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To Form a Trade Union or Federal Labor Union.

First—Unions may be formed of persons working at any trade or calling, or they may be composed of persons working at different or varied callings. The latter are called "Federal Labor Unions," and are of infinite value in such places where there are too few persons employed to form separate unions of each trade.

Second—Any person who desires to organize a union of any trade will, by application to this office, be informed of the address of the chief officer of that trade; but should there be no general union of that trade or calling, or should it be the intention to form a federal labor union, he will be furnished with all necessary documents and information free of charge.

Third—Any number of wage-workers, not less than seven, of either sex, can obtain a Certificate of Affiliation (charter).

Fourth—To organize: Call a meeting and read the printed appeal (furnished on application), also these instructions. Proceed at once to elect officers. Apply to the President of the American Federation of Labor, at his office, for a Certificate of Affiliation, and inclose $10 for the necessary fee, which will be returned in full if the application be refused. Send the fee by post-office money order, express order, or check, payable to the Secretary of the American Federation of Labor. Send also a list of names and residences of the seven charter members of your union, and state the kind of work at which each member is employed.

Fifth—A Certificate of Affiliation entitles the members to all rights and privileges and the union to a voice and vote in the annual conventions of the American Federation of Labor. A full working outfit, consisting of books, seal, writing paper, etc., is forwarded with each charter.

Sixth—Every union has full charge of its own funds, and is only required to pay to the Secretary of the American Federation of Labor a per capita tax of five cents per member per month for each member in good standing.

How to Form a Central Labor Union.

Let an organizer, or any local union, send a communication to all bona fide unions asking that three or more delegates be elected to participate in a meeting, giving time and place. Effect a temporary organization, hold general discussion, and appoint an organizing committee to visit all unions failing to respond. Fill out application for charter, giving names of officers and executive board as well as names of unions. Forward to the headquarters of American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C. Cost of charter, $5; dues, $10 per year.

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