

Takeaway	Reference	Supporting material
12 Women Required Alternates/ additional Women	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/01/questions-about-womens-council/	<p>I think that unanimous means that, and any decision will require unanimity. I also think that if a council is convened it requires 12. If there are more than 12 and they are considered “alternates” then I think that has to be made clear at the outset. It must be made clear at the start that there are only 12, and anyone else is an alternate who will only participate in the event that someone drops out. If that is not clarified at the outset, then I think the council includes everyone who participates, and will still require unanimity.</p> <p>It is hard to get unanimity. I think that is for a reason. It substitutes for a burden of proof, meaning that to get everyone in agreement would (should) require something like clear and convincing proof.</p>
2 Witnesses	Preserving the Restoration, pg. 510-511	<p>“Sustaining is by women, and removing authority to act within a community or fellowship is likewise to be done by the vote of women. If a man’s worthiness to function is called into question, then a conference can be convened to deal with the question. In removing authority, at least two witnesses should speak against the accused, and he should be allowed to speak on his behalf and call upon such witnesses as he chooses. Men can be witnesses, but only women are allowed to vote. Removal should be by unanimous vote* of the women present, with at least 12 votes against a man to end his authority to act in the fellowship community. As for his family, he is free to do as he chooses, but he cannot act in the community until restored by the vote of a conference of that community. [*If a woman is present and cannot judge the matter she may abstain, and the vote of the remaining women, if unanimous and there are 12 votes, will be sufficient.” Footnote 1391]</p>
2 Witnesses	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/27.3#3	and every word shall be established against him by two witnesses of the church and not of the world; but if there are more than two witnesses, it is better. But he shall be condemned by the mouth of two witnesses.
Appeals (for Josephs council's so some adapting needs to be done)	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/103	<p>11. After the evidences are heard, the councilors, accuser, and the accused have spoken, the president shall give a decision according to the understanding which he shall have of the case, and call upon the twelve councilors to sanction the same by their voices. But should the remaining councilors who have not spoken, or any one of them, after hearing the evidences and pleadings impartially, discover an error in the decision of the president, they can manifest it and the case shall have a rehearing. And if, after a careful rehearing, any additional light is thrown upon the case, the decision shall be altered accordingly. But in case no additional light is given, the first decision shall stand, the majority of the council having power to determine the same.</p> <p>14. Should the parties, or either of them, be dissatisfied with the decision of said council, they may appeal to the high council at the seat of the general government of the church and have a rehearing, which case shall there be conducted according to the former pattern written as though no such decision had been made.</p>
Be careful how we use his name (make our own arguments vs. using His name to win arguments?)	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/07/full-text-of-june-20-revelation/	Hear me now: Let every person take care in how they use my name, as if I had part in their every dispute, for many things provoking arguments among the people are born from pride, stubbornness, aspiring for control, and reckless indifference toward me and one another. I bear with the people still, and patiently await the return of natural fruit in my vineyard. Do not be misled by my patience, for the time is quickly approaching for the harvest of my vineyard. Amen.

