

**Member-at-Large Report**  
**September 2015 to December 2015**  
**Sandra DiGnagbo**

My focus as a member at large of the Regional Executive Council is on community outreach.

This quarter was quite busy with the Federal Elections which was the longest election campaign in Canada's history. I contributed to this election by going out to cast an early ballot with my family and encouraging friends and peers to do the same. I entertained a number of one on one conversations with young workers and colleagues on the importance of exercising one's democratic right to vote as a Canadian citizen. I also posted friendly reminders on social media to get people out to the polling stations and voting for their party of choice, no matter which party they favoured.

Likewise, I also shared an electronic Political Parties report card with my networks, especially members of the black and racialized community. This report card was created by the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Ontario Chapter and was intended to serve as a voter education tool to engage members of our community to vote in the federal election for the party that has their best interest at heart. The report card was non-partisan. It solely provided the reader with information gathered from the parties' platforms, priorities and statements made at televised federal election candidates' debates. Thus, voters could make an educated decision on which party to support. Many found this tool to be quite effective and useful as the bulk of the information they required to make a decision was conveniently found in one well organized document.

In 2014 the NCR Ottawa Area Council, the Young Workers Committee and the Office of the REVP supported my participation at the CBTU International Convention which was an empowering and an educational experience for me as a racialized young worker. This year, I was selected to serve as the Master of Ceremony for the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Ontario Chapter 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, Dance and Fundraiser which took place in Toronto in the month of November. It was a tremendous honour for me to stand as a young worker and as

a member of the PSAC. I was pleased to see our NCR REVP as well as NCR members in attendance.

I attended the last NCR Executive Council meeting of the year which occurred on December 7.

As the Co-Chair of the Young Workers Committee (YWC), I organized and attended the “YWC Holiday Social” on December 23. This event offered attendees the opportunity to meet and mingle. The YWC will resume its regular activities and will hold its AGM in the New Year, which I plan to attend.

As we bring another year to a close, I would like to wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays and the very best in the New Year.