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Dear CBTU Family and Friends,

I am pleased to issue the official convention call for the 52nd International Convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU). This year we will be returning to the great city of New Orleans, LA at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside at Two Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70130 from May 24-29, 2023. Our theme this year is "Confronting the Radical Dangers to Our Families and Our Future". All general convention sessions will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

We are pleased to hold our convention once again in person. Last year was an amazing event as we were able to bond and build in person instead of Zoom. This year we want to expand on that experience, further dig into the issues, and continue to lay out the program, agenda, and vision of this glorious organization. Our agenda is robust, our topics important to both members and community, and our program is as challenging as the obstacles we face.

To register for the convention please go to <https://convention.cbtu.info/>. All convention information will be on that site. You will also find the hotel link on this site. You must complete all required fields in order to proceed. When you complete the registration form and submit the required payment a confirmation notice will follow.

All who register for the convention will also have access to our new site CBTUPLUS. As we modernize and advance this organization so does the opportunities and access to our members. We will continue to provide current and past information and conventions on CBTUPLUS as it serves as our digital resource and pragmatic hub. You will receive an email with instructions to access the CBTUPLUS site within 24 hours after completing the payment portion of registration. CBTUPLUS will be available for purchase at the CBTU store for anyone not attending the convention.

The challenges we face as both working people and People of Color have not been availed. We must continue to organize and mobilize for this movement and our future. CBTU Conventions are where we lay out this plan and engage in meaningful debate. I hope you are able to join us in person, as family. See you in New Orleans!

In solidarity,

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