures are written in a cursive style. From top to bottom, they appear to be: Frank Frye, George Knotts, Richard Neill, Juan Reyes, Royal Roden, Neil Simmons, and Ron Smith. The signature for George Thomas is partially obscured by the signature for Ron Smith.