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Hello, All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, or a religious position. 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.
Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organizations that claim to be religious organizations, to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption.

Please eliminate all religious exemptions that do not relate to direct church grounds and buildings. All other holdings should be taxed. As an Atheist I am directly being forced to subsidize the religious beliefs of others through higher taxes that I would not have to pay if these things were taxed. Estimates show that personal taxes could be halved if this happened.

Thank You, Paul Marcussen 5705 Waverly Rd. Lincoln, Ne. 68517