CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

with a series of posters, facts, and bookmarks that commemorate labour leaders.

Marie Clarke Walker
Executive Vice-President
Canadian Labour Congress

Marie started her career working in a home for the elderly, later with adults and children with developmental disabilities, as a counsellor and family-support worker in Toronto and once again at the School Board as an Early Childhood Educator working with children with disabilities.

She rose rapidly through the ranks of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). She eventually became CUPE Ontario's Equity Vice-President and her union's first-ever national Diversity Vice-President, before being elected to her current position at the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC).

Marie made history in 2002 when she was elected as the first racialized woman and youngest person to the position of Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress. In May 2014, she was re-elected as Executive Vice-President for her 5th term.

Her passion is just as fervent now as it was when she first became involved in social movements. She continues to fight injustice everywhere and looks forward to the day when Canada is truly a country which celebrates and respects equally all its diverse and vibrant communities.

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We asked Marie: What inspired you to be involved in the labour movement?

"Seeing the injustices that workers, particularly those who were racialized and marginalized were facing I wanted to fight for Justice, Human rights and equity as well as ensuring that workers rights were protected.

For me it is about making lives better and leaving my community, the movement and society a little better than how I found it, one life at a time.

It is the least we can all do for the next generation, our children and grandchildren"

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