

# Ohio Laborers **UNION** & You

## The Breakdown

15,000 Active Members

8,000 Retired Laborers

1,000 Apprentices

1,200 Contractors

23 Local Unions

Brothers and Sisters:

As one of the most trying years of our lives ends and another begins, Ohio Laborers leadership has begun to reflect on the triumphs and disappointments 2020 brought to our organization and our members. This past year tested us all in unimaginable ways, and through it all, we have proved that Ohio Laborers are built for the tough times.

Early in the pandemic, Ohioans were made aware of what we already knew - Laborers are “essential workers.” You are vital to building and maintaining the structures that Ohioans and Americans depend on to keep moving throughout this pandemic. You played a major role in helping all Ohioans maintain a sense of normalcy, and for that, Ohio owes you our heartiest thank you!

Now, at this annual time of reflection, we also want to look inward and examine how we can be a stronger, more informed organization. From first year apprentices, to seasoned journeymen, to retirees and union officials, we are all in this together. We understand that some members may feel disconnected from the Union, while others may simply be unaware of the services performed by Local Unions, District Council, and our affiliated Funds. And because of this breakdown, I am writing to you today.

Beginning in February, the Ohio Laborers’ District Council will be sending out regular communications highlighting members, organizational structure, benefits, training, and safety efforts - along with ways that you can get more involved in Union activities and advocate on your own behalf. We are encouraged and excited about the opportunities we believe are ahead for Ohio Laborers in 2021 and look forward to sharing all your Union with you. The first installment of **Ohio Laborers Union & You** will focus on your insurance and the many benefits it provides you.

On behalf of the many men and women working behind the scenes for you, your family, and your Union brothers and sisters, I wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to connecting in 2021!

In Solidarity,



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