



Advocacy Update

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Equal Pay Day: Support the Paycheck Fairness Act

Yesterday, April 12, was Equal Pay Day, the day on which women reached the salary level reached by males by December 31, 2010. In other words, generally speaking women needed to work an additional three and one-half months to earn what men made last year. My e-mail yesterday was flooded with statements, press releases, alerts, articles, and blog notices concerned about the impact on the families and on inadequate retirement incomes of women earning seventy-seven cents, on average, for every dollar that men earn. Take a moment to read [President Obama's proclamation](#) and the [statement by U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Chair Jacqueline A. Berrien](#).

[The Paycheck Fairness Act](#) was reintroduced in Congress yesterday, in recognition of Equal Pay Day, to end this salary discrimination. The bill had been passed by the House of Representatives last year but was two votes away from passage in the Senate. [Send an email](#) to urge your members of Congress to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. You can also call your members through the Capitol Switchboard at 202.224.3121.

The Federal Budget: Its Impact on State Anti-poverty Programs?

Join with a broad range of faith groups for a webinar, "Budget Debates: Why You Should Care & What You Can Do About It," on Thursday, April 14th, at 12:00 PM EST to find out how we can become active in support of those living in poverty in the U.S. and globally.

The webinar will:

- Relate legislative budget decisions with our role as members of the faith community and the muscle we have speaking from a faith perspective.
- Provide an overview of the federal budget process, terminology, and basic facts about the makeup of the federal budget and federal deficits.
- Present the pending legislation and the current budget threats.
- Connect what's going on at the federal level with what is occurring at the state and local level.
- Present options for action and organizing around these threats.

Space is limited for "Budget Debates: Why You Should Care & What You Can Do About It" so be sure to RSVP today!