

James V. Hart, Metal Trades Department President



James (Jimmy) V. Hart was elected President of the Metal Trades Department (MTD), AFL-CIO, by the MTD Executive Council to fill the unexpired term of the retiring President effective July 1, 2016.

Throughout brother Hart's career as a trade unionist, he has served in a number of leadership positions at the local, state and national levels.

Hart began his career in New York City as a member of Plumbers Local Union #1, UA. He was initiated into the union on March 1, 1976, where he rose through the ranks of membership as an apprentice, journeyman, instructor, foreman and local union officer. During his tenure in New York City, Brother Hart represented civil service employees and led government employee collective bargaining negotiations that yielded or protected some of America's highest wages and most progressive workplace conditions enjoyed by municipal government employees.

In 1999, Brother Hart was appointed as a Special Representative and assigned to the state of New York and later Florida where he was in the forefront of building teams that were responsible for rebuilding and restoring the union's pipe trades and state associations and councils to organizing and political prominence. He was subsequently elected international representative and served as director of the Metal Trades Maritime and Government Employees Department.

Hart served as UA key representative to the Metal Trades Department and as a Council trustee. During that time, Brother Hart worked with the Councils that comprise the Department in both an administrative capacity and as a liaison between the UA and the Department. This dual role allowed him to work with local unions and various MTD Councils to address financial, membership, record keeping and organizing practices, while instituting changes to help improve council management. His efforts improved branding, communication, political and membership outreach

methods and ultimately provided new perspectives towards what works when building consensus among affiliated International and National Unions, the Department and its Councils.

Jimmy Hart was born and raised in Brooklyn, is a family man who loves the New York Mets and Jets and like all good Union Plumbers from Brooklyn hopes to pass on to his final reward while residing in Florida (God Willing).
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