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# REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR CONGREGATIONS

Federal, state, and other reporting made easy.



by Dan Busby, CPA John Van Drunen, JD, CPA Congregation leaders should be aware of the filing requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Service, state, and local taxing authorities. The purpose of this booklet is to provide information on these basic requirements. Some of the key changes for 2011 and 2012 of which church leaders should be aware include:

- **Mileage rates.** The IRS increased the standard business mileage rate was set at 51 cents per mile effective January 1, 2011. On July 2, 2011, the rate was raised to 55.5 cents per mile. This rate held constant for 2012. This is the maximum rate that may be used for tax-free reimbursement paid to employees and independent contractors.
- Retirement contribution limits. The maximum salary reduction for 401(k) or 403(b) plans remains at \$16,500 for 2012. The annual catch-up limit for individuals age 50 or over remains at \$5,500 for 2012.
- Social security. There were significant changes in the social security rates for 2011 because of the payroll tax "holiday," resulting in a reduction in the employee's payroll tax rate from 6.2% to 4.2% for 2011. The special 4.2% rate was extended through February 28, 2012 by Congress. The Medicare tax rate for 2012 remains 1.45%, the same as in 2011. The compensation base was \$106,800 for 2011 and increased to \$110,100 for 2012.

The basis for proper congregation financial reporting often begins with adequate policies and congregation board resolutions. A few examples include: approving an accountable expense reimbursement plan provides the guidelines for reimbursing congregation expenses to employees, adopting a prospective housing allowance designation, and formally approving an appropriate plan if out-of-pocket medical expenses are reimbursed to employees. Detailed information on these issues and much more are included in the 2012 editions of our two books annually published by Zondervan.

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# Recent Developments

Grassley requests assistance from ECFA on church tax policy issues. In 2011, Senator Charles Grassley, then the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, requested ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) to facilitate responses to 61-pages of church and other non-profit tax policy issues raised by his staff. The issues relate to topics such as the minister's housing exclusion (should the exclusion be limited, should the exclusion only apply to one house at a time and related issues), the potential of requiring churches to annually file Form 990 with the IRS, as is required for most non-church organizations, the possible clarification of the rules relating to clergy "love" offerings, compensation setting for senior pastors and whether the clergy should be allowed to speak their conscience with respect to candidates for public office.

In response to this request from Grassley, ECFA formed a national commission: the Commission on Accountability and Policy for Religious Organizations. The Commission is expected to release an initial report on its findings in 2012 and a second report in 2013. You can follow Commission-related developments and provide your input at religious policy commission.org.

Congress extends payroll tax "holiday." Congress approved an extension of the FICA payroll tax "holiday," in effect for 2011, through February 28, 2012. The extension allows employers to withhold employee payroll taxes at 4.2% (instead of 6.2%) on all wages paid during the two-month extension period, subject only to the full 2012 wage base (\$110,100) and without regard to the \$18,350 cap (two-twelfths of the wage base of \$110,100) on wages earned through the end of February 2012. There is also a 2% reduction through February 28, 2012, in the SECA rate for qualified ministers as self-employed individuals for social security purposes.

**IRS provides guidance on employer provided cell phones.** For 2010 and succeeding years, the IRS will treat the value of employer-provided cell phones, and similar telecommunications equipment (including the value of any personal use by the employee) as excludible from the employee's income, as long as the cell phone is provided to the employee primarily for a noncompensatory business reason (such as the employer's need to contact the employee at all times for work-related emergencies). Providing a cell phone to promote morale or goodwill, to attract a prospective employee, or to furnish additional compensation to an employee is evidence that there is disqualifying compensatory business reason.

Employers may reimburse an employee for the business use of a cell phone but the church should require the employee to submit a copy of the monthly bill and evidence that the bill has been paid.

If a church does not have a substantial noncompensatory business reason for providing a cell phone to an employee, or reimbursing the employee for business use of his or her personal cell phone, the value of the use of the phone, or the amount of the reimbursement is includible in gross income, reportable on Forms 941 and W-2, and for lay employees is subject to federal and state employment tax withholding.

**Impact of health care reform on churches.** Health care reform affects nearly all church and non-profit employees and their employers. The following are some of the key issues to consider:

- Flexible spending account (FSA), health reimbursement account (HRA) and Health Savings Account (HSA) changes. The law requires the following changes to these types of accounts:
  - 1. In 2011, employees were no longer able to receive pre-tax reimbursements from their FSA, HRA or HSA for non-prescribed over-the-counter medications. Thus, the cost of over-the-counter medicine (other than insulin or doctor prescribed medicine) cannot be reimbursed on a tax-free basis through an HSA or Archer MSA for 2011 and future years. Medical supplies and equipment continue to qualify for reimbursement (contact lens solutions, bandages, crutches, etc.).

- 2. In 2013, employee contributions to FSAs are capped at \$2,500 annually, with the cap adjusted annually to the Consumer Price Index.
- > Small organization health insurance credit. A tax credit is provided for eligible churches for payments to purchase health insurance for its employees. The credit became effective for 2010. To qualify, a church must have:
  - no more than 25 full-time employees (FTEs) employed during its tax year, and
  - an average payroll of no more than \$50,000.

For 2010 (through 2013), the maximum credit is 35 percent of premiums paid in 2010 (through 2013) by eligible churches and 25 percent of premiums paid by eligible churches. In 2014, this maximum credit increases to 50 percent of premiums paid by eligible churches and 35 percent of premiums paid by eligible churches.

The maximum credit is available for churches with 10 or fewer employees with an average wage of less than \$25,000. Because the eligibility formula is based in part on the number of FTEs, not the number of employees, many churches will qualify even if they employ more than 25 individual workers.

The health insurance credit is available by filing Form 8941 and claiming the credit on Form 990-T (Unrelated Business Income Tax Return). A church that qualifies for the credit is entitled to receive it even if it does not have an income tax liability and even if it does not ordinarily file Form 990-T.

Even though the due date for the 2010 Form 990-T (if a church was subject to filing the form) has passed for most churches, it may still be possible for eligible churches to claim the small business health care tax credit for 2010. Generally, income tax returns may be filed late, so long as they are filed within three years of the due date. If only a refund is due (i.e., there is no tax due), there is generally no penalty for filing late.

The IRS states that in calculating average employee wages, the wages of a minister are excluded from the calculation (because the minister's wages are not FICA wages). However, if the minister is an employee for income tax purposes, the minister may be counted in determining the number of employees to be included in the calculation. As a result of these provisions, a church employing ministers could have average employee wages that are significantly lower than the church might think would be the case at first glance.

➤ Supreme Court to rule on health care law. The U.S. Supreme Court will review the 2010 health care law in 2012.

The court accepted appeals from a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta, which is the only appellate court to date to say the law is unconstitutional. The suit was filed by the National Federation of Independent Business and 26 states, who claimed that Congress overstepped its authority by passing a law requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance or pay a steep fine. The Atlanta appellate court found in favor of the plaintiffs, calling the law's individual mandate provision "a wholly novel and potentially unbounded assertion of congressional authority."

The Supreme Court is expected to hear oral arguments in the case next March, which would be roughly two years after the law's passage. A ruling in the case is expected before the court recesses in late June.

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|--|--|--|--|
|  | 2010                                     | 2011                                       | 2012                                   |
| Social security:   |  |  |  |
| SECA (OASDI & Medicare) rate   | 15.3%                                    | 13.3%                                      | 15.3                                   |
| FICA (OASDI & Medicare) rate — employer  | 7.65%                                    | 7.65%                                      | 7.65                                   |
| FICA (OASDI & Medicare) rate — employee  | 7.65%                                    | 5.65%                                      | 5.65%                                  |
| OASDI maximum compensation base  | \$106,800                                | \$106,800                                  | \$110,10                               |
| Benefits and contributions:  |  |  |  |
| Maximum annual contribution to defined contribution plan                                 | \$49,000                                 | \$49,000                                   | \$50,00                                |
| Maximum salary deduction for 401(k)/403(b)   | \$16,500                                 | \$16,500                                   | \$17,00                                |
| 401(k) & 403(b) over 50 "catch up" limit   | \$5,500                                  | \$5,500                                    | \$5,50                                 |
| Maximum income exclusion for nonqualified plans in 501(c)(3) organizations (IRC 457)     | \$16,500                                 | \$16,500                                   | \$17,00                                |
| IRA contribution limit — age 49 and below  | \$5,000                                  | \$5,000                                    | \$5,00                                 |
| — age 50 and above   | \$1,000                                  | \$1,000                                    | \$1,00                                 |
| Highly compensated employee limit  | \$110,000                                | \$110,000                                  | \$115,00                               |
| Per diem and mileage rates and other transp  |  |  |  |
| Standard per diem: Lowest rates in continental USA                                       | Lodging \$70<br>Meals & Incidentals \$39 | Lodging \$70<br>Meals & Incidentals \$46   | Lodging \$7<br>Meals & Incidentals \$4 |
| Business auto mileage rate:  | 50¢ per mile                             | 1/1 — 51¢ per mile<br>7/1 — 55.5¢ per mile | 55.5¢ per mi                           |
| Moving & medical auto mileage rate   | 16.5¢ per mile                           | 1/1 — 19¢ per mile<br>7/1 — 23.5¢ per mile | 23¢ per m                              |
| Charitable auto mileage rate   | 14¢ per mile                             | 14¢ per mile                               | 14¢ per m                              |
| Airplane mileage rate (2)  | \$1.29 per mile                          | \$1.29 per mile                            |  |
| Motorcycle mileage rate  | 47¢ per mile                             | 48¢ per mile                               |  |
| Bicycle commuting rate   | \$20 per month                           | \$20 per month                             |  |
| Maximum value of reimbursement of business expenses (other than lodging) without receipt | \$75                                     | \$75                                       | \$:                                    |
| Luxury automobile value (limit on use of cents-per-mile valuation of company automobile) | \$15,300                                 | \$15,300                                   |  |
| Monthly limit on free parking  | \$230                                    | \$230                                      | \$24                                   |
| Transit passes/token — monthly tax-free limit  | \$230                                    | \$230                                      | \$1:                                   |
| Form 990/990-T/990-N and 1099-MISC th  | reshold:                                 |  |  |
| Threshold for required filing Form 990-T   | \$1,000 annual gross UBI                 | \$1,000 annual gross UBI                   | \$1,000 annual gross U                 |
| Threshold for required filing of Form 1099-MISC (payment for most personal services)     | \$600                                    | \$600                                      | \$60                                   |
| Quid pro quo:  |  |  |  |
| Minimum contribution and maximum cost  | Minimum gift: \$48.00                    | Maximum gift: \$48.50                      | Minimum gift: \$49.                    |
| of token   | Maximum cost: \$9.60                     | Maximum cost: \$9.70                       | Maximum cost: \$9.9                    |
| Maximum value of de minimus benefit  | 2% of gift,<br>but not more than \$96    | 2% of gift,<br>but not more than \$97      | 2% of gi<br>but not more than S        |
| Other:   | Sec. iii. iiiofo man 970                 | 20   | 25. Her more man y                     |
| Sec. 179 expensing limit   | \$250,000                                | \$500,000                                  | \$500,0                                |
| Sec. 17 / Oxponing milli   | 3230,000                                 | \$300,000                                  | \$200,00                               |

# Charitable Gift Reporting

A gift is the unconditional transfer of cash or property with no personal benefit to the donor. The mere transfer of funds to a congregation is not necessarily a gift. Thus, when a parent pays the tuition for a child to attend a congregation-operated school, there is no gift or charitable deduction.

