



Sisters and brothers,

Join us Wednesday, May 18 for our next union-wide Purple Wednesday. We will staff a table at the Hospital from 8am-2pm with bulletin board materials, extra contract booklets, flyers, and purple stickers. If you are not able to stop by the table, please contact your steward or field rep to arrange to pick up materials earlier that week. Look at the [UIC Updates page](#) for any additional information.

Our union has grown stronger as more and more members are coming together to fight for respect, equality, and safety in their workplace (see the roundup at the bottom of this email for an update on some of those fights at UIC). With this increased activity, and the expiration of all four of the UIC contracts around the corner, it's time to turn our attention to the future.

One thing is certain: we need more resources to keep winning the contracts we deserve. That's why the proposal for dues equity will soon be coming to a member vote. In order to remain strong, we must vote YES for Dues Equity. [Hear why Local](#)

[73 leaders are voting yes on dues equity](#). Voting will take place May 31-June 10 at our Chicago Office and various locations throughout Illinois and Northwest Indiana.

We be holding two town hall meetings to answer questions about dues equity, discuss the timeline/preparations for 2023 contract negotiations, and more.

Please register below.

[Click here](#) to register for the May 23 town hall.

[Click here](#) to register for the May 25 town hall.

Fight Back Roundup – May 2022:

- **Update on the Bilingual Certification pay at UI Health** from Chief Steward Ashley Monroe-Edwards: “On May 6, we met with leadership at UI Health to discuss the status of the bilingual pay. We were told only a handful of UI Health staff had received the bonus pay thus far. We know 150 members have self-identified as doing bilingual work based on our certification tracking form. For that reason, brothers and sisters, we are fighting to get UIC to expand the criteria for eligibility to ensure more staff are eligible for bonus pay across the board at UI Health.”
- [Update from UI Health March labor management meeting](#). The next meeting is scheduled for mid-June.
- **Update on the fight for pay equity in the Division of Specialized Care from Chief Steward Melissa Croft:** “DSCC members have been continuing the fight for sustainable and equitable pay and a fair and sustainable workload. The Local 73 organizing committee at DSCC engaged in Labor Management meetings with DSCC leadership in August and September 2021, but management refused to continue to meet on a regular basis. This was disappointing but not surprising. Every day that management refuses to support and respect us, we grow more inspired and committed to our cause. DSCC members will continue to speak up and out for the betterment of members at DSCC and for the care and services we provide to DSCC participant families across the state.”
- [College of Medicine Peoria staff fight for job security in the face of potential clinic closures](#).

- The **grievance for UI Health employees unfairly denied Disaster Pay** is still open and active. Members who were denied are sending testimonies to management for further review.
- **New Title Negotiations** for newly certified titles IR Tech & Specialist, CT Tech & Specialist, and Radiologic Tech & Specialist in Radiology are coming to a close. The union has also submitted an intention to bargain over the addition of the following titles: Dietician Nutrition Specialist, Community Affairs Specialist, Financial Aide Associate, and Social Work Aide II.
- [SEIU 73 workers stood in solidarity with GEO during their strike in April](#). View the [speech](#) from Member Vice President and UIC Chief Steward Vee Steward when spoke at their solidarity rally on April 20.

In solidarity,

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