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**Our Chapter consists of members from International and National unions residing predominately in Ontario, as well as in Quebec and across the rest of Canada.**

Some of the basic objectives of the CBTU are reflected in its activities and projects:

- Improve economic development and employment opportunities for workers of African-Descent.
- Actively support human rights organizations working to improve living and working conditions within the black community.
- Challenge systemic forms of racism within the Labour Movement itself by: (a) promoting access and opening doors for Black workers and workers of colour within the Labour Movement; (b) promoting the rights of equality seeking groups to the benefit of all workers within Unions; (c) organizing and maximizing our political influence within the Labour Movement; (d) encouraging and supporting the full participation of Black workers and workers of colour in their Unions.

## Who We Are

### About Us

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Ontario Canada Chapter seeks to fulfill the dream of Black trade unionists, both living and deceased, who throughout our labour history in Canada have courageously and unremittingly struggled to build a national movement that brings our collective strength and varied talents to bear in an unending effort to achieve economic, political and social justice for all.

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## Supporting Workers Rights and the Communities We Live In

### Seeking for Equity...

For many years, a group of trade unionists have been advocating within their unions and central labour bodies to put issues of racism and discrimination – in the workplace and unions – higher on labour’s agenda.

What began in 1987 as an independent coalition in Ontario has grown to become a Chapter representing all of Canada within the International CBTU organisation.

### Are you seeking to pursue a post-secondary education?

Our CBTU Chapter members, their children, grandchildren, and youth in the Black community may apply for Scholarships provided by the Chapter.

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*“The CBTU Ann Neuman Scholarship helped me offset the costs of earning my university degree.”*

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### Get Involved and Join Us

Membership in the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Ontario Canada Chapter is open to all active and retired members of a Canadian or International Union. Our membership form can be easily downloaded from our [www.CBTU.ca](http://www.CBTU.ca) Website.

### We Are Part of a Large Family

The CBTU is an international organization based in the United States with Chapters across the World, and hold an international convention each year. They are divided into sub Regions. Our Chapter is part of Region 1, which also hosts its own regional conference on an annual basis.



### We Stand in Unity and Strength

We pledge to continue the struggles of our ancestors dating back to slavery and throughout our history in Canada to create a more just society by working in coalition with organized labour and other allies whose mission is consistent with these objectives.

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Ontario Canada Chapter continues to work within the framework of the trade union movement to advocate for Black trade unionists, and create a vehicle for advancing the inclusion of workers of African-descent in all spheres of our society.

We maintain effective political alliances between labour, and community allies such as the Asian Canadian Labour Alliance, Latin American Trade Unionists Coalition, and other like-minded organizations such as Black Lives Matter Network, to effectively impact the political process on issues and projects of common interest.