From: Scott W
To: Preston Christie A
Subject: Comments on Form 990
Date: Friday, September 11, 2015 2:32:25 PM

To whom it may concern:

Current IRS policy singles out churches for special treatment by way of exception from the disclosure requirements and all other 501(c)(3) organizations. Taxpayers, who in the interest of the common good, collectively have allowed non-profits to be tax exempt, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. Organizations that seek to hide fiduciary impropriety may escape accountability by self-electing classifications as a church. 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.

Sincerely,
Scott Weitzel