

DEFINING THE FUTURE

CONVENTION CALL

**Information for the Virtual 29th Constitutional Convention
of the Canadian Labour Congress**



TO: All Affiliated Unions, Federations of Labour, and Labour Councils

GREETINGS!

The **29th Constitutional Convention of the Canadian Labour Congress** will be held virtually from Wednesday, June 16 to Friday, June 18, 2021, using an exciting, interactive, and secure online platform.

While the pandemic interrupts our ability to travel and meet safely in person, we cannot allow it to hinder our movement.

Like nearly every affiliate, labour council and federation, the Congress delayed regularly scheduled events during 2020 in order to rally the resources of our movement to face the global public health emergency and the resulting impact on our economy and our society. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the CLC Canadian Council made the decision to postpone plans for a 2020 in-person convention in Vancouver, and to extend the mandate of the officers until a convention could be safely held. During that time, labour's voice played a crucial role in defending workers and shaping Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now it's time to **define the future**.

The 2021 CLC Virtual Convention will be a convention like no other ... and we hope you will be a part of it. Hosted entirely online on a state-of-the-art platform, the 2021 CLC Virtual Convention will not be a simple Zoom meeting; it will be a virtual simulation of an in-person convention. Hosted live from a studio in our nation's capital, delegates will be beamed onto a virtual convention floor to elect leadership, debate policy, and determine the actions that will set the agenda for Canada's labour movement.

However, the constraints of online meetings will require a more focused convention, with a week's worth of business concentrated into 12 hours of plenary meetings, spread over three days.

Included with this letter is everything you need to know to register for the 2021 CLC Virtual Convention, but information can also be found at <https://convention.canadianlabour.ca/>.

Please note that the deadline for submitting regular resolutions and constitutional amendments is closed, and the deadline for receiving credentials is May 16, 2021.

All delegations are encouraged to include equity representation (women, Indigenous workers, workers of colour, workers with disabilities, LGBTQ2SI) and young workers (age 30 or younger). After all, a diverse movement is a stronger movement.

While we cannot meet in person, I look forward to seeing you on our virtual convention floor.

In solidarity,



Secretary-Treasurer

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERING YOUR DELEGATES

Please note: All registration forms previously received for the 2020 Convention will be cancelled. Any paid registration fees will be fully refunded by March 15, 2021. There will be a new registration and payment process for our 2021 virtual Convention.

Please refer to the [CLC Constitution](#) for your delegate entitlement and register your delegates with the CLC by May 16, 2021. See Article 10, Section 4, of the CLC Constitution.

- a. The Registration Fee for each delegate is \$150 and may be paid in several ways:
 - **Credit card (Visa/Mastercard/American Express):** Please send an email to convention@clcctc.ca indicating your wish to pay by credit card and provide your coordinates where a designated CLC staff can contact you to process your payment.
 - **Cheque:** Please address your cheque to Canadian Labour Congress, ATTENTION: CONVENTION OFFICE. Please include the name of the delegate, union and local number.
 - **Email transfers:** Please send to convention@clcctc.ca, using the following security question: “**event?**” and password: “**convention2021**” — all lower case.

NOTE: Record your confirmation number and send it to

convention@clcctc.ca in a follow-up email providing the confirmation number, the name of the delegate(s), union(s), and local number(s).

- b. Email your original registration form to convention@clcctc.ca or by mail to Canadian Labour Congress, **ATTENTION: CONVENTION OFFICE**, 2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 8X7.
- c. A copy of the registration form should be retained by the delegate (or the designated alternate) in case of discrepancies.
- d. Each credential form must bear the signature of your organization’s presiding officer. If you submit your credential form via email, an electronic signature will be accepted.
- e. There is no fee for alternate delegates.
- f. There will be no refunds after Friday, June 11, 2021.

The deadline for receiving CREDENTIALS is Sunday, May 16, 2021.

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION SCHEDULE (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME – EDT)

Monday, June 14	8:00 a.m. to noon 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15	8:00 a.m. to noon 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 16	8:00 a.m. to noon 1:30 p.m. until adjournment
Thursday, June 17	8:00 a.m. to noon 1:30 p.m. until adjournment

CLC staff in charge of registrations and credentials will be available to answer any questions during the hours above (either by phone or email).

OPTIONAL ORIENTATION SESSIONS

New Delegate Live Orientation	Wednesday, June 16 – 12:00 p.m. EDT
New Delegate Orientation (video)	Accessible from Tuesday, June 1 – 12:00 p.m. EDT
Virtual Platform Live Orientation	Friday, June 11 – 12:00 p.m. EDT Monday, June 14 – 12:00 p.m. EDT
Virtual Platform Tutorial (video)	Accessible from Tuesday, June 1 – 12:00 p.m. EDT

AGENDA

See the Block Agenda on the next page.

