

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 12

September 7, 2005

TO ALL LOCAL CHAIRPERSONS:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

As an on-going process in the General Chairman's office, we send out Circular Letters as circumstances dictate in regard to issues that are of importance to all of our Membership. We are requesting that you read these documents at your Union Meetings for the Membership's benefit and also place them on bulletin boards for those Members who cannot attend the Union Meeting. Incorporated below are issues of importance for our Membership.

✍ **UTU Katrina Relief Fund:**

As I advised in Circular Letter No. 11, International President Paul Thompson has established a relief fund to aid railroad employees and their families who are affected by the devastating hurricane along the Gulf Coast. Many Union Pacific railroad families, including fellow UTU members, have lost their homes and possessions. By action of the Subcommittee, composed of the General Chairman, Full Time Vice General Chairman and Secretary, a donation is authorized from this General Committee in the amount of \$2,500.00.

I encourage you to extend your generosity to assist those who are affected by this disaster. The extent of the damage, and the number of persons displaced by this storm is unprecedented in our country's history.

Checks should be written to "UTU Katrina Relief Fund", and addressed to:

UTU Katrina Relief Fund
Attn: Cheryl Sneed
United Transportation Union
14600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44107

✍ **Union Pacific response to Katrina disaster:**

Attached are two letters from Union Pacific Vice President John Marchant regarding the response of the carrier to the Gulf Coast disaster. The benefits extended by the carrier include up to one month paid leave, in addition to accrued vacation and personal days, and continuance of health and welfare for up to three months. In addition, employees called to active military duty in response to the crisis will receive wage and benefit protection.

✍ **Switching limits East Clinton:**

On August 26, 2005, I performed a joint inspection with the carrier at East Clinton. As a result, it has been agreed that the signs located east of Highway 84 designating the crew change location are within the switching limits. Local Chairmen should no longer progress claims for dates on or subsequent to August 26, 2005, when crew change is at this location.

Trusting this information will aid you in keeping our Membership informed of issues confronting us and with best personal wishes, I remain

Fraternal ly yours,



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General Chairman, G. C. A.

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Attachment:

cc: Paul Thompson, President - UTU
Rick Marceau, Assistant President - UTU
Dan Johnson, III - General Secretary/Treasurer - UTU