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Hello,

It is my understanding that exemption from reporting finances that religious organizations currently receive is under review.

I believe that exempting religious organizations from producing financial statements poses a major risk to the IRS, and also the public, by creating an opportunity for these organizations to misrepresent or under-represent their financial earnings, and how those earnings are charitably applied. An organization that is exempted from taxes should be held to the highest level of accountability and scrutiny by the IRS, to ensure that the exemptions are applied fairly and appropriately, and to prevent dishonest or fraudulent activities from being used to avoid taxes. Honest organizations should not have an objection to disclosing their finances, and in fact should be happy to do so, to prove they are honest in their dealings.
We all have an interest in fair, honest financial accounting, and no organization, religious or not, should be simply trusted to honestly disclose their financial statements. It is my hope that you take this into account when considering changes to the form 990 process.

Thank you,

Daniel Evans