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“Ain’t No Stopping US Now! Forward as One.”

United Steelworkers
18th International Civil & Human Rights Conference
July 21 – 24, 2019

Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Minneapolis, MN 55403

To: All U.S. and Canadian Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

Greetings:

The USW is honored to announce its 18th International Civil & Human Rights Conference. The conference will convene at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, in Minneapolis, MN and will conclude with a banquet the evening of Wednesday, July 24.

All Civil & Human Rights Committee members are urged to participate, and there is no limit to the number of delegates a local union can send, nor is attendance restricted in any way.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

The theme of this year’s conference is ***“Ain’t No Stopping Us Now! Forward as One”***. The plenary sessions, workshops and other activities scheduled for this conference are specifically designed to educate and energize our members and to encourage and promote activism in our locals and the communities in which we live and work. Conference updates will be available on our website.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & FEES

Online registration is available until June 30 at www.usw.org. Click on the **2019 USW International Civil & Human Rights Conference** at the **Upcoming Events** banner on the main page to register. Electronic payments are available for those who use online registration. You can also register by completing the enclosed form and fax it to 412-562-2495. We ask that we receive your registration no later than June 30 so we can adequately prepare for this conference.

The reduced rate for those registering by May 15, 2019 is \$250 per delegate (U.S. or Canadian). The rate for registrations made after May 15 is \$275. This fee includes one ticket to the Civil & Human Rights Banquet. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased at the conference for \$75.00 each.

If paying by check or money order, make it payable to **USW Secretary-Treasurer** and mail it to **USW Civil & Human Rights Department, 60 Blvd of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**. Please enclose a copy of your registration form with your payment.

On-site registration will be available but we cannot guarantee the availability of conference materials. In addition, only local union checks or money orders will be accepted for payment of on-site registrations.

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Ave, Minneapolis, MN at a rate of **\$169 per night**, plus applicable taxes and fees. Please plan to arrive by *early afternoon of Sunday, July 21*, with *departure on Thursday, July 25*. To make your hotel reservation, please register online using the hotel link at <https://book.passkey.com/go/USW2019> or call **1-800-445-8667** and specify that you are attending the USW Civil & Human Rights Conference. The **cutoff date to obtain the group rate is June 28, 2019**.

Valet parking is available at the rate of \$40 per day. Self-parking is \$14 per day/ \$21 for in/out privileges.

TRAVEL

In cooperation with Professional Travel, Inc., we have made special arrangements for delegates to book air transportation to the Conference. Airline reservations should be made by calling **877-499-1149**, select option "4" (Group Meetings). When calling, please identify yourself as a Steelworker attending the Civil & Human Rights Conference, and provide the code **0719CHRUSW**.

Remember, Local Unions are responsible for expenses of conference attendees. We look forward to greeting your delegation at the conference.

In solidarity,



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International President

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(Human Affairs)

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Canadian National Director

Enclosure

cc: International Executive Board Members
District Civil & Human Rights Coordinators
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