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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to issue the official convention call for the 49th International Convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU). The convention will be held in Houston, Texas at the Marriott Marquis Houston, 1777 Walker Street Houston, TX 77010, from May 21-24, 2020. The theme is **"CBTU 2020: Unite & Make a Change"**. All general convention sessions will be held at the Marriott Marquis Houston.

This is a pivotal and crucial year for us as unionists, as Americans, and as Black people. Our theme was chosen to highlight and focus on the need for us to come together for greater good and greater change. Additionally, this was the theme used at the International Trade Union Confederation Africa held in November 2019 in Nigeria. CBTU was in attendance at this conference and we stand in solidarity, shoulder to shoulder, with our sisters and brothers from the motherland.

Pre-convention sessions begin Tuesday, May 19th. We will be having our annual Carol Anderson Leadership Institute that provides leaders, both in title and deed, with crucial skills and tools to be successful. Separate Registration is required for attendance.

Wednesday, May 20th Bill Fletcher Jr. has agreed once again to host a dynamic session on American migration and the impact of imperialism. Separate Registration is required.

The general convention begins Thursday, May 21st and carries on to the banquet Sunday night May 24th. From Thursday to Sunday we will be dissecting the issues impacting our communities, analyzing different methods of resistance, and making plans for changing our community, society, and government moving forward.

Registration for the 2020 convention can be done by downloading forms online at the CBTU website, www.cbtu.org.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call the CBTU International office at 202-778-3318 or email us at cbtu@cbtu.org. See you in Houston.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Terrence L. Melvin, President