If payments are made to a congregation to receive something in exchange, the transaction is more in the nature of a purchase. The tax law states that a transfer to a congregation is not a contribution when made "with a reasonable expectation of financial return commensurate with the amount of the transfer." When one transfer comprises both a gift and a purchase, only the gift portion is deductible.

Charitable contributions are deductible if given "to and for the use of" a congregation to be used under its control to accomplish its exempt purposes.

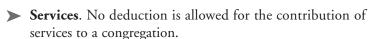
Two types of gifts commonly given to a congregation are:

- ➤ **Gifts without donor stipulations.** Contributions received without donor restriction are generally tax deductible.
- ➤ **Donor-restricted gifts.** The donor may designate contributions for a specific purpose of the congregation (also referred to as *restricted* gifts) rather than donate without stipulation. If the gifts are in support of the congregation's exempt program activities and not designated or restricted for an individual, they are generally tax deductible.

If gifts are merely preferenced for a specific individual, a tax deduction is generally allowed if the congregation exercises full administrative control over the funds and they are spent for program activities of the congregation (earmarked gifts are generally not deductible).

#### What Gifts Are Not Tax Deductible?

The congregation should not provide a contribution acknowledgment for certain gifts. Some examples of gifts that do not result in a tax deduction are:



Example: A carpenter donates two months of labor on the construction of a new facility built by the congregation. The carpenter is not eligible for a charitable deduction for the donation of his time. He is entitled to a charitable deduction for the out-of-pocket expenses for any supplies he donates to the project, and his mileage driving to and from the project is deductible at the charitable mileage deduction rate (see page 4). If donated out-of-pocket expenses are \$250 or more in a calendar year, the carpenter will need an acknowledgment from the congregation (see page 16).



When a person makes a gift of services to a congregation, it may be the most valuable gift that can be made—a gift of one's talents. However, the gift of services does not qualify for a charitable deduction and it should never be receipted by the congregation—except to express appreciation. Out-of-pocket expenses related to the gift of services qualify as a charitable gift.

➤ **Use of property**. The gift of the right to use property does not yield a tax deduction to the donor

**Example:** A donor provides a congregation with the rent-free use of an automobile for a year. There is no charitable deduction available to the donor for the value of that use. If the donor paid the taxes, insurance, repairs, gas, or oil for the vehicle, these items would be deductible as a charitable contribution based on their cost.

> Strings attached. A gift must generally be complete and irrevocable to qualify for a charitable deduction. There is usually no gift if the donor leaves "strings attached" that can be pulled later to bring the gift back to the donor or remove it from the control of the donee.

#### • When Is a Gift Tax Deductible?

When donors make gifts near the end of the year, the question often arises: "Is my gift deductible this year?" A donor's charitable deduction, assuming deductions are itemized, depends on various factors:

- ➤ Checks. A donation by check is considered to be made on the date the check is delivered or mailed, as evidenced by its postmark, if the check subsequently clears the donor's bank in due course. For example, a check that is mailed with a December 31 postmark and promptly deposited by the congregation will be deductible by the donor in the year the check is written, even though the check clears the bank the following year. However, a postdated check is not deductible until the day of its date.
  - **Example 1:** A donor mails a check with a postmark of December 31, 2011. The congregation operates on a calendar year. It does not receive the check until January 7, 2012. The congregation deposits the check in its bank on January 7 and it clears the donor's bank on January 10. The gift is deductible by the donor in 2011.
  - **Example 2:** A donor delivers a check to the congregation on December 31, 2011. The donor asks that the check be held for three months. Following the donor's request, the congregation deposits the check on March 31, 2012. This gift is deductible by the donor in 2012.
- > Securities. A contribution of stock is completed upon the unconditional delivery of a properly endorsed stock certificate to your congregation or its agent. If the stock is mailed and is received by the congregation or its agent in the ordinary course of the mail, the gift is effective on the date of mailing. If the donor delivers a stock certificate to the issuing corporation or to the donor's broker for transfer to the name of the congregation, the contribution is not completed until the stock is actually transferred on the corporation's books.
- ➤ **Real estate.** A gift of real estate is deductible at the time a properly executed deed is delivered to the congregation.
- ➤ Credit cards. A contribution charged to a bank credit card is deductible by the donor when the charge is made, even though the donor does not pay the credit card charge until the next year.
- ➤ Electronic fund transfers. Donors can instruct their banks via phone or computer to pay contributions to your congregation. If a donor uses this method to make a donation, it's deductible at the time payment is made by the bank.
- ➤ **Pledges.** A pledge is not deductible until payment or other satisfaction of the pledge is made.

# Charitable Gift Acknowledgments

Contributors to your congregation seeking a federal income tax charitable contribution deduction must produce, if asked, a written receipt from the congregation for all gifts of cash and if a single contribution's value is \$250 or more. Strictly speaking, the burden of compliance for the cash and the \$250 or more rules falls on the donor. In reality, the burden and administrative costs fall on the congregation, not the donor.

If a donor makes multiple contributions of \$250 or more to your congregation, one acknowledgment that reflects the total amount of the donor's contributions to the congregation for the year is sufficient. In other words, the congregation can total all of the contributions for a donor and only show the total amount on the receipt (see page 9 for sample receipts).



#### **Caution**

A donor will not be allowed a charitable deduction for donations of \$250 or more unless the donor has a receipt from your congregation. This applies to any type of donation. For a single donation of \$250 or more made by check, the canceled check is not adequate substantiation.

- ➤ Information to be included in the receipt. The following information must be included in the gift receipt:
  - □ the donor's name
  - □ if cash, the amount of cash contributed
  - if property, a description, but not the value (if the gift is an auto, boat, or airplane, the congregation must generally provide Form 1098-C (see page 11) to the donor of the property)
  - a statement explaining whether the congregation provided any goods or services to the donor in exchange for the contribution
  - □ if goods or services were provided to the donor, a description and good-faith estimate of their value and a statement that the donor's charitable deduction is limited to the amount of the payment in excess of the value of the goods and services provided, and if services were provided consisting solely of intangible religious benefits, a statement to that effect
  - the date the donation was made, and
  - □ the date the receipt was issued.
- **When receipts should be issued.** Donors must obtain their receipts no later than the earlier of either the due date, plus any extension, of their income tax returns or the date the return is filed. If a donor receives the receipt after this date, the gift does not qualify for a contribution deduction, even on an amended return.
  - If your congregation is issuing receipts on an annual basis, you should try to get them to your donors by at least January 31 each year and earlier in January if possible. This will assist your donors in gathering the necessary data for tax return preparation.
- **When receipts should not be issued.** Your congregation may be asked to issue receipts when no receipt is due. When payments made to your congregation represent the fair market value of products or services provided to the payer, no receipt should be issued. When a check is given to your congregation but the payee is another nonprofit organization, no receipt is due.
  - **Example 1:** The Brown family uses the sanctuary and fellowship hall for a wedding and a reception. The normal rental fee is \$300. Their check to the congregation for \$300 is marked "Contribution" and they ask for a receipt since the amount was for \$250 or more. No receipt should be given because no charitable contribution was made.
  - **Example 2:** The Brown family uses the sanctuary and fellowship hall for a wedding and a reception. The congregation does not have a stated use fee but asks for a donation from those who use the facility. The comparable fee to rent similar facilities is for \$250. The Browns give a check to the congregation for \$250 marked "Contribution" and ask for a receipt since it was for \$250 or more. No receipt should be given because no charitable contribution was made.

- **Example 3:** Your congregation operates a school. The parent of a student at the school writes a \$400 tuition check payable to the congregation and requests a receipt since it was for \$250 or more. No receipt should be given because no charitable contribution was made.
- **Example 4:** The Sunday services are recorded and tapes from the service may be obtained for a "contribution" of \$5 per tape. This is a quid pro quo transaction (see pages 14-15). There is generally no charitable deduction for this payment since the \$5 approximates the fair market value of the tape.
- ➤ Frequency of issuing receipts. Receipts or acknowledgments can be issued gift-by-gift, monthly, quarterly, annually, or by any other frequency. For ease of administration and clear communication with donors, many congregations provide a receipt for all gifts, whether more or less than \$250.
- **Form of receipts.** No specific design of the receipt is required. The IRS has not issued any sample receipts for congregations to follow.
  - The receipt can be a letter, a postcard, or a computer-generated form. It does not have to include the donor's social security number or other taxpayer identification number. A receipt can also be provided electronically, such as via an email addressed to the donor.
- ➤ Separate gifts of less than \$250. If a donor makes separate gifts during a calendar year of less than \$250, there is no receipting requirement since each gift is a separate contribution. The donor's canceled check will provide sufficient substantiation. However, most congregations receipt all gifts with no distinction between the gifts under or over \$250.
- Donations payable to another charity. A member may place a check in the offering plate of \$250 or more, payable to a mission organization and designed for the support of a particular missionary serving with the mission. In this instance, no receipting is required by your congregation. Since the check was payable to the mission agency, that entity will need to issue the acknowledgment to entitle the donor to claim the gift as a charitable contribution.
- ➤ Donor's out-of-pocket expenses. You may have volunteers who incur out-of-pocket expenses on behalf of your congregation. Substantiation from your congregation is required if a volunteer claims a deduction for unreimbursed expenses of \$250 or more. However, the IRS acknowledges that the congregation may be unaware of the details of the expenses or the dates on which they were incurred. Therefore, the congregation must substantiate only the types of services performed by the volunteer which relate to the out-of-pocket expenses.
- ➤ Foreign organizations. Donations must be made to domestic organizations to qualify for a charitable deduction.
  - **Example 1:** A gift made directly to a missionary group organized and operating in Israel does not qualify for a charitable deduction.
  - **Example 2:** A gift to a congregation with a designation that the funds be used for a China-based mission agency may qualify for a charitable deduction if the congregation conducts adequate due diligence with respect to the work conducted by the China-based ministry.

