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Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At this point any group that claims it is religious avoids all public transparency and accountability, which is blatantly unfair and discriminatory to the many other non-profits that serve their communities.

All non-profit organizations should be treated equally. Currently the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with, or lose their exemption. Taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.

As a volunteer that helps support PTAs – which are all all 501(c)(3)s - I know filing can often be a hardship and difficult for those grossing less than $50,000.00 but if they can do it, then certainly we should ask the same of churches and religious groups.

I appreciate your considering my viewpoint.

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