



Official Call
40th Annual UAW Civil & Human Rights Conference

August 23-28, 2026
Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center
Black Lake
Onaway, Michigan

Greetings:

The dates for the 40th Annual UAW Civil and Human Rights Conference are August 23-28 at the Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center. The theme for this year is ***Our Legacy...Our Fight...Our Generation's Defining Moment "Celebrating Our 40th Civil and Human Rights Conference."***

Registration of delegates will be held on August 23, from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. **Attendance is limited to delegates only.**

Housing/Registration: The registration fee is \$760 per delegate, based on double occupancy, and includes all meals during the conference (breakfast/lunch/dinner).

Please submit the \$760 registration fee to the Civil and Human Rights Department as soon as possible or pay through LUIS. If your Local was given a subsidy by your Regional Director, your registration fee is \$154.

Please note there are two different websites: one for conference and hotel registration and another for airline reservations.

- To register for the **conference and hotel** (including workshops and housing selection), please use the following website:

civilrights.uaw.org

Username: UAWCR

Password: CR2026

- To make an **airline reservation**, please use the following link (**only works in Chrome**):

<https://cvent.me/Xaqv9r>

Complete one online registration per delegate. Registration deadline – **August 7**

Payment: Make conference registration/housing payments payable to International Union, UAW and in the memo field put Civil and Human Rights Conference.

If paying by check, please complete the attached Local Union Delegate Attendance and Payment Form. Submit the form and payment by **August 7** to:

UAW Civil and Human Rights Department
8000 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48214

Please note: Registration forms received without payment will not be processed. Cancellations must be submitted in writing at least 10 days prior to the conference.

Parking Policy: In an effort to avoid any embarrassment for participants, please be advised of the following Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center policy:

Only Union-made/American-made vehicles are allowed onsite. This only includes vehicles that are Union made from the USA and Canada. If you have a vehicle at the gate that does not fit these criteria, there are parking facilities just outside the entrance. To see if your vehicle is American/union made, your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) will begin with a 1, 2, 4 or 5. VIN numbers are located in the dashboard or door jamb of your vehicle.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Delegates whose worksites are located more than 500 miles from the center (one way) will be reimbursed travel expenses at the end of the conference as follows:

Hotel and Mileage:

For those driving more than 500 miles one way (1,000 round trip):

Mileage is not reimbursed for the first 1,000 miles of a round-trip. After 1,000 miles, a driver will be reimbursed using the IRS-rate for each mile. The International Union determines mileage according to Rand-McNally and reimburses for the most direct route to the center. Do not rely on Internet mileage charts.

On trips to and from the Center, delegates will be entitled to one night's lodging when driving more than 500 miles; two nights' lodging for 1,000 miles or more. Hotel rates should not exceed \$65 per night for single occupancy; \$80 per night for double occupancy. Delegates must save hotel receipts and submit to the center for reimbursement. Upon completion of the program, delegates will receive mileage and/or hotel refunds. Meals, highway tolls, or other costs incurred during travel are not refundable by the UAW.

Air Transportation:

For those flying to Detroit (worksite must be more than 500 miles one way):

For those who choose to fly, they will arrive in Detroit on Saturday. The Family Education Center will make hotel reservations for the Saturday night stay. That information will be printed on the

e-ticket itinerary provided by the travel agency. Charter buses will leave Detroit from the hotel Sunday at 9 a.m. EST and arrive at the center at approximately 3:30 p.m. For Friday's return trip, no flights will be made before 4:30 p.m. EST.

To take advantage of Super-Saver rates, all flight arrangements are made by the Family Education Center at least 14 days in advance. When contacted by TSI travel agency, be prepared to pay for airfare with either a personal credit card or through arrangements made with your local union. Local unions may pay with a check or by credit card. No personal checks will be accepted.

In cases of airline reservations not made 14 days in advance, the International Union will refund only the cost of Super-Saver fares. Meals, phone charges, or other costs incurred during travel are not refundable.

Airfare reimbursement will be made upon completion of the conference. A \$75 airline registration fee will be deducted from the reimbursement. The International Union will reimburse only the cost of a 14-day advance non-refundable ticket. Any changes, additional costs or late fees will not be reimbursed and is the responsibility of the local union or delegate.

Please allow 48 hours to process airline reservation requests.

Luggage Reimbursement:

For those who fly, the International Union will reimburse your first piece of luggage each way. You must save your receipts and submit at the Center for reimbursement.

Subsidies for small local unions: The International Union will provide a limited number of subsidies for this conference. Subsidized delegate registration is \$154. To be considered for a subsidized registration local unions must submit to Yolanda Espinosa (yespinosa@uaw.net) their three most recent financial statements, and the name of the delegate(s) subsidized registration would apply to no later than July 24, 2026.

For additional information about the conference or if you have any questions, please contact the Civil and Human Rights Department at (313) 926-5361.

