



Affiliated Union Member - here is your June, 2018 e-newsletter (with updates since early May):

[Demanding the Candidates Choose "Which Side Are You On?"](#) *

When AFT Connecticut leaders in late May discovered shadowy special interests exploiting state employees' privacy, they triggered the next phase of our defense plan. [Click here for the petition to candidates seeking our unions' endorsement demanding they reject these under-handed tactics.](#)

[Reaping Additional Benefits Beyond the Bargaining Table](#)

Local union leaders in late May reflected on recent AFT Connecticut-coordinated professional development (PD) courses in which they participated or presented to their colleagues. [Click here for our report on members benefitting "from so many different kinds of experience and skill sets."](#)

[Training and Developing Future Teacher Leaders](#)

Members from three affiliates in late May participated in the Connecticut Central State University (CCSU) School of Education and Professional Studies' (SEPS) Teacher Leader Institute. [Click here for photos from the day-long event, which included breakout sessions presented by local union leaders.](#)

[Protecting and Preserving Access to Quality, Affordable Care](#)

Members of local retiree unions shared their personal stories as part of the "Protect Our Care" project organized by the Connecticut Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA). [Click here to watch two retired activists add their voices to the call for the coverage "everyone deserves."](#)

["Acting Now to Prevent a Crisis in November" *](#)

Delegates to our annual convention in mid May voted overwhelmingly to formally back educator and businessman Ned Lamont's candidacy in this year's gubernatorial election. [Click here for our report on this important step forward in our grassroots "labor is your neighbor" program.](#)

[Planning Our "Road Ahead" Together](#)

Nearly two hundred delegates from affiliated locals gathered for AFT Connecticut's convention in order to take the next steps in advancing our 2018 strategic plan. [Click here for photos from the event where the "U and I in Union's" power was on display.](#)

(Editor's note: [click here for material provided to delegates in advance and at the convention.](#))

[Putting Ourselves on the Line for Justice](#)

AFT Connecticut in mid May was "all-in" for the first local demonstration organized in our state by the national Poor People's Campaign (PPC). [Click here for photos of leaders, staff and social justice committee members arrested for taking a stand in Hartford.](#)

[Carrying on Dr. King's Unfinished Work](#)

State federation leaders in April began mobilizing union members to support and be part of the PPC's actions coordinated locally and across the country. [Click here for our report-back on launching a campaign built on "lessons of non-violent, civil disobedience."](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- June 11: [CT Poor People's Campaign "Day of Moral Action" - Hartford](#)
- June 18: [CT Poor People's Campaign "Day of Moral Action" - Hartford](#)
- June 22: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Biennial Political Convention](#) (2 of 3)
- July 13 - 16: [AFT 2018 National Convention](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Car Rental Discounts](#)

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