Caution

If an individual is chosen as a representative to an annual congregation-related convention, purchases an airline ticket for \$500, and is not reimbursed by the congregation, this expense may be claimed as a charitable deduction. The congregation should provide a statement describing the services provided in attending the convention and state that no goods or services were provided in exchange for the gift, if this is true.

| Received from: Howard K. Aul                               | Pourn Receipt #1   |
|--|--|
| Cash received as an absolute gif                           | *  |
| Date Cash<br>Received                                      | Amount<br>Received   |
| 1/2/11   | \$250.00   |
| 1/16/11  | 50.00  |
| 3/13/11  | 300.00   |
| 3/27/11  | 100.00   |
| 6/12/11  | 500.00   |
| 7/10/11  | 150.00   |
| 8/21/11  | 200.00   |
| 10/16/11   | 400.00   |
| 11/20/11   | 350.00   |
|  | <u>\$2,300.00</u>  |
| intangible religious benefits.  (Note: It is very importan | nave received in connection with this gift were solely at for a congregation to use wording of this services were given in exchange for the gift.) |
| C  | any available federal income tax deduction for your  |
| Receipt issued on:<br>Receipt issued by:                   | January 10, 2012<br>Harold Morrison, Treasurer<br>Castleview Congregation<br>1008 High Drive<br>Dover, DE 19901                                    |

B. The receipt is issued on a periodic or annual basis for all gifts,

#### Sample Charitable Gift Receipt

Receipt #2

Received from: Charles K. Vandell Cash received:

| Date Cash<br>Received | Gross<br>Amount<br>Received | Value of<br>Goods or<br><u>Services</u> | Net<br>Charitable<br><u>Contribution</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 1/23/11               | \$80.00                     | \$25.00 (1)                             | \$ 55.00                                 |
| 3/20/11               | 300.00                      |   | 300.00                                   |
| 4/24/11               | 60.00                       |   | 60.00                                    |
| 6/19/11               | 500.00                      | 100.00 (2)                              | 400.00                                   |
| 9/04/11               | 275.00                      |   | 275.00                                   |
| 10/30/11              | 200.00                      |   | 200.00                                   |
| 12/18/11              | 1,000.00                    |   | _1,000.00                                |
|                       |                             |   | \$2,290,00                               |

Property received described as follows:

Received on October 22, 2011, 12 brown Samsonite folding chairs.

In return for certain gifts listed above, we provided you with the following goods or services (our estimate of the fair market value is indicated):

(1) Christian music tapes \$25.00(2) Limited edition art print \$100.00

You may have also received intangible religious benefits, but these benefits do not need to be valued for tax purposes.

The deductible portion of your contribution for federal income tax purposes is limited to the excess of your contribution over the value of goods and services we provided to you.

This document is necessary for any available federal income tax deduction for your contribution. Please retain it for your records.

Receipt issued on: January 15, 2012
Receipt issued by: Harold Morrison, Treasurer

Castleview Church 1008 High Drive Dover, DE 19901

- 1. This sample receipt is based on the following assumptions:
  - A. Goods or services were provided in exchange for the gifts.
  - B. The receipt is issued on a periodic or annual basis for all gifts whether over or under \$250.
- All receipts should be numbered consecutively for control and accounting purposes.
- ➤ **Individuals.** Gifts made to poor or needy individuals ordinarily do not qualify as charitable contributions. Gifts made personally to employees of a congregation are not charitable contributions.

# Reporting to the IRS

whether over or under \$250.

2. All receipts should be numbered consecutively for control and accounting purposes for all the receipts prepared by a congregation.

Most gifts do not require any reporting by the congregation to the IRS. In addition to gifts of autos, boats, and airplanes, certain gifts require IRS reporting, or execution of a form that the donor files with the IRS:

➤ Gifts of property in excess of \$5,000. Substantiation requirements apply to contributions of property (other than money and publicly traded securities), if the total claimed or reported value of the property is more than \$5,000. For these gifts, the donor must obtain a qualified appraisal and attach an appraisal summary to the return on which the deduction is claimed. There is an exception for nonpublicly-traded stock. If the claimed value of the stock does not exceed \$10,000 but is greater than \$5,000, the donor does not have to obtain an appraisal by a qualified appraiser.

The appraisal declaration must be completed on page two of Form 8283 (see page 19), signed and dated by the congregation and the appraiser, and attached to the donor's return on which a deduction is claimed. The signature by the congregation does not represent concurrence in the appraised value of the contributed property.

Caution

Charitable deductions for gifts of autos, boats, and airplanes are generally limited to the gross proceeds of the sale of the property by the congregation.

If Form 8283 is required, it is the donor's responsibility to file it. The congregation is under no responsibility to see that donors file this form nor that it is properly completed. However, advising donors of their obligations and providing them with the form can produce donor goodwill.

- ➤ **Gifts of property in excess of \$500.** Gifts of property valued at \$500 or more require the completion of certain information on page 1 of Form 8283 (see pages 18-19). For gifts between \$500 and \$5,000 in value, the IRS does not require an appraisal or signature of the charity.
- ➤ Charity reporting for contributed property. If property received as a charitable contribution requiring an appraisal summary on Form 8283 is sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of by the congregation within three years after the date of its contribution, the congregation must file Form 8282 (see pages 20-21) with the IRS within 125 days of the disposition.

This form provides detailed information on the gift and the disposal of the property. A copy of this information return must be provided to the donor and retained by the congregation. A congregation that receives a charitable contribution valued at more than \$5,000 from a corporation generally does not have to complete Form 8283.

A letter or other written communication from a congregation acknowledging receipt of the property and showing the name of the donor, the date and location of the contribution, and a detailed description of the property is an acceptable contribution receipt for a gift of property.

There is no requirement to include the value of contributed property on the receipt. Additionally, most congregations are not prepared to value gifts of property. A tension often surrounds a significant gift of property because the donor may request the congregation to include an excessively high value on the charitable receipt. It is wise for the congregation to remain impartial in the matter and simply acknowledge the property by description with the exclusion of a dollar amount.

**Example:** A congregation receives a gift of real estate. The receipt should include the legal description of the real property and a description of the improvements, with no indication of the dollar value.

Congregations are required to provide contemporaneous written acknowledgment (generally using Form 1098-C; see page 11) containing specific information to donors of autos, boats, and airplanes. Taxpayers are required to include a copy of the written acknowledgments with their tax returns in order to receive a deduction. The congregation is also required to provide the information contained in the acknowledgment to the IRS. The information included in such acknowledgments as well as the meaning of "contemporaneous" depends on what the charity does with the donated vehicle.

Vehicle sold before use or improvement. If the donated auto, boat, or airplane is sold before significant intervening use or material improvement by the congregation, the gross proceeds received by the congregation from the sale of the vehicle must be included on the written acknowledgment. Therefore, for donated property sold before use or improvement, the deductible amount is the gross proceeds received from the sale.

Vehicle not sold before use or improvement. Congregations may plan to significantly use or materially improve a donated auto, boat, or airplane before or instead of selling the property. The deductible amount for contributed autos, boats, or airplanes that will be used or improved by the congregation is the fair market value of the property, as determined by the donor, taking into consideration accessories, mileage, and other indicators of the property's general condition.

| DONEE'S name, street address, city  Lamont Community Cl  101 East Main Street  Lamont, KS 66855 | , state, ZIP code, and telephone no.<br>hurch            | 1 Date of con<br>12/31/ |   | OMB No. 1545-1959 2012 Form 1098-C         | Contributions of<br>Motor Vehicles<br>Boats, and<br>Airplanes                        |
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|   |  | 2a Year<br>2002         | 2b Make<br>Chevy                        | 2c Model<br>S10 Picku                      | ıp   |
| DONEE'S federal identification<br>number<br>35-0189211  | DONOR'S identification<br>number<br>514-41-8007          |                         | ther identification                     |  |  |
| DONOR'S name<br>Fred Wilbur   | •  |                         | e certifies that ve<br>transaction to u | hicle was sold in arm's<br>inrelated party |  |
| Street address (including apt. no.) 512 North Main  |  | 4b Date of sa<br>1/15/1 | _                                       |  |  |
| City, state, and ZIP code<br>Lamont, KS 66855   |  | 4c Gross proc           | eeds from sale (                        | (see instructions)                         | Сору А   |
| ,   | will not be transferred for money, other intervening use | ,                       | es before comp                          | letion of material                         | Internal Revenue<br>Service Center   |
| 5b Donee certifies that vehicle i donee's charitable purpose                                    | s to be transferred to a needy individua                 | l for significantly l   | elow fair market                        | t value in furtherance of                  | File with Form 1096  |
| 5c Donee certifies the following det  | ailed description of material improveme                  | ents or significant     | intervening use a                       | and duration of use                        | For Privacy Act<br>and Paperwork<br>Reduction Act<br>Notice, see the<br>2012 General |
| 6a Did you provide goods or service   | is in exchange for the vehicle?                          |                         |   | ▶ Yes ☐                                    | Instructions for Certain  No  Information  Returns.                                  |
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In certain instances, an auto, boat, or airplane may be sold at a price significantly below fair market value (or gratuitously transferred) to needy individuals in direct furtherance of the congregation's charitable purpose (although it is difficult to imagine how a boat or an airplane would meet this definition).