In solidarity,



Helen Walker, Director
Civil and Human Rights Department

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Conference Schedule

Sunday, August 23

12 – 4:30 p.m. – Registration
5 – 6:30 p.m. – General Session
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Dinner

Monday, August 24

7 – 8 a.m. – Registration
8:45 a.m. – Workshops
1:15 p.m. - Workshops

Tuesday, August 25

8:45 a.m. – Workshops
1:15 p.m. – Workshops/Activity

Wednesday, August 26

8:45 a.m. – Workshops
Red Shirt Wednesday

Thursday, August 27

8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.
General Session
Class Presentations

Friday, August 28

8:45 a.m. – Wrap Up

Directions to the Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center:

If leaving Detroit Metro Airport, take I-94 West to I-275 North to I-96 West, to US 23 North, which becomes I-75 near Flint.

If heading north on Interstate 75, take Exit 310 (Indian River). Turn right onto M-68 East toward Onaway/Rogers City.

Travel 20 miles to the town of Tower. Approximately 1-mile past Tower, you will turn left on FO-5 (Aurora Gas Company is located on the right). A UAW sign is posted directing you to turn left. This road is also known as Black River Rd.

Once on FO-5, travel approximately 5 miles until you come to a STOP sign. You will see the Black Lake Golf Club. Continue across the road, which leads directly onto the Center.

Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center
2000 Maxon Road
Onaway, MI 49765
989-733-8521

Workshop Descriptions

- **Civil and Human Rights Basic Policy and Procedures** – The goal of the workshop is to equip delegates with information and techniques on the anti-harassment policies, rights in the workplace, how to set up and build a strong Local Union Civil and Human Rights Committee, identify the roles and responsibilities of the Committee, and learn how to work together with institutions and organizations to build community coalitions.
- **Civil and Human Rights Advanced Policy and Procedure** – This workshop will give you a better understanding of what is required when doing an investigation. You will be expected to utilize forms from the Guidebook and write a report with recommendations after the investigation. This class will take you beyond the initial policy and procedure class. Prerequisite for this class is to have completed Basic Policy and Procedure.
- **Civil and Human Rights Basic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of discrimination and harassment policies as well as how to combat the same. In addition, the workshop will provide a conceptual framework of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in the workplace to promote the fair treatment and full participation of all people, including populations who have historically been under-represented or subject to discrimination because of their background, identity, disability, race, or other factors.
- **Civil and Human Rights Advanced Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – This workshop is designed for participants who already have a foundational understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion and are ready to engage in deeper, more meaningful dialogue. The session will expand on core DEI concepts by examining how bias, discrimination, privilege, systemic barriers, and exclusion can show up in workplace culture, policies, practices, and interpersonal interactions. Participants will have the opportunity to explore sensitive and often challenging topics in a thoughtful, respectful, and solutions-focused environment.
- **Understanding LGBTQ+ Rights** – Provides an overview of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people, and the challenges they face in the workplace and in our union. Includes education and discussion about the differences, stereotypes, and values distinguishing LGBTQ+ people and effective means of communicating such differences to non-LGBTQ+ people.
- **EEOC Cases and Employment Laws** – Provides an overview of employment laws and various EEOC case studies. This class introduces the basic framework of anti-discrimination laws. This class focuses on understanding what needs to be proven to show a violation of the law and provides tools for identifying discrimination and putting a case together. You will discuss the best ways to respond to a complaint.
- **Lobbying 101** – Lobbying elected officials is an important part of labor’s role in the political process, but it can be hard to get started! This class will explain how to effectively lobby to achieve our political goals, the different ways to lobby, and how to best access our elected representatives on the state level. The class will also unpack the legislative process and show how you can find, understand, and track legislation that is important to you. The class will include role playing exercises on lobbying techniques, as well as how to read and analyze legislation, how to prepare for lobbying meetings, and what to do when you’re meeting with someone who does not agree with you quickly and easily. The class will also discuss how to make sure you are using accurate information, quick ways to check sources, and how to avoid “fake news” when engaging in the lobbying process.
- **Labor and Human Trafficking: Rights, Risks, and Prevention** – This session focuses on identifying exploitation in the workplace, understanding the legal protections afforded by labor rights, and the proactive role unions play in prevention and advocacy. Learn how to turn awareness into action to ensure a safe and just environment for all workers.

- **Immigration** – Increased immigration enforcement across the country takes its cues from the harmful policies and practices of our failed criminal justice system which led to the increased criminalization, surveillance and incarceration of our communities. These policies will only lock more families out of the American dream and undermine efforts to ensure safe working conditions and fair wages for all workers. This session will highlight the intersection of our immigration and criminal justice systems and explore the economic consequences these harmful policies have on working families.
- **Fighting for Justice with Union Power** – We have lived through the largest transfer of wealth from workers to billionaires in our nation’s history. It has destroyed communities and led to the least unionized workforce since the 1920’s. This series is designed to get members involved in campaigns in their communities to bolster the interests of working-class people.

**UAW Civil and Human Rights Conference
Local Union Delegate Attendance and Payment Form**

Please submit this form and payment to your Regional Director **by August 7**

Make checks payable to: International Union, UAW

Region _____ Local Union _____

Delegate		Payment Amount
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