<p>Bill of Rights:</p> <p>Double Jeopardy</p> <p>Due Process</p> <p>Speedy trial</p> <p>Face Accuser</p>	<p>https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/bill-of-rights-transcript</p>	<p>Amendment V</p> <p>No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.</p> <p>Amendment VI</p> <p>In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.</p>
<p>Both Parties Must Be present</p> <p>No Gossip Ahead of Time</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2024/03/shouting-from-rooftops/</p>	<p>As we go about our indiscreet treatment of one another, I think there are at least a couple of things that might be worth considering. Joseph Smith gave advice to people conducting disciplinary councils in a meeting on July 11, 1840. I think his advice then is suitable for considering today: “That the Council should try no case without both parties being present or having had an opportunity to be present neither should they hear one parties complaint before his case is brought up for trial— neither should they suffer the character of any one to be exposed before the High Council without the person being present and ready to defend him or herself—that the minds of the Councillors be not prejudiced for or against any one whose case they may possibly have to act upon.” (As quoted from JSP Minutes, Online, footnote omitted, spellings as in original.</p>
<p>Burden of Proof</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2024/01/questions-about-womens-council/</p>	<p>It is hard to get unanimity. I think that is for a reason. It substitutes for a burden of proof, meaning that to get everyone in agreement would (should) require something like clear and convincing proof.</p>
<p>Casting out</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2023/12/harmless-part-2/</p>	<p>You cannot have a city of peace with people who threaten or harm one another or their neighbors. It isn’t just violence or robbery that defeats peace. It is what they hold inside themselves. It is their attitudes toward one another. Any of the internal resentments that defeated their attempt at Zion will defeat every attempt at Zion. People are not ‘harmless as a dove’ when they harbor ill-feelings toward one another.</p>

Casting out Cannot be reformed Be patient But Firm Obligated to cast out	https://denversnuffer.com/2019/03/predators/	<p>“what a fellowship should do when a predator or threatening individual comes among them. Apparently some people think that you must allow anyone to participate, no matter how argumentative or threatening they behave. The adulterous and predatory almost always cannot be reformed, and must be excluded. They will victimize and destroy. We are commanded to cast out those who steal, love and make a lie, commit adultery and refuse to repent. We have been instructed: You shall not kill; he that kills shall die. You shall not steal, and he that steals and will not repent shall be cast out. You shall not lie; he that lies and will not repent shall be cast out. You shall love your wife with all your heart and shall cleave unto her and none else, and he that looks upon a woman to lust after her shall deny the faith, and shall not have the Spirit, and if he repent not he shall be cast out. You shall not commit adultery, and he that commits adultery and repents not shall be cast out; and he that commits adultery and repents with all his heart, and forsakes and does it no more, you shall forgive him; but if he does it again, he shall not be forgiven, but shall be cast out. You shall not speak evil of your neighbor or do him any harm. You know my laws, they are given in my scriptures. He that sins and repents not shall be cast out. If you love me, you shall serve me and keep all my commandments (T&C 26:6, emphasis added). This is still binding. If your fellowship includes those who ought to be ‘cast out’ you have the obligation to do so rather than encouraging evil by tolerating it. Be patient, but be firm. If a person refuses to repent and forsake sins, end fellowship with them and invite penitent others who are interested in practicing obedience and love.</p>
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<p> Casting out</p> <p> Cannot be reformed</p> <p> Be patient But Firm</p> <p> Obligated to cast out</p>	<p>https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/glossary/cast-out</p>	<p>“what a fellowship should do when a predator or threatening individual comes among them. Apparently some people think that you must allow anyone to participate, no matter how argumentative or threatening they behave. The adulterous and predatory almost always cannot be reformed, and must be excluded. They will victimize and destroy. We are commanded to cast out those who steal, love and make a lie, commit adultery and refuse to repent. We have been instructed: You shall not kill; he that kills shall die. You shall not steal, and he that steals and will not repent shall be cast out. You shall not lie; he that lies and will not repent shall be cast out. You shall love your wife with all your heart and shall cleave unto her and none else, and he that looks upon a woman to lust after her shall deny the faith, and shall not have the Spirit, and if he repent not he shall be cast out. You shall not commit adultery, and he that commits adultery and repents not shall be cast out; and he that commits adultery and repents with all his heart, and forsakes and does it no more, you shall forgive him; but if he does it again, he shall not be forgiven, but shall be cast out. You shall not speak evil of your neighbor or do him any harm. You know my laws, they are given in my scriptures. He that sins and repents not shall be cast out. If you love me, you shall serve me and keep all my commandments (T&C 26:6, emphasis added). This is still binding. If your fellowship includes those who ought to be ‘cast out’ you have the obligation to do so rather than encouraging evil by tolerating it. Be patient, but be firm. If a person refuses to repent and forsake sins, end fellowship with them and invite penitent others who are interested in practicing obedience and love.</p>
<p>Chastity</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2023/12/harmless/</p>	<p>There are many people who talk about a place of peace but who are utterly unfit to live peacefully with their fellow man. Sexual promiscuity destroys. It weakens the soul and leaves them unfit for self-government.</p>