Generally, no deduction is allowed unless donors receive Form 1098-C within 30 days after the date that the property is sold or within 30 days of the donation date if the congregation keeps the property. If the property is sold, donors must be informed of the gross selling price.

If the congregation keeps the property, the private-party sale price must be used by donors to figure the charitable tax deduction, not the higher dealer retail price.

# Special Charitable Contribution Issues

#### **Granting of Scholarships**

When scholarship assistance is provided by a charity, it requires careful compliance with tax laws and regulations. Three distinct areas of the tax law must be addressed:

➤ Protecting the contributor's tax deduction. The contribution deduction requires the gift be "to or for the use of" a congregation, not an individual. To qualify, the gift must be to a congregation (or other charity), knowing it will be used for scholarships, but without knowing who will receive the scholarship. A gift designated for a specific individual will not qualify.

**Key Issue** 

Too often, well-meaning people want

to help a relative or a friend pay their school bills, plus they want a tax deduc-

tion for the assistance. So, instead of

making a personal nondeductible gift

to the intended beneficiary, they make a "gift" to a congregation with a

Five guidelines for protecting the contribution deduction are that

- ☐ The congregation determines all scholarship recipients through the use of a scholarship committee.
- ☐ The congregation has a well-published policy stating that it determines the recipients according to its own policies and that it expressly rejects any effort to honor a donor's recommendation(s).
- All scholarship policies contain the following statement:
   "Scholarships are awarded without regard to sex, race, nationality or national origin."
- ☐ Recipients of scholarships and the amount they are to receive will be based on funds already received.
- ☐ At a minimum, the criteria for scholarship qualification are in writing.
- Protecting the status of the payments to the scholarship recipient. Only a candidate for a degree can exclude amounts received as a scholarship. A qualified scholarship is any payment to or for the student if it is for "tuition and fees" or for enrollment or "fees, books, supplies and equipment" required for specific courses. It is not necessary for a congregation granting a scholarship to confirm that it will be used only for qualified uses. The person receiving the scholarship must report excess amounts as taxable income.
- ➤ Employee dependent scholarship programs. Generally, scholarships for employee's dependents will be considered taxable compensation to the employee unless they meet the following precise guidelines. A few of the requirements include:
  - 1. The existence of the program must not be presented as a benefit of employment by the organization.
  - 2. Selection of beneficiaries must be made by an independent committee.
  - 3. Selection must be based solely upon substantial objective standards that are completely unrelated to the employment of the recipients or their parents.
  - 4. Generally, not more than 25% of eligible dependents may be recipients of scholarships.

#### Contributions to Needy Individuals and Benevolence Funds

Contributions made directly by a donor to needy individuals are not deductible. To qualify for a charitable deduction, contributions must be made to a congregation. Contributions to benevolence funds may be claimed as charitable deductions if they are not earmarked for particular recipients.

A gift to a congregation involved in helping needy people that is marked "to aid the unemployed" is generally deductible. Yet if the gift is designated or restricted for the "Brown family" and the congregation passes the money on to the Browns, the gift is generally not tax deductible.

If a donor makes a suggestion about the beneficiary of a benevolent contribution, it may be deductible if the congregation exercises proper control over the benevolence fund. The suggestion

# Suggested Benevolence Fund Policy

Whereas, New Haven Congregation has a ministry to needy individuals; and

Whereas, The congregation desires to establish a Benevolence Fund through which funds for the support of needy individuals may be administered; and

Whereas, The congregation desires to operate the Benevolence Fund according to the highest standards of integrity;

**Resolved,** That New Haven Congregation establish a Benevolence Fund to help individuals in financial need and develop written procedures to document the need, establish reasonable limitations of support per person during a specified time period, and obtain external verification of the need; and

**Resolved,** That the congregation will accept only contributions to the Benevolence Fund that are "to or for the use" of the congregation, and their use must be subject to the control and discretion of the congregation board. Donors may make suggestions but not designations or restrictions concerning the identity of the needy individuals; and

**Resolved,** That the congregation will provide a charitable contribution receipt for gifts that meet the test outlined in the previous resolution. The congregation reserves the right to return any gifts that do not meet the test.

must only be advisory in nature and the congregation may accept or reject the gift. However, if every "suggestion" is honored by the congregation, the earmarking could be challenged by the IRS.

A congregation may want to help a particular individual or family that has unusually high medical bills or other valid personal financial needs. To announce that funds will be received for the individual or family and to receipt the monies through the congregation makes the gifts personal and not deductible as charitable contributions. An option is for the congregation to set up a trust fund at a local bank. Contributions to the trust fund would not be deductible for tax purposes. Payments from the trust fund would not represent taxable income to a needy individual or family. This method of helping the needy person or family is clearly a legal approach and would represent personal gifts from one individual to another.

#### Warning

An area of frequent abuse involves a donation in which the donor specifies that the money must go to a particular individual (or family) to assist their financial needs. Before accepting such a gift, a congregation must exercise due diligence to ensure the transaction does not actually constitute earmarking of the funds by a donor, which is not deductible as a charitable contribution.

### **Contributions to Support Missionaries**

Donations may be received, payable to your congregation, preferenced for the support of a particular missionary (often referred to as deputized fund-raising). These gifts may qualify as a charitable contribution if the congregation exercises sufficient discretion and control over the gift. If so, the congregation should include the amounts in acknowledgments issued to donors. Then, the funds should be remitted as a gift or a grant to the missionary-sending organization for their disbursement in relation to the individual missionary or directly to the missionary, if the missionary is independent of a missionary-sending organization. The IRS has acknowledged that deputized fundraising is a widespread and legitimate practice and that the contributions properly raised by this method are tax deductible.

#### **Contributions for Short-Term Mission Trips**

It is a common practice for congregations to raise funds to send volunteers on short-term mission trips. The funds are often raised by a participant preferenced for his or her own trip expenses, as opposed to raising the funds for the group of volunteers as a whole.

Tax-deductible contributions for short-term missionary trips must be made "to or for the use of" the congregation.

If the donor only intends to benefit the person—using the congregation as an intermediary in order to obtain a tax deduction for an otherwise nondeductible gift—the contribution will not be tax deductible. Such a motivation may be encouraged by promises of a refund if the person does not go or if too much money is raised.

However, when the congregation exercises control over the project, the contributions, and who participates; and when contribution requests emphasize funding the project, as a whole, the donor's contributions should be treated as tax-deductible gifts to the congregation.

For more information on this topic, see *When Givers Designate Gifts*, by Dan Busby and John Van Drunen, which will be published in 2012.



Donations for short-term missions trips generally fall under the same rules as gifts to support the ministry of career missionaries. Even gifts from an adult trip participant to a congregation to fund the adult's trip qualifies for a charitable deduction. Further analysis is necessary regarding the person v. ministry purpose of the trip when funds are raised for minors.

#### Quid Pro Quo Disclosure Requirements

A quid pro quo payment is made partly as a contribution and partly for goods or services provided to the donor by the congregation. A donor may deduct only the amount of the contribution above what the goods or services are worth.

The congregation is required to provide a receipt for all transactions in which the donor makes a payment of more than \$75 to the congregation and receives goods or services (other than intangible religious benefits or items of token value).

#### **Form of the receipt.** The receipt must:

- inform the donor that the amount of the contribution that is deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the difference in the amount of money and the value of any property contributed by the donor *over* the value of the goods or services provided by the congregation, and
- provide the donor with a good-faith estimate of the value of goods or services that the congregation is providing in exchange for the contribution.

Only single payments of more than \$75 are subject to the rules. Payments are not cumulative. It is not a difference of \$75 between the amount given by the donor and the value of the object received by the donor that triggers the disclosure requirements, but the amount actually paid by the donor.

➤ Calculating the gift portion. It is not a requirement for the congregation to actually complete the subtraction of the benefit from a cash payment, showing the net charitable deduction. However, providing the net amount available

#### Remember

Many congregations offer products and suggest a donation amount with respect to the products. For example, a congregation may offer a book with a suggested donation amount of \$30. If the fair market value of the book is \$30 and the individual sends \$30 to the congregation, no charitable donation has been made. However, if the congregation receives \$50, a \$20 charitable deduction is available.

for a charitable deduction is a good approach for clear communication with donors.

- When to make the required disclosures. The disclosure of the value of goods or services provided to a donor may be made in the solicitation as well as in the subsequent receipt. However, sufficient information will generally not be available to make proper disclosure upon solicitation. For example, the value of a dinner may not be known at the time the solicitation is made.
- ➤ Goods provided to donors. To determine the net charitable contribution, a gift must generally be reduced by the fair market value of any premium, incentive, or other benefit received by the donor in exchange for the gift. Common examples of premiums are books and tapes. For gifts of over \$75, organizations must advise the donor of the fair market value of the premium or incentive and that the value is not deductible for tax purposes.

Donors must reduce their charitable deduction by the fair market value of goods or services they receive, even when the goods or services were donated to the congregation for use as premiums or gifts or when they were bought wholesale by the congregation. Therefore, congregations cannot pass along to donors the savings realized by receiving products at no cost or buying products at a discount.

#### Warning

A congregation must furnish a disclosure statement in connection with either the solicitation or the receipt of a quid pro quo contribution of over \$75. The statement must be in writing and must be made in a manner that is likely to come to the attention of the donor. For example, a disclosure in small print within a larger document might not meet this requirement.

If donors receive benefits of insubstantial value, they are allowed a full tax deduction for the donation if the item is provided free to the donor and if it is low-cost to the congregation:

- □ **Low-cost items.** If the item has a cost (not retail value) of less than \$9.90 and it bears the name or logo of your congregation is given in return for a donation of more than \$49.50 (2012 inflation-adjusted amount), the donor may claim a charitable deduction for the full amount of the donation. Examples of items that often qualify as tokens are coffee mugs, key chains, bookmarks, and calendars.
- □ **De minimis** benefits. A donor can take a full deduction if the fair market value of the benefits received in connection with a gift does not exceed 2% of the donation or \$99 (2012 inflation-adjusted amount), whichever is less.
- **Examples of the quid pro quo rules.** Here are various examples of how the quid pro quo rules apply.
  - Admission to events. Many organizations sponsor banquets, concerts, or other events to which donors and prospective donors are invited in exchange for a contribution or other payment. Often, the donor receives a benefit equivalent to the payment and no charitable deduction is available.
    - But if the amount paid is more than the value received, the amount in excess of the fair market value is deductible if the donor intended to make a contribution.
  - □ **Bazaars.** Payments for items sold at bazaars and bake sales are not tax deductible to donors since the purchase price generally equals the fair market value of the item.
  - □ **Banquets.** Whether your organization incurs reporting requirements in connection with banquets where funds are raised depends on the specifics of each event.

