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TO: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Pride Committee, Unit Chairpersons, Women's Committee Chairpersons, Women's Advocates, LGBTQ



Learn more at www.unifor.org/prideconference



For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Unifor members & our Allies

Greetings!

We are pleased to announce that our 2nd Biennial Unifor Pride Conference will take place at our Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin from May 12-14, 2017.

Conference delegates will have the opportunity to hear about some of the tremendous work being done within our union, our communities and internationally. Delegates will join with other LGBT members and allies in workshops and plenaries to exchange ideas and develop strategies for working towards equality.

We know that the theme of this conference, *the Politics of Pride*, is played out on our shop floors, in our offices and at festivals and community events in every region. This conference will give participants the skills and knowledge to organize strong LGBT networks and advocate for transgender rights in the workplace. First time delegates in particular will be introduced to Unifor's supportive, and growing, LGBT activist community.

Every local union is encouraged to send their full complement of delegates. Our union's commitment to equality can only be met with the total participation and involvement of our leadership and activists. Please encourage your LGBT activists, local union leadership, human rights, women and equity representatives/activists to participate in this conference. In addition, please make every effort to involve young people and Aboriginal/Workers of Colour in your delegation.

The conference and workshops will be bilingual and as always this conference fills up quickly please submit your registrations early to avoid disappointment.

Please contact Kellie Scanlan @ 1-800-268-5763 ext. 8445 or email kellie.scanlan@unifor.org if you require additional information. As always we are looking forward to a great conference.

The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 12 and ends at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, May 14, 2017. Registration takes place on Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., new delegate orientation will be held from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Sisterhood room.

Please note: CHECK-IN time starts at 3:00 p.m. CHECK-OUT is by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

You will need to fully complete and submit the following forms:

- ✓ **Reservation Form and payment** (on-site accommodations are mandatory) Email: confcentre@unifor.org, Fax (519) 389-3222, or Mail to Unifor Family Education Centre 115 Shipley Avenue, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C5
- ✓ **Childcare Forms** (one per child, if childcare is required) Fax to Laurie Wright – Unifor Childcare Port Elgin (519) 389-3544 or email: fecchildcare@unifor.org

CHILD CARE

Child care is available for children 0 – 12 years of age, of eligible delegates during the conference hours only, if numbers permit. Delegates will be eligible for child care providing they are a single parent, or a parent not accompanied by a spouse or companion. Where both parents are registered delegates, they will also qualify for child care. Child care registration forms are enclosed. Please make your child care reservations as early as possible.

Grey Bruce Airbus arrangements are to be made directly: 1-800-361-0393 or 1-519-389-4433 for delegates who require transportation to and from Toronto Pearson airport.

Arrival

- Accommodation check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017
- Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.
- Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., in the dining room
- The plenary session commences at 7:00 p.m. Friday
- Late room check-in is available by pressing the “maintenance buzzer” outside the main administration office front doors.
- Check-out time is by 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Please check-out at the main administration office. Telephone charges are to be paid at that time.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be made in writing, 24 hours prior to the 3:00 p.m. check-in on May12, 2017 [email: confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org) or fax the Centre at 519-389-3222. Failure to do so will result in a billing for the first night's accommodation cost.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS April 28, 2017 **FOR BOTH ACCOMMODATIONS AND CHILD CARE**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

Payment of **\$70.00** is required for the conference kit materials.

ACCOMMODATION FEES at the Unifor Family Education Centre are as follows:

Shared Room with another delegate	\$370.00
Single Room with Spouse or child age 17+	\$620.00
Single Room	\$520.00
Children, age 12-16	\$50.00 per child
Children, 11 or younger	No Charge

All rates quoted are based on two (2) nights accommodation, beginning with dinner on Friday, up to and including lunch on Sunday.

If rates are being paid by the INDIVIDUAL rather than the local or organization, please contact the Unifor Family Education Centre front desk at 1-800-265-3735 x.3221 or (519) 389-3221. Taxes will be applicable. The local can submit payment for a Single room only (exempt from taxes). The delegate can provide a personal Visa, American Express or MasterCard for the additional charges. The prices are as follows:

Partner or child aged 17+:	\$113.00
Child age 12 – 16:	\$ 56.50

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

For accommodation arrangements other than outline above, please contact the front desk for pricing.

PAYMENT METHODS

All room and board fees must be paid in advance by Visa, American Express, MasterCard or cheque.

Cheque

Forward **two separate cheques** to the Unifor Family Education Centre, one for the conference registration fee and one for accommodation costs. Cheques are to be **made payable to the "Unifor Family Education Centre"** and mailed along with the enclosed Reservation Form directly to the Unifor Family Education Centre, 115 Shipley Ave., Port Elgin, ON, N0H 2C5.

Credit Card

Record the credit card number and expiry date on the Reservation Form and Email:
confcentre@unifor.org, fax to 519-389-3222 or mail.

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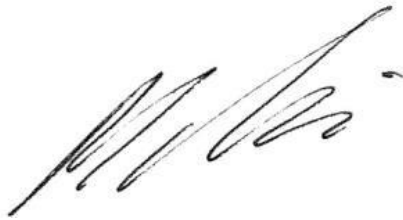
Call the Centre, toll free at 1-800-265-3735 x.3221 or (519) 389-3221 and provide the credit card number and expiry date once the reservation form has been submitted.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

Registrations and Accommodations for the conference will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to participate in the conference, delegates must have accommodations at the Centre. **If the Centre is fully booked, the Centre will advise you, and you (or your local) will be responsible for making alternative arrangements.**

For those delegates and family required to stay off-site, please note that it is still mandatory to purchase the meal plan and to check in with the Front desk at the Unifor Family Education Center.

In solidarity,



Mohamad Alsadi
Director, Human Rights and International Department
Unifor

cc: Front Office, National Representatives, National Co-ordinators, NEB

Attached: Child care registration, room reservation, Medical or Religious Meal Request, Pride Poster

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