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## BULLETIN CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

### **Minimum Dues and Monthly Dues Increase as a Result of Per Capita Tax Increase**

The General President has issued the following Information Bulletin concerning the per capita tax increase.

In November, pursuant to action by the 2005 General Convention, the General Executive Board approved an increase in the per capita tax of \$1.00 for Schedule 1. Beginning January 1, 2009, the per capita tax for Schedule 1 will be \$11 per month.

For Schedule 2 members, the per capita tax will increase 65 cents. Beginning January 1, 2009, the per capita tax for Schedule 2 members will be \$7.00 per month.

Because the Board's decision is based on an "action of the Convention," the provisions of Section 45A pertaining to increasing the minimum dues and increasing the dues members pay applies to this increase in per capita tax. Section 45A states, in part:

"The minimum dues shall be increased by the amount by which the per capita tax provided in Section 45D,E or F is increased by action of any Convention of the United Brotherhood, as of the effective date of any such increase in per capita tax."

"The amount of monthly dues payable by each member to his or her Local Union shall be increased by the amount by which the per capita tax provided in Section 45D,E or F is increased by action of any Convention of the United Brotherhood, as of the effective date of any such increase in per capita tax.

### **SCHEDULE 1 CHANGES**

The monthly minimum dues specified in Section 45A for Schedule 1 members is increased to \$15.80 a month, effective January 2009. For locals charging the minimum dues, the ULTRA system will be updated to automatically reflect the increase in per capita tax **and** the increase in minimum monthly dues.

For locals charging Schedule 1 members more than the minimum dues, the monthly dues payable by each member will increase by \$1. For locals charging more than the minimum dues, the ULTRA system will be updated to automatically reflect only the increase in per capita tax. For local unions charging Schedule 1 members more than the minimum dues, local ULTRA users will be responsible for increasing the dues rate by \$1. A posting on the ULTRA system will remind users of how and when to make this adjustment.

Local unions charging Schedule 1 members more than the monthly minimum dues, that do not wish to increase monthly dues, must write to the General President at the General Office and request dispensation from the dues increase. Otherwise the dues increase takes effect, and local unions are obligated to make the necessary changes in ULTRA.

### **SCHEDULE 2 CHANGES**

The monthly minimum dues specified in Section 45A for Schedule 2 members is increased to \$13.90 a month, effective January 2009. For locals charging the minimum dues, the ULTRA system will be updated to automatically reflect the increase in per capita tax and the increase in minimum monthly dues.

For locals charging Schedule 2 members more than the minimum dues, the monthly dues payable by each member will increase by 65 cents. For locals charging more than the minimum dues, the ULTRA system will be updated to automatically reflect only the increase in per capita tax. For local unions charging Schedule 2 members more than the minimum dues, local ULTRA users will be responsible for increasing the dues rate by 65 cents. A posting on the ULTRA system will remind users of how and when to make this adjustment.

### **SOME RATES DO NOT CHANGE**

This per-capita tax increase and automatic dues increase does not apply to members who qualify for retired or disabled dues under Section 50 of the UBC Constitution. Those dues remain at \$6.00 a month.

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