



# United Transportation Union

24950 COUNTRY CLUB BLVD., STE. 340 • NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO 44070-5333  
PHONE: 216-228-9400 • FAX: 216-228-5755 • www.utu.org

M. B. FUTHEY JR.  
International President

ARTHUR MARTIN III  
Assistant President

KIM N. THOMPSON  
General Secretary and Treasurer

February 28, 2012

UTU International Officers  
UTU General Chairpersons  
UTU State Legislative Directors,

Re: Article 12 - International Dues and Assessments

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In accordance with Article 12, Lines 33 through 40 of the UTU Constitution, this is to advise that the UTU Board of Trustees has authorized an increase in the assessment of dues apportioned to the General Fund in the amount of \$2.00.

On January 1, 2008, this Administration assumed a balance in operating funds of \$3,790,355. With responsible management, this balance increased steadily until as recently as May 31, 2011. During this period, we endured the "Great Recession" and suffered a membership decline of 25% from which we are now rebounding.

In May 2010, our International offices were relocated within the Cleveland, Ohio area allowing us to reduce the size of our office space, yet upgrade to state-of-the-art facilities designed with productive efficiencies. This was accomplished with a net cost reduction.

On July 1, 2012, wages of our members on the major railroads will have improved more than 25% under this Administration and will continue to increase by more than 40% at the end of the current agreement.

With increased success comes increased expense. As with the wages of our members, the wages of all International officers and staff personnel also increase. As we cap H&W contributions, the cost of H&W for our International officers and staff continues to increase. Since May 2011, our balance in operating funds has continually declined. Notwithstanding the efficiencies that we have advanced and our steadily increasing membership, existing revenues are insufficient to adequately safeguard our current level of operation.

Effective May 1, 2012, assessment of International dues shall be \$26.50 per month. Locals that have been granted a reduction of International dues shall continue at the current rate established for their circumstances, subject to further review as provided by Line 21 of this Article.

Fraternally yours,

M. B. Futhey, Jr.  
International President

cc: UTU Local Secretaries