



Patrick Flaherty, Labor Department Economist, to Discuss State's Economic/Employment Outlook

Talk is scheduled Oct. 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Avon's St. Ann's Church

WETHERSFIELD, October 17 – Patrick Flaherty, an Economist in the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Research, will take a look at this state's current jobs situation and make projections about its future during an Oct. 19 talk scheduled at St. Ann's Church in Avon.

Flaherty, a former state representative from Coventry, an instructor at the University of Connecticut and current Ph.D. candidate at UCONN, will speak in the Activity Room of the church, which is located at 270 West Avon Road (at the corner of Arch Road and Route 167/West Avon Road) from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

During his talk, titled "Connecticut Economic and Employment Outlook 2012 and Beyond," Flaherty will speak about the challenges as well as opportunities that face jobseekers as the result of the state's continued sluggish economy.

"The recession has hurt some in Connecticut more than others, and the recovery has brought growth to some sectors which have seen few gains," he explains. "The short-term outlook remains challenging, but the long-run prospects are for increased demand in a wide variety of occupations."

During the St. Ann's session, Flaherty will also describe and demonstrate some of the many on-line job search programs available through the Connecticut Department of Labor's Web site.

While there is no fee for attending, registration for the event is suggested. For additional information, please contact Brian Jud at either (860) 673 -7650 or brianjud@comcast.net or Alan Richards at adrichards3271@sbcglobal.net.

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