

Martha Buck became a member of Monmouth County (NJ) NOW in 1971 and participated in demonstrations at Bell Telephone Labs and the ERA march. In 1972 she joined the Essex County (NJ) NOW chapter. As a civil rights investigator (sex discrimination), NJ division on civil rights, Buck participated in a successful case against the Little League in which the Little League was ordered to admit girls. She investigated and found “probable cause” against the Montclair School District and wrote an early affirmative action plan adopted by the district to promote women into administrative positions. From 1974–1976 she was a national board member of NOW, and from 1976 –1977 was executive VP. She participated in planning the First National March for ERA, and was involved in the administration of the Washington, D.C., NOW national offices. From 1982–1989, as a senior labor economist in the research department at the national headquarters of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Buck participated in and oversaw all union activity nationwide directed at achieving pay equity for women working in the public sector. Buck, who has a B.S. from Skidmore College and a B.T.S. from Episcopal School for Deacons, was ordained a deacon at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, in 1997. (ABS)