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I am writing to recommend that the IRS treat religious organizations the same as secular 501c3 organizations.

This should not be overly burdensome to churches and other religious organizations. The primary benefit to the public is the ability to publically scrutinize the large mega churches and televangelists who take advantage of the current lack of transparency. It will also allow an individual to review a religious institution's finances before they decide to join it.

It doesn't make sense that a "church" can generate tens of millions of dollars and not have to provide any public disclosure like any other charity would. Furthermore, any organization like a church that is dedicated to being morally beyond question should have no issue with having the light of day shined on their finances.

Lastly, as John Oliver demonstrated just a few weeks ago, a person with no scruples can abuse this religious exemption and be beyond the reach of the law. While that abuse may not change with making religious organizations file 990's, it will allow concerned individuals, and the press, to expose these people.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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