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Dear Ms. Preston:
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I am a CPA working in the Chicago metropolitan area and I have been asked to comment on Form 990 and its usage and current treatment. Over the years, it has become clear to me the obvious discrepant treatment by the IRS of non-church groups. I am 53 years-old, raised as a Jew and am actively involved as a volunteer in community theater. I wish to make two points:

- All not-for-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, or a religious position. Currently the IRS 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.

Thank you for considering this matter and for requesting comments about the Form 990.

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