

June 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention of the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions. I am excited to share with you this opportunity to come together. It has been way too long – our last in-person convention was in June 2019. Truth be told, I have missed you. With the 2023 convention, you will attend education sessions, conduct union business and hear lots of debate on resolutions. Getting away from our daily routine gives us all a chance to recharge and reconnect. This is all about building relationships and strength within our nurses unions' movement.

The Prince Edward Island Nurses' Union (PEINU) has been kind enough to host this year's convention. They have worked tirelessly to create a positive convention experience for both delegates and guests. We could not ask for more from our nurses' union host. ❤️

Charlottetown is a city that will give you a bit of history and lots of fun. I hope that you will enjoy your stay in this remarkable place with a provincial population of 172,707, and the small and mighty PEINU membership of 1,350.

The CFNU's National Executive Board (NEB) looks forward to welcoming you during the biennial Healthy Walk and at registration (Monday June 5). While we are on site, I hope that we will get a chance to meet personally, and that you will also reach out to members of the National Executive Board: we are nurses just like you and want to hear your stories. All delegates should take the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute ideas. Your input is truly important to us.

I encourage you to reflect on the Convention's theme, **Together We Got This**. I remind you that together we will make a difference!

On behalf of the NEB, I hope that everyone has a productive and enjoyable week.

In solidarity always,



Linda Silas, President  
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