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Commemorating May Day – International Workers' Day

On International Workers' Day, we want to recognize all of our members during this

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running. Thank you to everyone who is working from home, keeping U of T, Victoria, St. Mike's and U of T Schools running from your kitchen table, your basement, your bedroom, or whatever quiet space you can find. Thank you to those who are struggling to work from home with kids or elders who need your care and attention. Our institutions could never have pivoted so quickly to online work without the hard work and dedication of our members. Thank you to all of our union representatives, those on release time and those who volunteer their time for all the work you're doing to help members with their concerns, protect their health and safety and keep our Local functioning remotely.

We also want to acknowledge that many of our casual members are no longer working. Their contracts have ended and are not being renewed, or they have been cut short because the summer programs they were working on have been cancelled. There is also uncertainty for our staff-appointed members as this crisis continues to have a huge impact on operations and budgets at our various employers. The union will continue to advocate for our members in all our units to try to mitigate the impact of the crisis on our jobs and to ensure that our contracts are upheld. Over the years and in every country, workers have faced challenge after challenge. It is only by standing together that we can help each other through this current crisis. Let's remember that solidarity on May Day.

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