*Cornish Federation of Teachers*

Local # 4169

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Seattle, WA 98121

Dear CFT members,

I write to you as we are nearing the end of our dues period (December to December) and I would like to invite you to renew your membership for the year. As you know, there are two ways to pay dues to your union: one is by lump sum, which if you can swing it makes my job as treasurer easier and the other is the **AFTchex** system of monthly dues deductions from your checking account.

I will be contacting those members who pay annually to see if they want to continue to pay by lump sum. For those members who prefer to continue with the **AFTchex** system you only have to contact me **if**; you no longer wish to be a member of the union or that your checking account information has changed**. I will automatically renew you unless I hear from you otherwise.**

A few things to keep in mind: your Executive officers do not get paid from dues to do the union’s work…we are a volunteer-based organization which depends on involvement of faculty to advocate on their own behalf. We also do not presently have Fair Share, which means that not every faculty members pays dues towards representation even though the union bargains and advocates on their behalf regardless of membership.

For those members who find at semester’s end that they will no longer be employed at Cornish and are part of the AFTchex system, you can call or email me at 206-612-7894 or [davidtaft@mac.com](mailto:davidtaft@mac.com) and alert me of the end to your Cornish employment and I will tear up the rest of the monthly checks in your booklet. It is otherwise assumed that your dues are paid monthly throughout the dues period.

Please let me know if you have any questions about union dues, why we pay them and what benefits we get from being a union member.

Best,

David Taft, Treasurer CFT