

Dear Committee Members:

As a retired person I am aware of how different is the amount of my pension as compared to my husbands. It was part of the culture to believe that paying women the minimum salary was acceptable. At a meeting in the 80's when salaries were being discussed, someone asked if I was half-time, why wasn't my salary half of the amount given to the other pastor? There was dead silence in the room and no one said a word. The meeting moved on. I believe it is time to pass the fair pay bill.

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