# Sample Letter to Volunteers

| Dear Volunteer:   |
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| We appreciate the time, energy, and out-of-pocket costs you devote to our cause as follows: |
|   |
| [Description of Services/Expenses Provided/Date Provided]                                   |
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No goods or services were provided to you by our congregation, except intangible religious benefits, in consideration of your volunteer efforts.

You may deduct unreimbursed expenses that you incur incidental to your volunteer work. So, transportation costs (travel from home to our congregation or other places where you render services), phone calls, postage stamps, stationery, and similar out-of-pocket costs are deductible.

You can deduct charitable mileage (see page 4 for applicable rates) in computing the costs of operating your car while doing volunteer work, as well as unreimbursed parking and toll costs. Instead of using the cents-per-mile method, you can deduct your actual auto expenses, provided you keep proper records. However, insurance and depreciation on your car are not deductible.

If you travel as a volunteer and must be away from home overnight, reasonable payments for meals and lodging as well as your travel costs are deductible. Your out-of-pocket costs at a convention connected with your volunteer work are deductible if you were duly chosen as a representative of our congregation.

You cannot deduct travel expenses as charitable gifts if there's a significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation in the travel.

You cannot deduct the value of your services themselves. For example, if you devote 100 hours during the year to typing for us and the prevailing rate for these services is \$8.00 per hour, you cannot deduct the \$800 value of your services. Although deductions are allowed for property gifts, the IRS doesn't consider your services "property." Nor is the use of your home for meetings a "property contribution."

Finally, you may be required to substantiate your deduction to the IRS. Be prepared to prove your costs with canceled checks, receipted bills, and diary entries. If your expenses total \$250 or more for the calendar year, you must have this acknowledgment in hand before you file your income tax return (including any extensions).

Again, thank you for furthering our cause with that most precious commodity: your time.

Castleview Congregation

# Sample Letter to Noncash Donors

Charitable Gift Receipt for Noncash Gifts (other than for autos, boats, or airplanes)

RETAIN FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

Donor's name and address

Thank you for your noncash gift as follows:

Date of gift:

Description of gift:

(*Note:* No value is shown for the gift. Valuation is the responsibility of the donor.)

Noncash Acknowledgment #\_\_\_\_

(All acknowledgments should

(All acknowledgments should be numbered consecutively for control and accounting purposes.)

Date Acknowledgment Issued

To substantiate your gift for IRS purposes, the tax law requires that this acknowledgment state whether you have received any goods or services in exchange for the gift. You have received no goods or services. (*Note:* If goods or services were provided to the donor, replace the previous sentence with: In return for your contribution, you have received the following goods or services (description) which we value at (good-faith estimate). The value of the goods and services you received must be deducted from the value of your contribution to determine your charitable deduction.)

If your noncash gifts for the year total more than \$500, you must include Form 8283 (a copy of Form 8283 and its instructions are enclosed for your convenience) with your income tax return. Section A is used to report gifts valued at \$5,000 or under. You can complete Section A on your own. When the value of the gift is more than \$5,000, you will need to have the property appraised. The appraiser's findings are reported in Section B of Form 8283. The rules also apply if you give "similar items of property" with a total value above \$5,000—even if you gave the items to different charities. Section B of Form 8283 must be signed by the appraiser. As the donee, we have already signed the form. It is essential to attach the form to your tax return.

You might want an appraisal (even if your gift does not require one) in case you have to convince the IRS of the property's worth. You never need an appraisal or an appraisal summary for gifts of publicly traded securities, even if their total value exceeds \$5,000. You must report those gifts (when the value is more than \$500) by completing Section A of Form 8283 and attaching it to your return.

For gifts of publicly traded stock, an appraisal is not required. For gifts of closely held stock, an appraisal is not required if the value of the stock is under \$10,000, but part of the appraisal summary form must be completed if the value is over \$5,000. If the gift is valued over \$10,000, then both an appraisal and an appraisal summary form are required.

If we receive a gift of property subject to the appraisal summary rules, we must report to both the IRS and you if we dispose of the gift within three years. The congregation is not required to notify the IRS or you if we dispose of a gift that did not require an appraisal summary.

Again, we are grateful for your generous contribution. Please let us know if we can give you and your advisors more information about the IRS's reporting requirements.

Castleview Congregation

**Note:** If the gift involves an auto, boat, or airplane, see pages 10-11 for the gift deduction congregation rules.

Form **8283** 

Noncash Charitable Contributions

► Attach to your tax return if you claimed a total deduction of over \$500 for all contributed property.

OMB No. 1545-0908

(Rev. December 2006) Department of the Treasury ▶ See separate instructions. Sequence No. 155 Name(s) shown on your income tax return Identifying number Mark A. and Joan E. Murphy 392-83-1982 Note. Figure the amount of your contribution deduction before completing this form. See your tax return instructions. Section A. Donated Property of \$5,000 or Less and Certain Publicly Traded Securities-List in this section only items (or groups of similar items) for which you claimed a deduction of \$5,000 or less. Also, list certain publicly traded securities even if the deduction is more than \$5,000 (see instructions). Information on Donated Property-If you need more space, attach a statement. Part I (b) Description of donated property (a) Name and address of the (For a donated vehicle, enter the year, make, model, condition, and mileage, 1 donee organization and attach Form 1098-C if required.) Endless Mountain Church, 561 Maple, Rochester, Used bedroom furniture NY 14623 В С D Ε Note. If the amount you claimed as a deduction for an item is \$500 or less, you do not have to complete columns (d), (e), and (f). (h) Method used to determine (g) Fair market value (d) Date acquired (e) How acquired (f) Donor's cost contribution by donor (mo., yr.) by donor or adjusted basis (see instructions) the fair market value 4/00 Purchased 3,400 Sales of comparable used 10/1/12 В furniture С D Partial Interests and Restricted Use Property-Complete lines 2a through 2e if you gave less than an entire interest in a property listed in Part I. Complete lines 3a through 3c if conditions were placed on a contribution listed in Part I; also attach the required statement (see instructions). 2a Enter the letter from Part I that identifies the property for which you gave less than an entire interest ▶\_ If Part II applies to more than one property, attach a separate statement. b Total amount claimed as a deduction for the property listed in Part I: (1) For this tax year (2) For any prior tax years c Name and address of each organization to which any such contribution was made in a prior year (complete only if different from the donee organization above): Name of charitable organization (donee) Address (number, street, and room or suite no.) City or town, state, and ZIP code d For tangible property, enter the place where the property is located or kept ▶. e Name of any person, other than the donee organization, having actual possession of the property ▶ \_ Yes No 3a Is there a restriction, either temporary or permanent, on the donee's right to use or dispose of the donated property? b Did you give to anyone (other than the donee organization or another organization participating with the donee organization in cooperative fundraising) the right to the income from the donated property or to the possession of the property, including the right to vote donated securities, to acquire the property by purchase or otherwise, or **c** Is there a restriction limiting the donated property for a particular use? For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions. Cat. No. 62299J Form **8283** (Rev. 12-2006)

This form must be completed and filed with the donor's income tax return for gifts of property valued at \$500 or more. There is no requirement of an appraisal or signature of the donee organization for gifts valued between \$500 and \$5,000.

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**Donee Information Return** 

OMB No. 1545-0908

(Rev. April 2009) Department of the Treasury (Sale, Exchange, or Other Disposition of Donated Property) ► See instructions.

Give a Copy to Donor

Form **8282** (Rev. 4-2009)

Parts To Complete

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 4.

- If the organization is an original donee, complete Identifying Information, Part I (lines 1a-1d and, if applicable, lines 2a-2d), and Part III.
- complete Identifying Information, Part I, Part II, and Part III

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|          |                      | City or town, state, and ZIP code Oneonta, NY 13820  |       |            |                                     |
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This form must generally be filed by a congregation if it disposes of charitable deduction property within three years of the date the original donee received it and the items are valued at \$500 or more.

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# Reporting as an Employer

Congregations are generally required to withhold federal (and state and local, as applicable) income taxes, social security taxes, and to pay employer social security tax on all wages paid to all full-time or part-time employees (except qualified clergy).

#### The Classification of Workers

Questions frequently arise about the classification of certain congregation workers. Seasonal workers and those working less than full-time, such as secretaries, custodians, and musicians, require special attention for classification purposes. If a worker receives pay at an hourly rate, it will be difficult to justify independent contractor status. This conclusion would be true even if the workers are part-time.

#### **Employee**

If a worker (other than clergy) is an employee, the congregation must withhold federal income tax (and state income tax, if applicable) and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes; match the employee's share of FICA taxes; and, unless exempted, pay unemployment taxes on employee's wages. In addition, the congregation may incur obligations for employee benefit plans such as vacation, sick pay, health insurance, and pension plan contributions.

Among other criteria, employees comply with instructions, have a continuous relationship, perform work personally, work full- or part-time, are subject to dismissal, can quit without incurring liability, are often reimbursed for expenses, and must submit reports.

#### **Key Issue**

The employee v. independent contractor decisions is one of the most fundamental issues facing an employer making payments to workers. If a worker is truly an employee but is treated as an independent contractor, this can result in not withholding the appropriate income and social security tax amounts.

#### **Independent Contractor**

If the worker is classified as an independent contractor, social security taxes under the Self-Employment Contributions Act (SECA) are paid by the worker. Federal income tax is not withheld for independent contractors unless under a voluntary agreement for clergy. There is no unemployment tax liability or withholding requirement for independent contractors.

Independent contractors normally set the order and sequence of work, set their hours of work, work for another at the same time, are paid by the job, offer their services to the public, have an opportunity for profit or loss, furnish their own tools, and may do work on another's premises. There is often substantial investment by the worker.

