COALITION OF BLACK TRADE UNIONISTS - MEMPHIS CHAPTER

# JOIN CBTU MEMPHIS

Founded 1972 - 70+ chapters - An AFL-CIO constituency group

## The signs said I AM A MAN. The work did not stop in 1968.

Bill Lucy came up with those four words for the Memphis sanitation strikers, then co-founded the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists in 1972 so Black workers would always have an independent voice inside the labor movement - and led it for four decades. The Memphis chapter is that legacy, still standing, and it is open to union members, retirees and former members of every local.

**ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES**

**$30 Rank and File - active** **$15 Rank and File - retired**

Rank and File membership - the category to select on the national CBTU membership list. Retirees and former members welcome.

### WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOES

- A seat and a vote in the chapter that speaks for Black workers in this city.
- Leadership development and mentoring for younger trade unionists in their own locals.
- Voter registration, voter education and turnout work in working-class Memphis.
- Delegate standing at CBTU regional and international conventions.
- The labor-church-community bridge this city has leaned on since 1968, kept in working order.

### THREE WAYS TO JOIN

Scan the code or go to laboreducation.org/four-pillars#join-the-legacy

Email the chapter at Cbtumemphis@gmail.com

Mail a check payable to Memphis CBTU Chapter

P.O. Box 9086, Memphis, TN 38190

*Meeting dates and locations are announced to everyone on the list - sign up first.*

### WHY THE NATIONAL AFL-CIO BACKS THIS WORK

CBTU is one of seven official AFL-CIO constituency groups. Since 2022 the federation has seated them in affiliate political director meetings, opened its organizing tools to them and put them in monthly coordination with civil rights directors. Black workers have the highest union membership rate of any group in the country, and the movement's new five-year agenda calls for organizing two million new members.

### TEAR OFF, FILL IN AND SEND IT BACK

Name: _____ Local union & number: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

[ ] Rank and File - active union member, dues $30 [ ] Rank and File - retired or former, dues $15

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