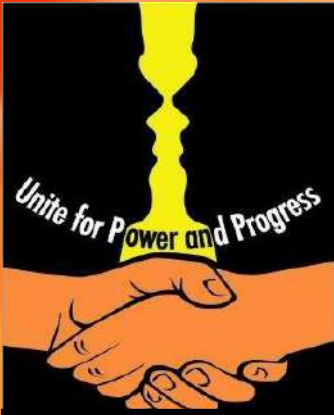


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Union Vibes

Union Vibes is a special publication by the St. Lucia Teachers' Union. The focus of this publication is to keep teachers abreast with current SLTU activities/ events.



Executive Summary

This issue of Union Vibes features a message from the desk of the General Secretary. In case you missed it, the message from the President of the SLTU in observance of Labour Day 2022 and our Mothers' Day greeting card are also included in this issue. Take note of the recent SLTU activities and we would like you to note the upcoming activities like the SLTU End of School Year activity.

We look forward to your continued and renewed participation in all events organized by the union. "Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." (Philip Stanhope, 1774)

Marvellé Modeste—Lubin (Public Relations Officer)

From the Desk of the General Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters of SLTU,



As your General Secretary, once again, it is my pleasure to pen a few words to you.

The St. Lucia Teachers' Union (SLTU) is aware that you have been tirelessly working to ensure the education of our students and safeguarding our country's future. It is for this reason that your Union remains resolute in representing you at all levels and ensuring that the fundamental principles of teacher trade unionism are not lost especially during these trying times. I assure you, that the SLTU is aware of the many challenges within our education system, and it continues to steadfastly engage in initiatives to ensure that programs are developed and maintained to support all members and to defend the integrity of the education system by extension. To this end, our Union continues to collaborate with all stakeholders, particularly the Ministry of Education.

The SLTU continues to dialogue with the Ministry to seek to ensure the smooth running of the system. We have recently placed some new concerns before the Ministry on issues of school security and the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. Health and safety in schools remain a top priority for your Union.

I urge you to continue to support your Union, inform the Executive of developments at your schools and districts and to participate in Union activities.

Long Live the SLTU!!

Yours in the struggle,

Chantal Peter

General Secretary



DON HOWELL
PRESIDENT
ST LUCIA TEACHERS' UNION



May Day 2022 Message

The St. Lucia Teachers' Union (SLTU) joins the St. Lucia Trade Union Federation, as well as regional and international counterparts in the observance of May Day 2022. As we observe May Day 2022, the SLTU reaffirms its commitment to represent and serve its members. Our commitment to the preservation of rights, the safeguarding and obtaining of benefits for workers is unwavering.

As a trade union, we must take the observance of May Day seriously. The workers who preceded us in the system won the many gains that we enjoy today. We have a responsibility to be grateful for their efforts and endeavor to build upon the foundation they have laid. I urge you to use the power that you have working alongside the SLTU to effect change at your schools and by extension the entire education system.

Since becoming a registered trade union in 1934, the SLTU has united teachers to ensure that there is progress in the education system. When we received push backs, the SLTU has stood strong and continued the fight. Today, the SLTU continues to battle on behalf of teachers to ensure justice, equity, security, and safety in our workplaces.

We continue to face uncertain times as we navigate through the COVID 19 pandemic. The SLTU is proud of the work that teachers have done and the sacrifices that they continue to make to advance the education system. Since the onset of the pandemic, the SLTU remains fervent in its quest to ensure that proper health and safety standards are implemented to protect our members. School security is also a major concern and the SLTU will not allow this issue to be trivialized.

While the SLTU battles on your behalf, we must be cognizant of the fact that we can only achieve success when we all get involved and work together. I urge you to be an active member of the SLTU. Stay connected to your Shop Stewards and your Branch Representatives. Support the branch and national activities of the Union. We all have a part to play to keep our union strong and active.

I ask that you continue to stay safe and I wish you a Happy Labour Day.

Long Live the SLTU!!

UNION NEWS

The 22nd Biennial Convention of the SLTU

The Biennial Conference was held on Thursday April 21st, 2022 at the National Cultural Center. The Convention received reports from the National Executive and members received an opportunity to guide the operations of the organization. At the convention, two trustees were elected in keeping with the S.L.T.U. constitution. They are Bro. Sherman Sylvester and Sis. Ella Morris.

