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The biggest problem with IRS 990 is that it is not required of all nonprofits. Yes, it can be burdensome, but the EZ version makes it easy for small nonprofits, and that would also apply to small churches. If a church can keep its books, it can fill out the forms in return for nonprofit status, just like the 1.5 million non-church organizations that willingly follow the law.

That churches are exempt is a nonsensical and unnecessary gift to organizations that together get $100 billion from U.S. citizens yearly. Like any nonprofit, they claim that they use their income for the betterment of society. Then, like any nonprofit, they should prove it.

Most churches have nothing to be ashamed of were their books to be opened to the public, but with the current situation, their hidden finances make them look bad.

Best regards,
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