<p>Confront offender</p> <p>When we also become Monsters...</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2024/02/monsters/</p>	<p>If someone offends me, it is my responsibility to confront the offender and let them know exactly what they did to offend. I owe it to them. If I have not confronted him and set out clearly his offense then I have done him a disservice and have failed in my duty. “And if your brother offend you, you shall take him between him and you alone, and if he confess, you shall be reconciled.” T&C 27:5.</p> <p>When we fail to address the offense directly with the offender, we let the offender grow worse. When we tolerate it for years it grows into monstrous behavior.</p> <p>Talking about other people’s offenses without confronting them directly makes us monsters also. We accuse, condemn, belittle and spread alarm between others and reap the corrosive reward. We degenerate into a community of angry, divided, quarrelsome, bickering, jarring, contentious,</p>
<p>Councils from Home Fellowship / Acquainted...</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/</p>	<p>A council of twelve women must be convened, either in the man’s home fellowship among those who are acquainted with his daily walk, or in private at a general conference, also including among the twelve women from the conference those who are acquainted with his daily walk, so that no injustice results.</p>
<p>No Injustice</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/</p>	<p>These words were to guard so that no injustice results</p>
<p>No permanent Committees or hierarchy</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2024/05/rules/</p>	<p>"As a new religious society, we have very few rules. There is no organization, and only occasional temporary committees formed to accomplish tasks, like conferences, compiling scriptures, gathering a selection of hymns, and on occasion women’s councils to deal with inappropriate conduct."</p>
<p>No Predetermined outcomes</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2024/07/full-text-of-june-20-revelation/</p>	<p>I have given direction and it is not wise for the women to be commanded in every particular, but it is also not wise for the direction I have given to be used to achieve a predetermined outcome. The outcome should be based on, and the result of, what is learned in the council.</p>
<p>Not commanded in every thing</p>	<p>https://denversnuffer.com/2024/07/full-text-of-june-20-revelation/</p>	<p>I have given direction and it is not wise for the women to be commanded in every particular</p>

Offence / Gossip / Rebuke	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/27.5#5	And if your brother offend you, you shall take him between him and you alone, and if he confess, you shall be reconciled. And if he confess not, you shall take another with you, and then if he confess not, you shall deliver him up unto the church, not to the members, but to the elders. And it shall be done in a meeting and that not before the world. And if your brother offend many, he shall be chastened before many. And if anyone offend openly, he shall be rebuked openly that he may be ashamed. And if he confess not, he shall be delivered up unto the Law. If any shall offend in secret, he shall be rebuked in secret, that he may have opportunity to confess in secret to him whom he has offended and to God, that the brethren may not speak reproachfully of him. And thus shall you conduct in all things.
Priesthood use in home	https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/	During the period of suspension, nothing affects the man's duties and responsibility in his own family.
Protect the Accused's Rights	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/07/full-text-of-june-20-revelation/	I have told you that I suffered the Constitution of the United States to be established to maintain the rights and protection of all based upon just and holy principles; and that I established the Constitution by the hands of wise men whom I raised up for this very purpose. The abuses and mistreatment of mankind by unjust governments needed to end, and the principles adopted in the Bill of Rights were intended to secure the protection of those accused of transgressing the laws of the land.
Reason Together	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/07/full-text-of-june-20-revelation/	Reason together and draw upon the experiences from those past women's councils. Let the women learn to come to agreement and the voice of that conference decides all matters raised. And I remind you that the majority of those who vote decide the voice of the conference of women. If 100 vote, the vote of 51 decides the matter. And, if another dispute later arises from other women's councils, and there is a need, call another conference of the women and resolve the dispute by the voice of the women's conference, as often as need arises.
Records	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/175.28#28	Keep a record of the line of authority from the one who does the ordination. [Maintain in your] possession a written certificate signed by the seven women proving the sustaining vote, and everyone involved should record it in their personal records, particularly the day when the Lord confirms the authority to the man
Reinstatement	https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/	Reinstatement of the man's authority must be considered by the same council of twelve women when the man petitions for the decision to be rescinded, and requires seven of the twelve to agree upon his reinstatement, which can occur at any time.
Remove Authority to use Priesthood Outside a man's Family	https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/	You did not ask me, but I say that your question arises from the instructions I gave you: I have told you that to remove authority to use priesthood outside a man's family requires a unanimous decision by twelve women. A council of twelve women must be convened, either in the man's home fellowship among those who are acquainted with his daily walk, or in private at a general conference, also including among the twelve women from the conference those who are acquainted with his daily walk, so that no injustice results.
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Repentance - What does that look like?	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/bofm/mosiah/11	18-29 "zealously striving to repair all the injuries which they had done to the church, confessing all their sins, and publishing all the things which they had seen, and explaining the prophecies and the scriptures to all who desired to hear them."

