

January 15, 2024 Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I want to start out by saying that we at Black Labor Week Project, really appreciate each and every one of you. You all have really created the undeniable existence of our success. We are excited to announce and invite you to our annual convening of Labor and Community that will be held during *Black History Month*, titled *"Black Labor Week"*. Black Labor Week will be taking place, February 19th-23rd, 2024. This event is open to all labor unions as well as their standing committees and members. This yearly event celebrates the accomplishments of past and present Civil and Workers Rights activists on the national and local level. Additionally, *Black Labor Week* also raises community awareness of current Labor, Racial, Economic and Social Justice issues, while paying homage to our racial heritage. This year is very significant as we will be celebrating our 13th year Anniversary with a week filled with excitement, special guests, and surprises.

This week was created to be held annually to develop an understanding why many people are unaware of the parallels between Black History and the Labor Movement. Constructing the platform of Black Labor Education, Community Service and Empowerment, leads us directly to the purpose of this event, which is to build confidence, structure, and resources in the Black community, where there's so much disparity, poverty, and limited resources. We wanted to give back in as many ways possible. We felt that this would be our dedication through the Labor Movement during Black History Month.

This event is open to Next Gen, other Young Worker Programs, Women's Committees and Civil Rights Committees. We will start promptly on Monday February 19th at 7:00am and will end Friday February 23th at the conclusion of our "Celebration of Civil Rights" Awards Gala that starts at 5:00pm. Once again this will be a year full of surprises. We're asking everyone who plans on attending, if you are flying, please make your travel plans to land in Chicago, Illinois.

Fee's & Registration Process for 2024

Associated Delegate Fee - This year will come with a registration fee of \$100/delegate. Please make your checks out to *"Black Labor Week Project"*. Mail all checks to: <u>7015 Carolina Ct.,</u> <u>Hammond, IN 46323</u>

Registration Submission - This year there are 3 ways to register for the week.

Online - You can register online at this link <u>https://uswlocals.org/black-labor-week/2024-registration-and-hotel-information</u> and be sure to click submit. Please make sure the registration year is 2024.

Hard Copy Form Mailed Back - The hard copy registration form has been attached to this email. Please print out the registration form for each delegate, fill it out appropriately, and US mail them back to **7015 Carolina Ct., Hammond, IN 46323**. You will receive an email confirmation at the provided email address, that your registration form has been received and processed.

Hard Copy Form Emailed Back – The hard copy registration form has been attached to this email. Please print out the registration form for each delegate, fill it out appropriately, scan the document, and email each back to <u>BlackLaborWeek@gmail.com</u>. You will receive an email confirmation at the provided email address, that your registration form has been received and processed.

As a point of concern to all of our delegates attending Black Labor Week 2024, we will be taking precautions to ensure the safety of everyone participating during the time of Covid-19. We will be supplying masks to anyone who is in need, as well as hand sanitizer to each delegate attending. Be sure to text BLW2024 to the number 77820 to receive updates via text for Black Labor Week 2024.

Hotel reservations can be made at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7775 Mississippi St., Merrillville, Indiana 46410 at the rate of \$135/night. Phone number: (219)769-7100 Room Block Code: Black Labor Week 2024 or BLW24 Cut-off Date: January 19⁺⁺, 2024

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