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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We would like to invite and welcome everyone to join the Trades Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The Conference will begin on Thursday, November 14th 2013 and run through Sunday, November 17th 2013. Some important topics will be covered at this year's Trades Conference including: the promotion of trades, learning about the struggles we all face as Trades people, defending our members rights in trades, improving Health and Safety in the workplace and understanding the ever changing role that the College of Trades will play for all of us.

Both of us will be attending the Conference and we are looking forward to working with the Trades Committee to help make this year a huge success. We are also very pleased to announce the following confirmed participants: Irene Harris, Board Member College of Trades, Ron Johnson, Chair - Board of Directors College of Trades, Gord Falconer, from the Ontario Federation of Labour, Chris Watson, CUPE Political Liaison, Graham Cox, CUPE Researcher and Blain Morin, CUPE National H&S Representative.

There are a lot of agenda items to look forward to at the Trades Conference this year. Some of the highlights include: a discussion with the Chair of the College of Trades, open discussions and forums and the development of a strong Action Plan for the future.

There will also be a variety of interesting workshops that you can join throughout the Conference. These workshops will delve into the needs and wants of Trades people with respect to the future of trades in Ontario, privatization of work and women in trades. We can learn from each other and also build and move forward together.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's Trades Conference.

In Solidarity,

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