

February 26, 2018

TO: All Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Education Committee Chairpersons, Human Rights Committee Chairpersons, Women's Committee Chairpersons, Unifor Discussion Leaders

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**Truth, Reconciliation and Education**  
**UNIFOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE**  
**MAY 11 -13, 2018**  
**Registration Deadline: Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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Greetings!

We are pleased to announce our Unifor Education Conference will be held at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin from May 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The theme of this conference is "**Truth, Reconciliation and Education.**"

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was tasked with discovering and revealing the experiences from survivors of the residential school system. As a result of these hearings, a comprehensive set of recommendations was released. Among these were a series of recommendations specifically related to Education. This represents a call to action for our Union. Through a combination of workshops, plenary and solidarity building, participants will have an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the issues that precipitated the Commission hearings, the report recommendations, and the role education can play in reconciliation.

Every local is encouraged to send their full complement of delegates - discussion leaders, education committee members, education activists and local leadership.

The conference will begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday at noon. Registration will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday evening. The conference will open at 7:00 pm following dinner.

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## REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Rates include 2-nights' accommodation, and meals beginning with dinner on Friday – up to and including Sunday lunch.

The **registration fee is \$75.00** per delegate and the room and board rates for the conference are as follows:

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| Shared Room (with another delegate) | \$370.00 per delegate |
| Single Room (one person in room)    | \$520.00              |
| Single Room with Spouse             | \$620.00              |
| Child 17 and older                  | \$100.00              |
| Child 12-16 years old               | \$ 50.00              |
| Child 11 and under                  | no charge             |

If rates are being paid by the INDIVIDUAL rather than the local or organization, taxes will be applicable. The local can submit payment for a Single room (exempt from taxes). The delegate can provide a personal Visa, American Express or MasterCard for the family charges. The prices are as follows:

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

## ADDITIONAL GUESTS

For accommodation arrangements other than those outlined above, please contact Reception for pricing.

## 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 you or your local will be responsible for making alternative arrangements.*

## PAYMENT METHODS

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

### Credit Card

Record the credit card number and expiry date on the Reservation Form and Email: [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org), fax to 519-389-3222 or mail, **OR** call the Centre, toll free at 1-800-265-3735 or (519) 389-3221 and provide the credit card number and expiry date.

### 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.

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## **CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellations must be made in writing, 48 hours prior to the Conference - 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.

## **CHILD CARE**

Child care is available for children 0 - 12 years of age, of eligible delegates during the conference hours only. 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.

**Deadline for registration is Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Registration forms should be sent directly to the Unifor Family Education Centre, as indicated below. An early registration will assist us in planning this conference.

Reservations / Accommodations at the Family Education Centre will only be made upon receipt of the registration fee and room and board (paid in advance by cheque or credit card). All outstanding room and board fees will be the responsibility of the local union delegates.

**Late check-in:** The Administration Office is open until 10:00 pm. Delegates arriving after can ring the buzzer to the left of the door and a security person will let you in and issue a key.

Grey Bruce Airbus arrangements can be made directly at 1-800-361-0393 or 1-519-389-4433 for those delegates who require transportation to and from the Toronto airport.

We look forward to working with education activists from across our union at the 2018 Education Conference.

In solidarity,



**TIM CARRIE**  
Director of Education  
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Enclosures: Unifor Family Education Centre Reservation Form; Unifor Childcare Form

cc: Jerry Dias, Robert Orr, Assistants, NEB Members, National Representatives, Laurie Wright - Director of Child Care, Port Elgin Reservations