



IBEW 3rd District Youth Caucus (3DYC)/ RENEW

Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters,

Season's greetings to everyone! We hope everyone is doing well. As we wrap up another successful year for the 3DYC, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous 2016.

We were represented at local, regional, and national young worker events. A number of young worker groups were formed while others continued to grow. Our social media efforts continue to develop as well.

2015 started with 3DYC participation at the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus in Atlanta on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. There was an entire day devoted to a RENEW Young Workers conference that was well attended by 3rd District young workers. The rest of the weekend involved a day of community service with over 300 volunteers, two days of leadership workshops, plenary sessions, and caucuses.

In March, over 1500 young union workers, students, community activists and future labor leaders converged in Chicago for two separate events over a seven-day span. The AFL-CIO hosted 1000 young people at its' NextUp Summit over the weekend of March 19 through March 22 with over 100 IBEW members. Immediately following the AFL-CIO's effort, over 400 IBEW members including 40 from the 3rd District participated at the RENEW Conference from Sunday, March 22 until Wednesday March, 25. The IBEW 3DYC was represented at both gatherings. These conferences were the result of nearly a decade worth of effort spent on the youth initiative in the labor movement. It was an opportunity to gather young people from across the country and Canada to discuss the issues and challenges facing young people today and to forge solutions towards growing the labor movement with a new generation of activists.

On the last weekend in May, the 3DYC organized four regional events across the District as part of the IBEW 3DYC/RENEW Tour "**Growing the Movement - One Day, One City, One Person at a Time.**" The events took place in Albany, Buffalo, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Over 120 young workers from 30 different local unions were able to come together and participate in community service, a social event, and a morning of workshops.

Forty young workers came together at the 3rd District Progress Meeting in Atlantic City to participate in an afternoon workshop and 2 community service projects as well. Giving back has always been a major part of our efforts, and this Progress Meeting was no different with volunteering projects at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey Atlantic County and the United Way.

In November, IBEW 3DYC co-chair Chris Erikson Jr. represented the 3rd District at the RENEW Advisory Council Fall meeting in Washington, D.C. Much of the meeting focused on growing the RENEW movement across the IBEW with RENEW charters for young worker groups and also integration of the RENEW toolkit. Any local union young worker group in the 3rd District is encouraged to ask their Business Manager to request their RENEW charter from IVP Siegel's office. Similarly, they can have a conversation with their Business

Manager about accessing the RENEW Toolkit which can be found on the Local Connections webpage through the IBEW.

2015 was, by all accounts, a great year for the IBEW 3rd District Youth Caucus.

We are continuing to grow and develop our social media efforts as well. Be sure to invite friends, families, and co-workers to Like the IBEW 3DYC Facebook page and to follow us on Twitter as well. With nearly 600 followers on Facebook and over 430 on Twitter, we can utilize these platforms to spread the good work we do, highlight issues that affect us as young workers in the labor movement, and make connections with other people and groups fighting the same fights we are on a daily basis.

Thank you to everybody who has helped to make 2015 another successful year for the IBEW 3rd District Youth Caucus. We continue to lead the young worker efforts in the IBEW and the labor movement across the United States and Canada. Be sure to get as many people involved as you can on the local level as you continue to grow and develop your own local union 3DYC RENEW groups. The future of the IBEW is dependent on our generation to step up and fight for working people every day. The challenges are immense but our work is truly making a difference. Happy holidays to you and your families, and may we continue our efforts to even more success in 2016.

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