

COMRADE OF LABOUR (STAR)

Mike Thiruman

General Secretary
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Nominated by the National Trades Union Congress, supported by the NTUC Public Service Cluster

Mike Thiruman has served as Singapore Teachers' Union (STU) president from 2003 to 2017, and has been its general secretary since 2016. He also serves as an NTUC representative on the Industrial Arbitration Court employee panel and the public service disciplinary committee of inquiry.

At NTUC, he has served and been serving on various committees. Currently, he is a member of the membership committee, the public service cluster and the essential domestic services cluster.

At STU, Brother Mike has been actively recruiting new members and bringing new candidates to the executive committee. He also actively supported STU members who were one of the most impacted frontline staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the ways he supported this was to advocate for the teacher's mental wellness and welfare during the period.

He also innovated the existing Teacher Wellness Counselling Services to ensure that members' mental and socio-emotional well-being is looked after. Brother Mike led the formation of a team of career coaches to provide career planning services to members.

Brother Mike established the Teacher and Adaptive Skills Webinar Series to improve members' workplace competencies. He also initiated the Industrial Relations Webinar Series to raise members' awareness of Public Service Instruction Manuals and Teachers' Code of Conduct.

He also led STU's collaboration with other NTUC entities, such as U PME, Trust Bank, and MoneyOwl, to develop quality services and products for members.