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Greetings,

I am pleased to issue the official convention call to the 44th International Convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU). This year the convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601 from **May 20-25, 2015**. The theme is ***Owning Our Future - Building Our Community***. All general convention sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

We always use convention as a way to highlight the work and build for the next chapter. To accentuate our unity and history we are asking that on Thursday participants dress in Afro-Centric garb to commemorate our lineage, and on Saturday we all wear our CBTU 2015 T-Shirts.

For our 44th International Convention we are diversifying our agenda and offer more trainings and workshops than ever before. As always we plan on keeping participants busy, but engaged. We will be challenging attendees to be ever present and active in all parts of the program. I invite you to join us and our distinguished speakers, panelists, presenters, and facilitators.

**Registration for the 2015 convention can be done online at the CBTU website, [www.cbtu.org](http://www.cbtu.org). Simply click on the "Registration" link on the cbtu.org home page.**

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](mailto:cbtu1@hotmail.com).

See you in Chicago!

In Solidarity,

Rev. Terrence L. Melvin, President

