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This email is in regard to the 501c3 non-profit form 990. In respect to the non filing of religious organizations. There are literally millions of dollars going through religious organizations. And it is unfair that all other 501c3 organizations have to file this form. Yet religious organizations are exempt.

I suggest that any IRS oversight of 501c3 organizations must be equally informed against religious organizations.

And that the IRS should, at the very minimum, require church entities claiming exemption from filing the 990 to inform the IRS through a letter or prescribed form.

- 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.

Thank you for your time, A concerned citizen, Sam Salerno