Reporting on Councils (Since we are structured differently, I take that to mean to report to the fellowship?)	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/103.13#13	It shall be the duty of said council to transmit immediately a copy of their proceedings, with a full statement of the testimony accompanying their decision, to the high council at the seat of the government of the church.
Sustaining Youth	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/glossary/sustain	For a youth to be ordained, at least seven women must vote to sustain him to be a priest, which would, of necessity, include the mother because she would be most acquainted with his daily walk.
The Law	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/27	And it shall come to pass that if any person among you shall kill, they shall be delivered up and dealt with according to the laws of the land, for remember that he has no forgiveness, and it shall be proven according to the laws of the land. And if a man shall rob, he shall be delivered up unto the Law. And if he shall steal, he shall be delivered up unto the Law. And if he lie, he shall be delivered up unto the Law. If he do any manner of iniquity, he shall be delivered up unto the Law, even that of God.
U.S. Constitution	https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript	
Unanimity	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/01/questions-about-womens-council/	It is hard to get unanimity. I think that is for a reason. It substitutes for a burden of proof, meaning that to get everyone in agreement would (should) require something like clear and convincing proof.
Unanimity	https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/	to remove authority to use priesthood outside a man's family requires a unanimous decision by twelve women.
Unforgivable Sin? (Unrepentant)	https://denversnuffer.com/2022/08/answer-on-forgiveness/	How can you be one if you gather together with another who has been the adulterer again after being forgiven? And how can a man love his wife with all his heart and cleave unto her and none else if he commit adultery again after being forgiven? I say to you, if a man has been suspended for adultery, and then been reinstated, and return again to adultery, he shall not be reinstated again, for to do so places my community at peril. You shall not kill, and he that kills shall not have forgiveness, neither in this world nor in the world to come. How can you be one with he who murders, with the liar who deceives, and with the thief who steals? I say to you that you cannot be one when you are fractured and your little ones threatened by the disobedience of the adulterer, murderer, liar and thief who will not repent.
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Use Constitution and Bill of Rights	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/07/full-text-of-june-20-revelation/	All my revelations are intended to guide you, and therefore remember that I have told you that I suffered the Constitution of the United States to be established to maintain the rights and protection of all based upon just and holy principles; and that I established the Constitution by the hands of wise men whom I raised up for this very purpose. The abuses and mistreatment of mankind by unjust governments needed to end, and the principles adopted in the Bill of Rights were intended to secure the protection of those accused of transgressing the laws of the land. The women should consider those protections as they decide how to conduct councils involving those accused of transgressing the laws of God.
When to call a council or not...	https://denversnuffer.com/2024/03/shouting-from-rooftops/	There is some reason to believe that private offenses, even if they involve a few people rather than a single individual, ought to be addressed directly and privately. So we might consider ending our own shouting, climbing down off the roof, and inviting one another into the living room to talk about the offenses, when it seems appropriate. "And if your brother offend you, you shall take him between him and you alone, and if he confess, you shall be reconciled. And if he confess not, you shall take another with you, and then if he confess not, you shall deliver him up unto the church, not to the members, but to the elders. And it shall be done in a meeting and that not before the world. And if your brother offend many, he shall be chastened before many. And if anyone offend openly, he shall be rebuked openly that he may be ashamed. And if he confess not, he shall be delivered up unto the Law. If any shall offend in secret, he shall be rebuked in secret, that he may have opportunity to confess in secret to him whom he has offended and to God, that the brethren may not speak reproachfully of him." T&C 27:5.
Who Can be on a Woman's Council?	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/157.57#57	I have told you that to remove authority to use priesthood outside a man's family requires a unanimous decision by twelve women. A council of twelve women must be convened, either in the man's home fellowship among those who are acquainted with his daily walk, or in private at a general conference, also including among the twelve women from the conference those who are acquainted with his daily walk, so that no injustice results.
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Wife must Sustain	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/157.57#57	For the husband to use authority to administer outward ordinances outside his own family, his wife must sustain him.
Wife must Sustain	https://scriptures.info/scriptures/tc/section/167	But He said to me, There shall be a minimum of seven women to sustain the man in any vote, and if the man is married, his wife shall be one of them.