All times are Eastern Daylight Time – **EDT**

All events will take place on the Virtual Convention Platform: clc2021.ctc.can.chime.live

PLENARY

Wednesday, June 16	12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT
Thursday, June 17	12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT
Friday, June 18	12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT

EQUITY CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS

Workers with Disabilities

Caucus	Tuesday, June 15 – 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. EDT
Election Caucus	Thursday, June 17 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EDT

Workers of Colour

Caucus	Tuesday, June 15 – 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. EDT
Election Caucus	Thursday, June 17 – 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. EDT

Women

Caucus	Tuesday, June 15 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT
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Young Workers

Caucus	Tuesday, June 15 – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. EDT
Election Caucus	Friday, June 18 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. EDT

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two-spirit, Intersex Workers

Caucus	Tuesday, June 15 – 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. EDT
Election Caucus	Thursday, June 17 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. EDT

Indigenous Workers

Caucus	Tuesday, June 15 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EDT
Election Caucus	Wednesday, June 16 – 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. EDT



2021 CLC VIRTUAL CONVENTION | AT A GLANCE

THEME: DEFINING THE FUTURE

PDT	NDT	EDT	Tuesday (June 15)	Wednesday (June 16)	Thursday (June 17)	Friday (June 18)	EDT
8:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.					11:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	11:30 a.m.					11:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	Indigenous Workers' Caucus		Workers with Disabilities Election Caucus	Young Workers' Election Caucus	12:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.					12:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		Opening Ceremonies & Welcome	Reports: Credentials Cttee & Secretary-Treasurer	Report: Credentials Cttee	1:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Workers with Disabilities Caucus	Convention Video & President's Address	Economic & Social Policy Resolutions Committee Report & Good Jobs Agenda Policy Paper	General Resolutions Committee Report & Climate Action Agenda Policy Paper	1:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		Reports: Credentials Cttee & Canadian Council		General Resolutions Committee Report & Human Rights Agenda Policy Paper	2:00 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	Women's Caucus	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	2:30 p.m.
12:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.					3:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.		Economic & Social Policy Resolutions Committee Report & Democratic Agenda Policy Paper	Report: Constitution & Structure Committee	Orders of the Day	3:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Workers of Colour Caucus			Officer Elections	4:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.		Emergency Resolutions	Election Forum: Officer Candidates	Swearing-in Ceremony & Convention Wrap-Up	4:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	LGBT Workers' Caucus				5:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.					5:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.		Indigenous Workers' Election Caucus	Workers of Colour Election Caucus		6:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Young Workers' Caucus				6:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.			LGBT Workers' Election Caucus		7:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.					7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

The resolution submission process is closed. Resolutions submitted prior to the February 4, 2020 deadline will be available to the delegates no later than May 16, 2021.

Resolutions for the CLC's 29th Triennial Convention were accepted between November 26, 2019, through to February 4, 2020. Prior to the postponement of the 2020 Convention, resolution committees of affiliate representatives were convened to consider all resolutions, develop composite resolutions, and make recommendations to convention delegates. The CLC Canadian Council resolved not to re-open the resolution process for the rescheduled convention.

Only emergency resolutions can be submitted at this point.

Typically, emergency resolutions must address circumstances arising since the resolution deadline, or pertaining to matters that could not have been anticipated before that deadline.

All emergency resolutions will be reviewed by the CLC Canadian Council which has the constitutional authority to decide which ones to bring forward to the convention. The approval of two thirds of convention delegates is required before an emergency resolution can be considered. See [Article 11, Section 4.e, of the CLC Constitution](#).

For instructions on how to submit emergency resolutions
<https://convention.canadianlabour.ca/>

DELEGATE SERVICES — ACCESSIBILITY

We are pleased to offer accessibility services, by request, to facilitate the participation of all delegates.

All delegates requiring accessibility services must include a completed Accessibility Services Form no later than Sunday, May 16, 2021. We cannot guarantee that requests received after the deadline can be accommodated.

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DELEGATE SERVICES | Services aux délégués et déléguées

ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENT | DEMANDE D'ADAPTATION
WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES | TRAVAILLEUSES ET TRAVAILLEURS AYANT UN HANDICAP

Please describe any specific functional limitation you have and suggested accommodation related to this Convention. The CLC will endeavour to make the appropriate arrangements.
Veuillez indiquer vos limitations fonctionnelles spécifiques et les mesures d'adaptation que vous suggérez pour cette Assemblée générale. Le CTC s'efforcera de prendre les dispositions nécessaires.

→ If assistance is required to complete this form, please contact convention@clctc.ca
→ Si de l'assistance est nécessaire pour remplir ce formulaire, veuillez envoyer un courriel à assemblee@clctc.ca

DELEGATE | Délégué/Déléguée :

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME(S): _____
NOM DE FAMILLE: _____ PRENOM(S): _____

PHONE: _____
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**Do you have any accessibility requirements?
Avez-vous des besoins particuliers en matière d'accessibilité?**

PLEASE SPECIFY | VEUILLEZ PRÉCISER

PLEASE TAKE NOTE | À NOTER :


Return the completed form via email to convention@clctc.ca or by mail to the Canadian Labour Congress, ATTENTION: CONVENTION OFFICE, 2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 8X7.

It must be received no later than May 16, 2021. Late requests may not be possible to accommodate.

Veuillez remplir le formulaire et le retourner par courriel à assemblee@clctc.ca ou par la poste au Congrès du travail du Canada, À L'ATTENTION DU : BUREAU DE L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE, 2841, promenade Riverside, Ottawa (Ontario) K1V 8X7.

Il doit être reçu au plus tard le 16 mai 2021. Il est possible que les demandes tardives ne soient pas acceptées.

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