From:	Larry Holland
To:	Preston Christie A
Subject:	Comments relating to IRS Form 990
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Dear Christie Preston (IRS):

I would like to comment to you on the RIS giving favoritism to any organization claiming to be religious over secular non-profit organizations.

I think it only makes logical and legal sense for all non-profit organizations to be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse a religious position or a non-religious position. The IRS currently 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.

It is only right that IRS oversight of 501(c)(3) organizations be equally enforced against religious organizations.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.
Sincerely,
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