The newly elected Executive to serve for the biennium 2022—2024 was also installed at the convention. The individuals who now form the Executive are as follows;

President	Bro. Don Howell
1st Vice President	Sis. Anne Giffard-Elcock
2nd Vice President	Bro. Simmons Jules
General Secretary	Sis. Chantal Peter

Deputy General Secretary	Sis. Mayn Poleon
Treasurer	Bro. Schaefer Sylvester
Public Relations Officer	Sis. Marvelle Modeste-Lubin

Branch Updates

Some Branches recently held their branch elections; namely: Castries Branch, Vieux Fort Branch, Micoud Branch and Gros-Islet Branch. Congratulations to all newly elected Branch Executive Members. We say a special thank you to the outgoing Branch Executives. The Newly Elected Branch Presidents are:

Sis. Trifanelda Daway—Castries Branch, Sis. Sherene Saltibus—Vieux Fort Branch, Sis. Timothia Joseph—Micoud Branch and Sis. Shana Eudovic—Gros Islet Branch.

SLTU Women's Committee

The Women's Committee held their annual conference for International Women's Day. At the said event, a new Women's Committee was elected to serve for the period 2022-2024. The Members of the Women's Committee are highlighted below.

Sis. Verlina Joseph (Chairperson), Sis. Gemma Blasse, Sis. Magarita McFarlene, Sis. Chantal Glasgow, Sis. Leah Eugene, Sis. Sylvia Joseph, Sis. Jazany Peter.

Trade Union Federation (TUF)

TUF ICT Project: The TUF launched its ICT Project on April 20, 2022. The project is funded by the International Labour Organization (ILO). Members of the TUF will receive ICT support through the project.

Labour Day 2022: The TUF hosted the annual Labour Day Rally on May 2nd, 2022 at the Financial Center. The Rally featured a message from the President of the TUF, Bro. Julian Monrose and Guest Speaker Dr. Jimmy Fletcher. The Rally also received a message from the President of the SLTU, Bro. Don Howell.

TUF Biennial Conference: The TUF Biennial Conference was held on May 4, 2022. The Conference reviewed the work of the TUF and elected a new executive to serve for the period 2022—2024. The SLTU congratulates Bro. Julian Monrose who was re-elected as President of the TUF. We also congratulate Sis. Chantal Peter who was elected to the position of Deputy General Secretary of the TUF.

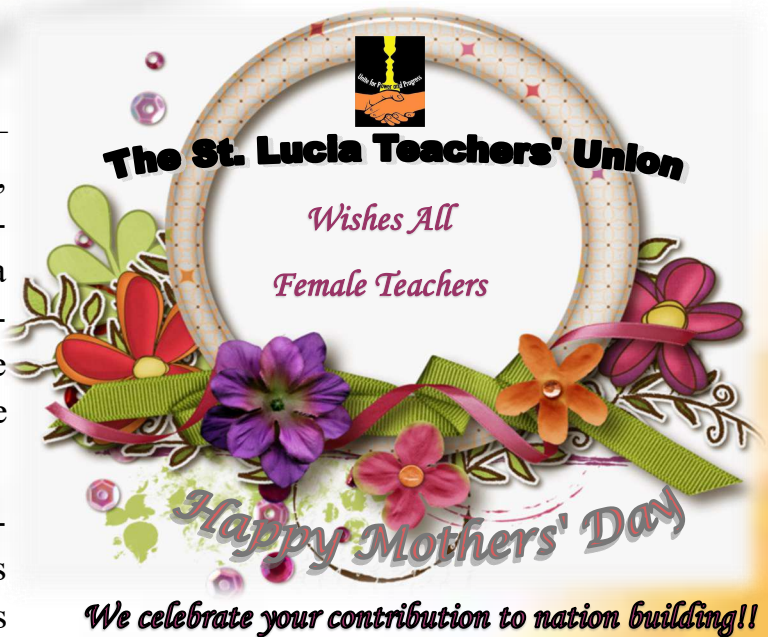
SLTU Workshop—Gender Based

Violence in the Workplace

The SLTU held a workshop on Gender-Based Violence on Wednesday 11th May, 2022. The activity was funded by the Caribbean Union of Teachers (CUT) through a collaboration with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO). The SLTU Women's Committee coordinated the activity.

The workshop was successful. The participants for the workshop included members of General Council, the SLTU Women's Committee and a male and female member of each branch.

The SLTU will be continuing to provide opportunities for further training.



SLTU ACTIVITIES

- **Thank you teachers for supporting the SLTU Socarama. The North team came out victorious winning all their games.**
- **Look out for the SLTU End of Year Activity .**
- **SLTU is participating in an Inter-commercial Futsal competition. More information about the competition and the schedule of matches will be circulated shortly.**

Please send a message to SLTU PRO at 717-6996, to keep abreast with SLTU news.

Coming Soon!!! SLTU's Updated Website: www.stluciateachersunion.com