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Dear CBTU Family and Friends,

I am pleased to issue the official convention call for the 51st International Convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU). The convention will be held in Los Angeles, CA at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, 404 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90071 from May 25-30, 2022. The theme is "Power of the Past - Force of the Future". All general convention sessions will be held at the Westin Bonaventure.

This will be our first in-person convention in 2 years. COVID-19 has ravaged our communities and attacks on our democracy - built on The BIG LIE - threaten the rights of millions of voters of color. Yet, in the face of this adversity, workers are rising up, demanding higher wages and a bigger voice in the workplace decisions. They are challenging a corrupt system that shields the wealth of the rich while saddling working people and students with crushing debt. We need to gather safely to assess this moment and CBTU's role in 2022 and beyond. We also need to tap into the energy, inspiration, and "sense of oneness" that can only be experienced when the CBTU family is together under the same roof. Virtual hugs can only do so much!

To ensure everyone's health and safety all participants must adhere to LA county COVID mandates. The mandates will be posted and updated on our website. Accordingly, all participants must be vaccinated to attend the convention and proof is required. <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/bestpractices/venues/>.

To register for the convention, you must go to cbtu51st.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 to proceed.

All who register for the convention will also have access to our new site CBTUPLUS. This site will allow all who register access to most of the 2021 Virtual Convention sessions, Inspirational Moments from past conventions, access to our Vault which hosts collections of pictures and videos from our past, speeches from past convention heavy weights, etc. This site will also feature highlights from the 2022 convention. This cutting-edge streaming site will tell the story as to why every union member should join CBTU.

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.

See you in Los Angeles!!

In solidarity,

Rev. Terrence L. Melvin
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