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Dear Ms. Preston:

As treasurer of our local chapter of United Nations Association, I am required to submit an annual report to the IRS. Exempting religious organizations from public accountability clearly gives them an unfair advantage and, although I am not a lawyer, appears to be unconstitutional as well:

> ...no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States. (Article VI shows that the founders intended no preference for religion.)
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> Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion... (Amendment I - 1791)
> [Source: http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution/full-text]

While most secular organizations would surely lose their non-profit status (as well as willing donors) if most of their funds were spent on themselves, most church funding goes to proselytizing (often against each other) and to fund themselves, rather than to actually helping others:

> www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2014/september/how-727-megachurches-spend-their-money-leadership-network.html
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> www.bloomberg.com/bw/articles/2012-07-10/how-the-mormons-make-money

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