

The Latest Developments in the Labor Movement

Mark Richard, a highly respected educator and union leader. Richard, a member of AFT's higher education program and policy council, is a veteran labor lawyer who also has taught at Miami-Dade Community College for more than 20 years. He helped form the union that faculty elected in 1998 to represent them, the United Faculty of Miami-Dade Community College/AFT, and was serving as UFMDCC's president when he agreed to step in at UTD.

Unionism is the “last surviving civil rights movement in our country” and it needs to replenish itself with new leaders in order to compete with the right-wing ideologues that would strip workers of the rights—and respect—their unions have achieved for them.

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A labor lawyer who has represented 50 different unions in his career, Richard received national recognition when he was named administrator of United Teachers of Dade (UTD)—like UUP, an AFT affiliate.