#### **Common Law Rules**

The IRS generally applies common law rules to decide if an individual is an employee or self-employed (independent contractor) for income tax purposes. Generally, the individual is an employee if the congregation has the legal right to control both what and how work is done, even if the individual has considerable discretion and freedom of action.

#### The Classification of Clergy

It is important for a congregation to decide if the services of clergy employed by the congregation qualify for special tax treatment as ministerial services. Most ordained, commissioned, or licensed clergy serving local congregations are eligible for the six special tax provisions listed on page 23

with respect to services performed in the exercise of ministry. The IRS and courts apply certain tests to these clergy, including whether clergy administer the sacraments, conduct worship services, are considered spiritual leaders by the congregation, and if clergy perform services in the "control, conduct, or maintenance of a religious organization." It may not be necessary for clergy to meet all of these tests to qualify for the special tax treatment.

| Special Tax Provision for Clergy   |
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| ☐ Exclusion for income tax purposes of the housing allowance and the fair rental value of a congregation-owned parsonage provided rent-free to clergy.                       |
| ☐ Exemption of clergy from self-employment tax under very limited circumstances.   |
| ☐ For social security tax purposes, treatment of clergy (who do not elect social security exemption) as self-employed as it concerns income from their ministerial services. |
| ☐ Exemption of clergy compensation from mandatory income tax withholding.  |
| ☐ Eligibility for a voluntary income tax withholding arrangement between clergy-employees and the congregation.  |
| ☐ Potential double deduction of mortgage interest and real estate taxes as itemized deductions and as housing expenses for housing allowance purposes.                       |

#### **Payroll Tax Reporting**

Form W-2s are provided annually to clergy-employees. There is no requirement to withhold income taxes, but they may be withheld under a voluntary agreement. Social security taxes are not withheld.

If an employee does not qualify for tax treatment as clergy, the congregation is liable to withhold and pay FICA and income taxes.

# Payroll Tax Withholding

#### **FICA**

Congregations must withhold FICA taxes from the employee wages of all nonclergy. In 2011, employers pay a 6.2% and employees pay a 4.2% tax rate on the social security wage base of up to \$106,800. Similarly, both the employer and the employee pay a 1.45% Medicare tax rate on all pay above \$106,800. The social security wage base is \$110,100 for 2012.

Warning

FICA-type social security taxes should never be withheld from the compensation of clergy since they are self-employed for social security purposes. They must file Schedule SE to compute self-employment social security tax, unless they have opted out of social security.

Congress approved an extension of the employee's 4.2% tax rate through February 2012. The extension allows employers to withhold employee payroll taxes at 4.2% instead of 6.2%) on all

wages paid during the two-month extension period, subject only to the full 2012 wage base (\$110,100) and without regard to the \$18,350 cap (two-twelfths of the wage base of \$110,100) on wages earned through the end of February, 2012. If an employee's wages during the first two months of 2012 exceed \$18,350, and the payroll tax reduction is not extended for the remainder of 2012, an amount equal to 2% of those excess wages would ultimately be recaptured on the worker's individual tax return for 2012.

#### Federal Income Tax

Most congregations are exempt from the payment of federal, state, and local income tax on the congregation's income (see page 45 for the tax on unrelated business income). But they must withhold and pay federal, state, and local income taxes on the wages paid to each employee. Clergy-employees are an exception to this rule.

A clergy-employee may have a voluntary withholding agreement with a congregation relating to the cleric's income taxes (or he or she may file Form 1040-ES, or both). An agreement to withhold income taxes from wages must be in writing. There is no required form for the agreement. Clergy may request voluntary withholding by submitting Form W-4 (Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate) to the congregation indicating the additional amount to be withheld in excess of the tax table, or the written request may be in another format.



#### Caution

Federal income taxes are not required to be withheld from the salary of clergy. But under a voluntary withholding agreement, federal income tax may be withheld—even sufficient to cover the self-employment tax liability. This withholding must be identified as federal income tax withheld (and not social security taxes withheld).

Federal income taxes for all employees (except clergy) are calculated based on the chart and tables shown in IRS Publication 15. State and local income taxes are usually required to be withheld according to state and local withholding tables.

➤ Form W-4. All employees, part- or full-time, must complete a W-4 form. (Clergy are an exception to this requirement unless a voluntary withholding arrangement is used.) The withholding allowance information completed on this form gives the basis to determine the amount of income tax to be withheld.

Congregations must file with the IRS all Forms W-4 on which employees claim exempt status from withholding (and the employees' wages would normally exceed \$200 weekly) or claim more than 10 withholding allowances.

➤ Form W-7. Certain individuals who are not eligible for a social security number (SSN) may obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The following individuals may file Form W-7: (1) nonresident aliens who are required to file a U.S. tax return, (2) nonresident aliens who are filing a U.S. tax return only to claim a refund, (3) individuals being claimed as dependents on U.S. tax returns and who are not eligible to obtain a social security number, (4) individuals being claimed as husbands or wives for exemptions on U.S. tax returns and who are not eligible to obtain a SSN, and (5) U.S. residents who must file a U.S. tax return but are not eligible for a SSN.

#### Self-employment Tax

Social security taxes (FICA) should never be withheld from the salary of clergy. But under the voluntary withholding agreement for federal income taxes, additional federal income tax may be

| orm W-4. epartment of the Treasury ternal Revenue Service | ► Whether you are entit          | tled to claim a certain numb     | S Allowance Certifica<br>per of allowances or exemption from with<br>the required to send a copy of this form to | hholding is           | OMB No. 1545-0074             |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Your first name a                                       | and middle initial               | Last name                        |  | 2 Your social         | security number               |
| Walter R.   |                                  | Knight                           |  | 511-02                | -7943                         |
| Home address (r   | umber and street or rural route) |                                  | 3 Single X Married Married Married   | ried, but withhold a  | at higher Single rate.        |
| 601 Oakr  | idge Boulevard                   |                                  | Note. If married, but legally separated, or spo  | use is a nonresident  | alien, check the "Single" box |
| City or town, sta   | te, and ZIP code                 |                                  | 4 If your last name differs from that  | shown on your so      | cial security card,           |
| Vinton, V   | A 24179                          |                                  | check here. You must call 1-800-   | -                     |                               |
| 5 Total number  | of allowances you are clai       | ming (from line <b>H</b> above   | or from the applicable worksheet   | on page 2)            | 5 4                           |
|   | ount, if any, you want with      | • .                              |  |                       | 6 \$                          |
|   |                                  |                                  | meet <b>both</b> of the following conditio   | ns for exemption      | on.                           |
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| nployee's signature                                       |                                  | Walter R.                        | Knight   | Date ► 1/             | 01/12                         |
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withheld sufficient to cover clergy self-employment tax liability. When these withheld amounts are paid to the IRS, they must be identified as federal income tax withheld (and not social security taxes withheld).

# Depositing Withheld Payroll Taxes

The basic rules for depositing payroll taxes are:

- ➤ If the total accumulated and unpaid employment tax (income tax withheld, social security tax withheld and matched by the congregation) is less than \$2,500 in a calendar quarter, taxes can be paid directly to the IRS when the congregation files Form 941. These forms are due one month after the end of each calendar quarter.
- ➤ If payroll taxes are over \$2,500 for a quarter, payroll tax deposits must be made monthly or before the 15th day of each month for the payroll paid during the preceding month. Large congregations with total employment taxes of over \$50,000 per year are subject to more frequent deposits.

The costs of missing these deadlines can be very high. Besides interest, the congregation is subject to penalties at progressively stiffer rates. These range from 2% if you deposit the money within five days of the due date to 15% if it is not deposited within 10 days of the first delinquency notice or on the day that the IRS demands immediate payment, whichever is earlier.

Only very small organizations will be exempted from depositing electronically: employers with \$2,500 or less in quarterly employment taxes that pay their liability when filing their returns. All

other coupon users must switch to making deposits by wire using Treasury's Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS): www.eftps.gov or call 800-555-4477.

Using EFTPS is free and a convenient way to make federal tax payments online or by telephone, 24/7. To enroll in this system, you merely need your taxpayer identification number, bank account and routing number and address and name as they appear on your IRS tax documents. After you enter the requested information online, you will receive your PIN. Then call 1-800-982-3526 to get a temporary Internet password. Then you are ready to make a payment online or by telephone.

## Filing the Quarterly Payroll Tax Forms

Employers must report covered wages paid to their employees by filing Form 941 with the IRS.

#### Form 941

Congregations which withhold income tax and both social security and Medicare taxes must file Form 941 quarterly. There is no requirement to file Form 941 if your congregation has not been required to withhold payroll taxes, even if you have one or more clergy-employees. However, if the only employee is a cleric and voluntary federal income tax has been withheld, your congregation must file Form 941.

Most common errors made on Form 941. The IRS has outlined the most common errors discovered during the processing of Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, and the best way to avoid making these mistakes. A checklist for avoiding errors follows:



Do not file more than one Form 941 per quarter even if you deposit payroll taxes monthly. If you have multiple locations, you must file only one Form 941 per quarter. Filing more than one return may result in processing delays and require correspondence with the IRS.

- □ Do not include titles or abbreviations, such as Dr., Mr., or Mrs.
- On line 2, do not include amounts designated as housing allowance for qualified ministers.
- □ Make sure that taxable social security wages and the social security tax on line 5a and the taxable Medicare wages and the Medicare tax on line 5c are reported separately. Most employers will need to complete both lines 5a and 5c.
- ☐ The preprinted form sent by the IRS should be used. If the return is prepared by a third-party preparer, make certain that the preparer uses exactly the name that appears on the preprinted form that was sent.
- □ Check the math for lines 5d, 10, and 11. Line 11 should always be the sum of lines 3, 5d, and 9.
- □ Be sure to use the most recent Form 941 that the IRS sends. The IRS enters the date the quarter ended after the employer identification number. If the form is used for a later quarter, the IRS will have to contact the employer.
- ☐ Make sure there is never an entry on both lines 14 and 15. There cannot be a balance due and a refund.

