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Filing of Form 990 is crucial for public oversight of non-profit organizations. It is a requirement of having a special "non-profit" status in the USA.

Sadly however, simply by calling oneself a "Church", the organization is exempt from filing the form and protected from public oversight. It's ludicrous how easy it is to hide funds and not pay taxes simply by claiming an organization is a church.

Take a look at John Oliver's segment on televangelists. Not only did he call out the FCC, he also called out the IRS. His group created a "Church", made false claims and in no way need to disclose their funding or how that money is spent.

At the very least, Form 990 should be required by Churches simply to prevent the bad apples from ruining things for everybody else. Which many are doing right now!

Cheers!
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