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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This letter is for any non-delegate members who wish to attend the 2nd National Convention of the BLET in Reno, Nevada, which shall be held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino beginning on Monday, October 4, 2010 and ending Thursday, October 7, 2010. Please read this letter at your next division meeting, if applicable, and distribute it to your interested members. This letter will also be found in the Convention area of the BLET website, www.ble-t.org/convention, in PDF format.

Grand Sierra is the official convention hotel, and all convention-related events will be held there. You are free to stay at any other hotel you wish, but you will have to make your own arrangements for reservations and commuting to and from the airport and the convention.

To register, here is what interested members need to do, beginning even today. Register for your room at the Grand Sierra in one of the following ways:

- 1) Go to www.ble-t.org/convention. Click on the hyperlink, "Hotel Reservation". This link will take you to the BLET Convention room registration page on the Grand Sierra website. Make your entries as prompted. You will need a credit card to complete registration online.
- 2) Call the hotel at 800-501-2651 and register over the phone. Tell the agent you are with BLET. That will get you into the BLET room block at the convention rate. You will need to either give them your credit card information or send them a check for your first night's stay in order to complete registration by phone.

When you register, you will have a choice of two different styles of rooms – standard rooms at the rate of \$79.00 per night, and Summit Grand rooms at the rate of \$115.00 per night. Summit Grand rooms are deluxe rooms and are on the higher floors of the hotel.



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The first convention-related event is the BLET/BLET Auxiliary Reception, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 6 PM. You may wish to take this event into account when planning your travel and lodging arrangements.

In order to confirm your room reservation, Grand Sierra requires a first night's deposit or prepayment of guestroom and tax charges. Checks and major credit cards are acceptable to establish payment. Additionally, your room cannot be guaranteed unless you are registered no later than Friday, September 3, 2010.

Finally, make your travel arrangements as soon as you possibly can. The National Division does not recommend any particular travel agency or airline, but it is suggested that you fly a union carrier – Air Tran, Alaska, American, Continental, Delta, Midwest, Southwest, Spirit, United, US Airways, or any other union carrier not listed here.

Looking forward to see you in Reno, I am

Fraternally yours,

National President

cc: Advisory Board

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