



Matt - here is your June, 2016 e-newsletter (with updates since early-May):

[Demonstrating to Denounce Austerity](#)

Union members in early-June gathered in Hartford outside a state Democratic Party fundraiser to protest politicians' votes to layoff thousands of public employees. [Click here for a photo from the demonstration, organized by the D.U.E. \(Democracy, Unity, Equality\) Justice coalition.](#)

[Coming Together to Reclaim Our Solidarity](#)

Over 200 union delegates on May 21st gathered for our state federation's annual convention where the focus was on the broad challenges facing all working people. [Click here for photos of national, state and local leaders resolving to fight forward over the next year.](#)

[Local Union Members on the National Map](#)

Three members of AFT Connecticut-affiliated unions in mid-May were selected as semi-finalists to be recognized at our national union's 2016 convention. [Click here to learn more about why each was considered among AFT's "Everyday Heroes."](#)

UPDATE - [Click here for the announcement of Danbury Nurses' Union member Roger Woods as a finalist in the Healthcare Division.](#)

[Working to Close the Teacher-Student "Diversity Gap"](#)

Our national union, along with other public education stakeholders are working together "to recruit, support, prepare and retain" a diverse teaching workforce for the 21st century. [Click here for a report-back from the first-ever National Summit on Teacher Diversity in Washington, DC.](#)

[Because Work Shouldn't Hurt](#)

The recent congressional study of workplace violence in healthcare settings continues to generate attention as a step toward long overdue federal standards for prevention. [Click here for our Danbury Hospital nurses' union president's post on the report at the national blog, Medium.](#)

[Responding to an Austerity Budget](#)

Union leaders in mid-May reacted to the legislature's final passage of a budget package that slashes public services and eliminates thousands of jobs. [Click here for Jan Hochadel and Randi Weingarten's public comments in which they warned of severe "consequences for towns and schools."](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

For national Public Services Week we highlighted state employees whose contributions to Connecticut's quality of life are threatened by service cuts and workforce layoffs. [Click here to meet members of three public employee unions urging elected officials choose "economic balance" instead of austerity.](#)

[Mobilizing to Reclaim Public Education](#)

Parents, students, civic and community leaders on May 4th joined union members in West Haven, New Britain and Danbury to "walk-in" together to local schools. [Click here to watch highlights from all three events, which were part of a coordinated national day of action.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- June 9 - 10: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Biennial COPE Convention](#)
- June 21: [Political Training 101 Workshop](#)
- June 22: [AFT National Convention "Survival Guide" Workshop](#)
- June 27: [Regulatory Hearing on L M Hospital Take-Over](#)
- July 8 - 10: [AFT Collaborative Network Labor/Management Conference](#)
- July 18 - 21: [AFT 2016 National Convention](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Real Estate Discounts for Union Families](#)

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