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Mr. Preston,
I was previously and am now presently a member of several non-profit organizations which fall under the rulings of 501(c)(3) status. As such we submit the form 990 on a regular basis. I full understand the importance of our our system of government to oversee the legal status of those seeking tax exempt status. I also take great issue with some organizations being allowed to circumvent the rules. All non-profit organizations should be treated equally. 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 why they are being exempt. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability. I, as a tax payer have a right to know what organizations I am subsidizing.

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. They must be held accountable and prove they follow the law as all non-profits are required. I wonder how the religious right would feel if they knew they were subsidizing non-Christian groups especially when those groups espouse violence?
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