

Representing Contract Faculty, Teaching Assistants, Graduate Assistants, and Part-Time Librarians and Archivists @York University, Toronto

Canadian Union of Public Employees/Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique local/section locale 3903

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Re: Request for Donations and Messages of Solidarity.

Dear Union Ally,

I am writing to you to ask for your support during the York University strike and our local members at CUPE 3903. Here's what's happening with the strike: on Friday, March 2nd, teaching assistants, contract faculty, and graduate assistants by CUPE 3903'S Units 1, 2, and 3 voted to strike after extensive bargaining over job security, graduate funding, and the elimination of research assistantships.

Since starting our strike action on Monday, March 5th, York University continues to refuse to resume negotiations. We are humbly asking for any support your local, council, division or national office can give by way of material and political support as we fight again for fair wages and job security.

We would be grateful for monetary contributions, in the form of **cheques made payable to the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3903**; or, material donations in the form of disposable thermoses of coffee, cups and coffee condiments, sandwiches, pastry and biscuit/granola varieties, and various hygiene supplies (food containers, paper towels, bathroom paper).

We also welcome your members to join our picket lines or send messages of solidarity! Solidarity picketing and messages help ensure morale remains high among our members, and lets our members know they are supported in their fight for better working conditions.

We will mention your support in our union communications. For donations, please make sure to include information necessary for us to issue your tax receipt. Thank you kindly.

In Solidarity,

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