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2012 OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

Greetings:

I am pleased to issue the Official Convention Call to the 41st International Convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, May 23-28, 2012. The Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, the home of three professional sports teams, at the Renaissance Grand Hotel, 800 Washington Avenue. The theme for this convention is **One People, One Community, One Nation, "We Are One."** All general convention sessions will be held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel.

Registration for the 2012 convention can be done online at the CBTU website, www.cbtu.org. Simply click on the "Registration Link" on the cbtu.org home page.

As always, we are planning a great convention as we gather to celebrate our 41st anniversary with our delegates, guests, speakers, volunteers and many friends.

During our 40th convention in Las Vegas we engaged the entire convention in discussion of the future growth of CBTU in our workshops. Out of this discussion, a Strategic Plan was developed which the Regional Representatives and their chapters have begun to put in place. Growth, visibility and active engagement are three of the main focuses defining the future of CBTU.

We must continue our efforts to implement these goals, to be actively and visibly involved in our communities. This year's convention will have workshops, information exchanges, resolutions and speakers that address the issues facing the labor movement and our communities. As this is a Presidential election year, with numerous other important state and local elections, we will also focus on how best to engage our members and our communities in the election process. It is essential that we educate our members on the important issues in these elections as our jobs and community programs are at stake. Prominent speakers and activists have been invited to share their messages with us.

We have planned a full schedule of learning, teaching, and interacting so that all may leave the convention informed, so that we truly are **One People, One Community, One Nation, "We Are One."**

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call the CBTU International office at 202-778-3318 or email us at cbtu1@hotmail.com.

See you in St. Louis!

William Lucy, President