

April 10, 2026

**TO: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries**

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**Unifor Black, Indigenous and Workers of Colour Conference  
June 12 – 14, 2026  
“Status, Safety, and Solidarity – The Power of Us”**

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Greetings,

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2026 National BIWOC Conference!

This year's theme, *The Power of Us: Status, Safety and Solidarity*, will build connection, strengthen leadership, and confirm our collective power within our union.

This conference will be grounded in the understanding that our experiences are shaped by both our identities and our work. Through workshops and interactive discussions, participants will explore how status, safety, and solidarity shape our lives at work and in our communities. Together we will build worker power by learning from our experiences, celebrating our resilience, and creating space to strengthen relationships and solidarity.

The BIWOC Conference will be held at the Unifor Family Education Center, in Port Elgin, Ontario, starting Friday, June 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and ending Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday with the on-site registration open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We anticipate this conference will fill up quickly, so locals must register online and submit reservation forms early to avoid disappointment.

**To register for the conference, you must complete the online registration process by visiting: <https://register1.unifor.org/> AND you must complete and submit the reservation form for the Unifor Family Education Centre.**

For updated information and copies of all the required forms, visit the BIWOC Conference [Events Page](#).

Please contact the Human Rights Department at [humanrights@unifor.org](mailto:humanrights@unifor.org) if you require additional information.

We are looking forward to a fantastic conference.

In solidarity,

**Tricia Wilson**  
Director, Equity and Racial Justice

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cc: Leadership



The opening plenary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026.  
A full agenda will be provided upon registration at the conference.  
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 22, 2026.

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

### Registration

Registration for the BIWOC Conference will be online. Locals can register their participants by visiting: <https://register1.unifor.org/>. By now, Local Union Presidents have received their 2026 online username and password. If you are unable to find your registration information, please email [registration@unifor.org](mailto:registration@unifor.org) and it will be resent. The registration deadline is **Friday, May 22, 2026**.

**You must register for this conference through the online registration process AND submit your reservation forms to Port Elgin.**

### Reservation

The [Family Education Reservation Form](#) must be completed and sent to the Unifor Family Education Centre directly to secure your accommodation no later than Friday, May 22, 2026.

**You must reserve your accommodations at the Unifor Family Education Centre by submitting your form to [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org).**

### Conference Registration Fee:

Payment of \$80.00 is required for the conference kit materials (by separate cheque made payable to the Unifor Family Education Centre).

### Accommodation Fees:

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

Shared Room with another Delegate	\$530.00
Single Room (Only available to families)	\$680.00
Children (5-11)	\$100.00

Children (1-4)	\$ 40.00
Children (under 1)	No Charge

All attendees must have approval from their Local President to attend the conference. For those bringing children, the local can submit payment for a single room only (exempt from taxes). The delegate can then provide a personal Visa, American Express, or MasterCard to cover the additional family charges.

NOTE: Check-in Friday, June 12, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and check-out is on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

### Payment Methods:

All room and board fees must be paid in advance.

**Cheque** – forward two separate cheques to the Unifor Family Education Centre, one for the conference registration fee (\$80.00) and the other for accommodation costs. Cheques are to be made payable to the Unifor Family Education Centre and mailed with the reservation forms 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 submit via email to [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org) or by fax to 519-389-3222, or mail in. Or call the centre – 1-800-265-3735 ext. 3221 or 519-389-3221 to provide the credit card information required.

### First Come, first served basis:

Registration and accommodations for the conference will be managed on a first come, first served basis. To participate in the conference, delegates must have accommodations at the Centre. If the Centre is fully booked, the Centre will advise you that your accommodations may be off-site. For those delegates 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 Centre.

### Cancellations:

Cancellations must be made in writing 48 hours prior to 3:00 p.m. on June 11, 2026, and can be emailed to [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org) or faxed to 519-389-3222. Failure to cancel within the 48-hour time period will result in a billing for the first nights' accommodation costs.

## Child Care:

Child care is available for children 0-12 years of age, for the children of eligible delegates during the conference hours only – if numbers permit. To ensure a spot in the program, please submit your reservations as early as possible and no later than Friday, May 22, 2026.

Child care facilities will be provided for children of eligible delegates during conference hours only. This does not include Grandchildren, Godchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Friends, etc. **Delegates requiring child care must pre-register no later than May 22, 2026.** Please have the delegates complete the attached childcare form and email to [fecchildcare@unifor.org](mailto:fecchildcare@unifor.org). Payment must be sent to the Family Education centre with the reservation forms.

## Travel:

A shuttle has been arranged from the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport (655 Dixon Road) and from Toronto Pearson Airport, Terminal 1, Ground Level, to Port Elgin. Pick-up times are listed below. Space is limited, please complete the attached link by Friday, May 22, 2026, [SHUTTLE RESERVATION FORM](#), to reserve your space.

Friday June 12, 2026	12:30pm EST	Driverseat Shuttle Pick-up at Delta Hotel
Friday June 12, 2026	12:30pm EST	Driverseat Shuttle Pick-up at Terminal One
Sunday June 14, 2026	12:30pm EST	Driverseat Shuttle Pick-up at Port Elgin



## Accessibility:

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodation for a human right related need (Visual, Hearing, Mobility, Endurance, Assistance) we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so that we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation. Please email requests to [humanrights@unifor.org](mailto:humanrights@unifor.org).

## Health and Wellness Policy

Prior to travelling to Port Elgin, we ask all participants to self-assess for cold and flu symptoms. If you have any symptoms, or are feeling ill, please cancel your attendance by contacting the Front Desk. If you start to feel sick while at the Family Education Centre, please notify the front desk immediately, remain in your room and arrangements will be made for you to return home.

## Summary of Deadlines:

Please make note of the important deadlines for the upcoming BIWOC Conference.

Friday, May 22, 2026	On-Line Registration Form must be completed.
Friday, May 22, 2026	Reservation Forms must be submitted to Family Education Centre
Friday, May 22, 2026	Child Care Reservation Form must be submitted to <a href="mailto:fecchildcare@unifor.org">fecchildcare@unifor.org</a>
Friday, May 22, 2026	Shuttle Reservation Form must be submitted to <a href="mailto:humanrights@unifor.org">humanrights@unifor.org</a>