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| Name (no        | t your trade name) Barnett Ridge Church  |          | 1: January, February, March                         |
| rade na         | me (if any)  |          | 2: April, May, June                                 |
|                 | PO Box 517   | 🗆 :      | 3: July, August, September                          |
| ddress          | Number Street Suite or room number   | 1 1 —    | 4: October, November, December                      |
|                 | Selma   AL   36704   |          | r-year forms are available at<br>v.irs.gov/form941. |
| ad the s        | City State ZIP code eparate instructions before you complete Form 941. Type or print within the boxes.   |          |   |
| art 1:          | Answer these questions for this quarter.   |          |   |
| •               | mber of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay<br>luding: <i>Mar. 12</i> (Quarter 1), <i>June 12</i> (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or <i>Dec. 12</i> (Qu | •        | 1 0   |
|                 | ges, tips, and other compensation  |          | 2 24,811 .  |
| 3 Inc           | ome tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation  |          | 3 4,642 .   |
| l If r          | o wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medica   | are tax  | Check and go to line 6.                             |
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| b Ta            | xable social security tips × .124 =  |          |   |
| 5c Та           | xable Medicare wages & tips. 16,340 ■ × .029 = 47  | 4 •      |   |
| 5d Ad           | d Column 2 line 5a, Column 2 line 5b, and Column 2 line 5c   |          | 5d 2,500 <b>.</b>                                   |
|                 | ction 3121(q) Notice and Demand – Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions)  |          | 5e •  |
|                 | tal taxes before adjustments (add lines 3, 5d, and 5e)   |          | 6 7,142   |
|                 | rrent quarter's adjustment for fractions of cents  |          | 7   |
|                 | rrent quarter's adjustment for sick pay  |          | 8   |
| 9 Cu            | rrent quarter's adjustments for tips and group-term life insurance   |          | 9   |
| ) То            | tal taxes after adjustments. Combine lines 6 through 9   |          | 7,142   |
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|                 | lance due. If line 10 is more than line 13, enter the difference and see instructions  | 1        | 14 0 .  |
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| You l           | MUST complete both pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.  |          | Next ■  |
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| me (not your trade name)  Barnett Rid   | e Church   |  | Employer identification number (EIN)<br>35-2017883   |  |  |  |  |
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|   |  |  | emiweekly schedule depositor, see Pub. 15  |  |  |  |  |
| (Circular E), section   | 11.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 Check one:   | \$100,000 next-day do<br>is \$100,000 or more,   | leposit obligation during the current quarter. If line   | the prior quarter was less than \$2,500, and you did not incu<br>10 for the prior quarter was less than \$2,500 but line 10 on this ret<br>illity. If you are a monthly schedule depositor, complete the depo-<br>ale B (Form 941). Go to Part 3.  |  |  |  |  |
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## Form 941-X

Form 941-X may be used to correct errors reported on Forms 941 or 941-SS for one quarter only. Form 941-X must be filed separately from Form 941.

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| Jame Inst | vour trade name) Little Valley Church  | X 941   |
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| rade nam  | (if any)   |   |
| Address   | 4865 Douglas Road  | Check the ONE quarter you are correcting:   |
|           | Number Street Suite or room number   | 1: January, February, March   |
|           | Springfield OH 45504   | X 2: April, May, June   |
| ad the    | City State ZIP code nstructions before completing this form. Use this form to correct errors you   | 3: July, August, September  |
| ade on F  | orm 941 or 941-SS. Use a separate Form 941-X for each quarter that needs   | 4: October, November, December  |
|           | Type or print within the boxes. You MUST complete all three pages. Do not form to Form 941 or 941-SS.  | Enter the calendar year of the quarter  |
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|           | Adjusted employment tax return. Check this box if you underreported amounts. Also<br>check this box if you overreported amounts and you would like to use the adjustment   |   |
|           | process to correct the errors. You must check this box if you are correcting both<br>underreported and overreported amounts on this form. The amount shown on line 21, if  | Enter the date you discovered errors  |
|           | ess than zero, may only be applied as a credit to your Form 941, Form 941-SS, Form 944, or Form 944-SS for the tax period in which you are filing this form.   | 9 / 10 /2012  |
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|           | check this box if you are correcting ANY underreported amounts on this form.   |   |
|           | e. If you are correcting underreported amounts only, go to Part 3 on page 2 and skip li<br>If you checked line 1 because you are adjusting overreported amounts, check all that  |   |
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|           | b. The adjustments of social security tax and Medicare tax are for the employer's share<br>or each employee did not give me a written statement that he or she has not claimed<br>a refund or credit for the overcollection.   |   |
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## Filing the Annual Payroll Tax Forms

#### Form W-2

By January 31 each employee must be given a Form W-2. Be sure to reconcile the data reflected on Forms W-2, W-3, and 941 before distributing Form W-2s to employees. If these forms do not reconcile, the IRS generally sends a letter to the employer requesting additional information. For help or information, call 304-263-8700.

Make all entries without a dollar sign or comma but with a decimal point and cents (do not use whole dollars).

**Void** – Put an X in this box when an error has been made on this W-2.



#### Remember

One of an employer's primary challenges is to determine if all of an employee's compensation is reported on Form W-2. Taxable compensation that is often erroneously omitted includes life insurance premiums paid for the employee (only group term life up to \$50,000 is tax-free) and expense allowances (only expenses reimbursed under an accountable plan are tax-free).

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#### **Box 1** – Wages, tips, other compensation. Items to include before any payroll deductions in Box 1 are:

- total wages paid during the year (including love offerings paid by the congregation to clergy or other employee);
- the value of noncash payments, including taxable fringe benefits;
- business expense payments under a nonaccountable plan;
- payments of per diem or mileage allowance paid for business expense purposes that exceed the IRS specified rates;

- payments made by a congregation to an employee's Individual Retirement Account;
- > payments for nonexcludable moving expenses;
- ➤ all other compensation, including taxable fringe benefits. "Other compensation" represents amounts a congregation pays to an employee from which federal income tax is not withheld. If you prefer, you may show other compensation on a separate Form W-2; and
- ➤ the cash housing allowance or the fair market rental value of housing and utilities. This must be reported as taxable income for lay employees unless furnished on the congregation's premises and the employee is required to accept the lodging as a condition of employment.

#### Exclude the following:

- ➤ the fair rental value of a congregation-provided parsonage or a properly designated housing allowance for clergy;
- auto, business, or qualified moving expense reimbursements paid through an accountable expense plan; and
- > contributions to 403(b) tax-sheltered annuities or 401(k) plans.

# Caution

Do not include any per diem or mileage allowance or other reimbursements for employee business expenses under an accountable plan in Boxes 1 or 14, if the total reimbursement is less than or equal to the amount substantiated.

| Checklist for Completing Box 1 of Form W-2 |               |                                   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <u>Data l</u><br>Clergy<br><u>Only</u>     | Encluded Both | l for<br>Nonclergy<br><u>Only</u> |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yes           |                                   | Salary  |  |  |  |  |  |
| no   |               | yes                               | Housing/furnishings allowance (designated in advance)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| no   |               | yes                               | Parsonage rental value  |  |  |  |  |  |
| no   |               | yes                               | Utilities paid by congregation  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yes           |                                   | Social security/Medicare "allowance" or reimbursement   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | no            |                                   | Transportation/travel and other business and professional expense reimbursements, only if paid under a board-adopted accountable reimbursement plan |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yes           |                                   | "Reimbursements," if not paid under an accountable reimbursement plan   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yes           |                                   | Congregation love offerings or cash gifts in excess of \$25   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | no            |                                   | Contributions to a tax-sheltered annuity plan   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | no            |                                   | Health/dental insurance premiums paid directly or reimbursed by the congregation  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | no            |                                   | Group term life insurance premiums (for up to \$50,000 coverage) paid directly by the congregation  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | no            |                                   | Excludable moving expenses paid for or reimbursed to an employee  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yes           |                                   | Nonexcludable moving expenses paid for or reimbursed to an employee   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yes           |                                   | Value of personal and nonbusiness use of congregation's vehicle   |  |  |  |  |  |

**Box 2 – Federal income tax withheld.** Enter the total federal income tax withheld according to the chart and tables in IRS Publication 15.

A clergy-employee may enter into a voluntary withholding arrangement with the congregation. Based on Form W-4 or other written withholding request, federal income tax withholding may be calculated from the chart and tables in Publication 15, excluding any housing allowance amount.

Clergy may request that an additional amount of income tax be withheld to cover self-employment tax. However, the additional amount withheld is reported as income tax withheld on the quarterly Form 941 and in Box 2 of Form W-2.

A congregation that provides additional compensation to the clergy-employee to cover part or all of the self-employment tax liability may:

- pay the additional compensation directly to the IRS by entering that amount on the congregation's Form 941 and in Boxes 1 and 2 of Form W-2, or
- ➤ pay the additional compensation to clergy with the clergy being responsible for remitting the amounts to the IRS with a Form 1040-ES. If this procedure is followed, the congregation reports this amount only as additional compensation on Form 941 and only in Box 1 of Form W-2.

Box 3 – Social security wages. Show the total wages paid (before payroll deductions) subject to employee social security tax (FICA). This amount must not exceed \$106,800 in 2011 (the maximum social security tax wage base). Include nonaccountable employee business expenses reported in Box 1. Generally, all cash and noncash payments reported in Box 1 must also be shown in Box 3. Voluntary salary reduction tax-sheltered annuity contributions for nonclergy employees are included in Box 3.

Box 3 should be blank for qualified clergy (an individual who meets the ministerial tests of the IRS).

**Box** 4 – **Social security tax withheld.** Show the total FICA social security tax (not including the organization's share) withheld or paid by the congregation for the employee. The amount shown must equal 4.2% (the 6.2% employee FICA tax rate was reduced to 4.2% because of a payroll tax "holiday" for 2011) of the amount in Box 3 and must not exceed \$4,486 for 2011. Do not include the matching employer FICA tax.

Some congregations pay the employee's share of FICA tax for some or all nonclergy employees instead of deducting it from the employee's wages. These amounts paid by the congregation must be included in Boxes 1, 3, and 5 as wages and proportionately in Boxes 4 and 6 as social security and Medicare tax withheld.

Box 4 should be blank for qualified clergy. Any amount of withholding to meet the cleric's SECA tax liability must be reported in Box 2, not in Box 4 or Box 6.

**Box 5** – **Medicare wages.** The wages subject to Medicare tax are the same as those subject to social security tax (Box 3), except that there is no wage limit for the Medicare tax.

