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I believe that 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. This form is not so lengthy that a church organization can't get together the information once a year.

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.

I decide to contribute my money to organizations depending on how they spend donations. If they spend too much money on "administration" then I do not support them. The same would go for churches if I had that information available. Probably some churches are afraid to make this information available because their congregation might pull away if they only knew where their money actually goes. We no longer want any such secrets/privilege.

The church that I grew up in is not the type of church that is "hiding" how they spend money. They would be able to handle this disclosure easily. The mega churches/pastors out there may not do so well if their parishioners only knew. This information should be made available to disclose how all of these organizations spend their money!

Sincerely,
~James Szymkowiak