**Example:** Nonclergy employees are paid wages of \$107,000. The amount shown in Box 3 (social security wages) should be \$106,800, but the amount shown in Box 5 (Medicare wages) should be \$107,000. If the wages are less than \$106,800, the amounts entered in Boxes 3 and 5 will be the same.

Box 5 should be blank for clergy. Nonqualified moving expense reimbursements and payments for lay employees are included in Box 5.

**Box 6 – Medicare tax withheld.** Enter the total employee Medicare tax (not your share) withheld or paid by you for your employee. The amount shown must equal 1.45% of the amount in

- Box 5. Box 6 should be blank for qualified clergy.
- **Box 10 Dependent care benefits.** Show the total amount of dependent care benefits under Section 129 paid or incurred by you for your employee, including any amount over the \$5,000 exclusion. Also include in Box 1, Box 3, and Box 5 any amount over the \$5,000 exclusion.
- **Box 11 Nonqualified plans.** Enter the total amount of distributions to the employee from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan. Nonqualified plans do not include a tax-sheltered annuity or a "Rabbi trust." Include an amount in Box 11 only if it is also includible in Box 1 or Boxes 3 and 5.
- **Box 12 Additional entries.** The following items are most frequently inserted in Box 12 by congregations:
  - C Group term life insurance. If you provided your employee more than \$50,000 of group term life insurance, show the cost of the coverage over \$50,000. Also include the amount in Box 1 (also in Boxes 3 and 5 for a lay employee).
  - E Section 403(b) voluntary salary reduction agreement to purchase an annuity contract. This amount would not be included in Box 1 for either clergy or lay employees. This amount would be included in Boxes 3 and 5 for a lay employee.
  - F Section 408(k)(6) salary reduction simplified employee pension (SEP).
  - L Generally, payments made under an accountable plan are excluded from the employee's gross income and are not required to be reported on Form W-2. But if the congregation pays a per diem or mileage allowance, and the amount paid exceeds the amount substantiated under IRS rules, you must report as wages on Form W-2 the amount in excess of the amount substantiated. Report the amount substantiated (the nontaxable portion) in Box 12. In Box 1, show the portion of the reimbursement that is more than the amount treated as substantiated. For lay employees, the excess amount is subject to income tax withholding, social security tax, Medicare tax, and possibly federal unemployment tax.
    - **Example 1:** An employee receives a mileage reimbursement at the rate of 51 cents per mile for the first half and 55.5 cents per mile for the second half of 2011, and substantiates the business miles driven to the congregation. The mileage reimbursement is not reported on Form W-2.
    - **Example 2:** An employee receives a mileage allowance of \$2,000 per year and does not substantiate the business miles driven. The \$2,000 allowance is includible in Box 1 as compensation for clergy and Boxes 1, 3, and 5 for a lay employee. The business mileage is deductible as a miscellaneous deduction on the employee's Schedule A, subject to limitations.

Payments made to nonclergy employees under a nonaccountable plan are reportable as wages on Form W-2 and are subject to income tax withholding, social security tax, Medicare tax, and possibly federal unemployment tax.

Payments made to clergy-employees under a nonaccountable plan are reportable as wages on Form W-2 and may be subject to income tax withholding under a voluntary agreement, but are not subject to mandatory withholding, social security (FICA) or Medicare tax.

- P Qualified moving expenses paid directly to an employee must be reported on Form W-2, only in Box 12, using Code P. Congregation payments of qualified moving expenses paid directly to a vendor for an employee are not reportable on Form W-2. Report nonqualified moving expense reimbursements and payments in Box 1 for either clergy or lay employees. This amount is included in Boxes 3 and 5 for lay employees.
- R Congregation contributions to a medical savings account.
- S Salary reductions to a savings incentive match plan for employees with a SIMPLE retirement account.
- T Employer payments under an adoption assistance plan.
- Y Deferrals under section 409A nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- Z Income under a section 409A nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

Box 13 - Check the appropriate boxes in this section. Congregation employees may need to check this box under the following conditions.

Retirement plan. Mark this box if the employee was an active participant (for any part of the year) in any of the following:

- 1. A qualified pension plan described in section 401(a)—(including a 401(k) plan)
- 2. An annuity plan described in section 403(a)
- 3. An annuity contract or custodial account described in section 403(b)
- 4. A simplified employee pension (SEP) plan described in section 408(k)

Box 14 – Other. You may use this box for any other information the employer wishes to provide to an employee. Label each item and include information such as health insurance premiums deducted or educational assistance payments.

If the congregation owns or leases a vehicle for an employee's use, the value of the personal use of the vehicle is taxable income. The value of the use of the vehicle (using one of the methods shown below) must be included in Box 1 (and in Boxes 3 and 5 for a lay employee) or on a separate statement to the employee. The employee is required to maintain a mileage log or similar records to substantiate business and personal use of the vehicle and to submit this to the employer. If not

**Filing Tip** 

Clergy housing allowance could be included in Box 14 with the words "Housing Allowance." However, some congregations prefer to provide clergy with a separate statement reflecting the housing allowance amount.

substantiated, the employer must report 100 percent of the use of the vehicle as taxable income.

If the employee fully reimburses the employer for the value (reimbursement for gas is not a full reimbursement) of the personal use of the vehicle, then no value would be reported in either Box 1 or in Box 14.

Vehicles provided by a congregation to employees for business use are often partially used for personal purposes. The IRS treats most types of personal use of a congregation-provided vehicle as a noncash fringe benefit, and generally requires the fair market value of such use to be included in the employee's gross income (to the extent that the value is not reimbursed to the congregation).

If the employee reimburses the congregation in a chargeback system for the full dollar value of personal use, it will cost the employee more than if the congregation includes the personal use value in the income of the employee.

Several methods may be used to value the personal use of a congregation-provided vehicle. This value must be included in the employee's compensation if it is not reimbursed by the employee. The two methods most commonly used by clergy are discussed here.

Annual lease value rule. Under this rule, the fair market value of a vehicle is determined and that value is used to determine the annual lease value amount by referring to the annual lease value table:

#### **Annual Lease Value Table**

|        |   | Iarket<br>of Car | Annual Lease<br><u>Value</u> |        | r Mai |              |
|--------|---|------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------------|
| \$0    | _ | 999              | \$600                        | 19,000 | _     | 19,9995,350  |
| 1,000  | _ | 1,999            | 850                          | 20,000 | _     | 20,9995,600  |
| 2,000  | _ | 2,999            | 1,100                        | 21,000 | _     | 21,9995,850  |
| 3,000  | _ | 3,999            | 1,350                        | 22,000 | _     | 22,9996,100  |
| 4,000  | _ | 4,999            | 1,600                        | 23,000 | _     | 23,9996,350  |
| 5,000  | _ | 5,999            | 1,850                        | 24,000 | _     | 24,9996,600  |
| 6,000  | _ | 6,999            | 2,100                        | 25,000 | _     | 25,9996,850  |
| 7,000  | _ | 7,999            | 2,350                        | 26,000 | _     | 27,9997,250  |
| 8,000  | _ | 8,999            | 2,600                        | 28,000 | _     | 29,9997,750  |
| 9,000  | _ | 9,999            | 2,850                        | 30,000 | _     | 31,9998,250  |
| 10,000 | _ | 10,999           | 3,100                        | 32,000 | _     | 33,9998,750  |
| 11,000 | _ | 11,999           | 3,350                        | 34,000 | _     | 35,9999,250  |
| 12,000 | _ | 12,999           | 3,600                        | 36,000 | _     | 37,9999,750  |
| 13,000 | _ | 13,999           | 3,850                        | 38,000 | _     | 39,99910,250 |
| 14,000 | _ | 14,999           | 4,100                        | 40,000 | _     | 41,99910,750 |
| 15,000 | _ | 15,999           | 4,350                        | 42,000 | _     | 43,99911,250 |
| 16,000 | _ | 16,999           | 4,600                        | 44,000 | _     | 45,99911,750 |
| 17,000 | _ | 17,999           | 4,850                        | 46,000 | _     | 47,99912,250 |
| 18,000 | _ | 18,999           | 5,100                        | 48,000 | -     | 49,99912,750 |

The annual lease value corresponding to this fair market value, multiplied by the personal use percentage, is the amount to be added to the employee's gross income. Amounts reimbursed by the employee are offset.

➤ Cents-per-mile valuation rule. Generally, this rule may be used if the congregation reasonably expects that the vehicle will be regularly used in the ministry of the congregation, or if the vehicle is driven at least 10,000 miles a year and the vehicle is primarily used by employees. This valuation rule is available only if the fair market value of the vehicle, as of the date the vehicle was first made available for personal use by employees, does not exceed a specified value set by the IRS. For 2011, this value is \$15,300.

The value of the personal use of the vehicle is computed by multiplying the number of miles driven for personal purposes by the IRS standard mileage rate of 51 cents per mile for the first half and 55.5 cents per mile for the second half of 2011. This rate remains unchanged for 2012.

### Form W-3

A Form W-3 is submitted to the IRS as a transmittal form with Form W-2s. Form W-3 and all attached W-2s must be submitted to the Social Security Administration Center. No money is sent with Form W-3.

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| e Employer identification number (EIN)<br>35-2946039  | 3 Social security wages<br>236431.00                              | 4 Social security tax withheld<br>14859.00                          |  |
| f Employer's name ABC Charity   | 5 Medicare wages and tips<br>243987.00                            | 6 Medicare tax withheld<br>3538.00                                  |  |
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| Traverse City, MI 49615   | 9   | 10 Dependent care banefits  |  |
| g Employer's address and ZIP code   | 11 Nonqualified plans   | 12a Deferred compensation   |  |
| h Other EIN used this year  | 13 For third-party sick pay use only                              | 12b   |  |
| 15 State Employer's state ID number MI 6309294  | 14 Income tax withheld by payer of third-party a                  | iidk pay  |  |
| 16 State wages, tips, etc. 17 State income tax 4387.00  | 18 Local wages, tips, etc.  | 19 Local income tax   |  |
| Contact person Daniel L. Lewis  | Telephone number  | For Official Use Only   |  |
| Email address dlewis@gmail.com  | Fax number  |   |  |
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#### Form W-2c

Use Form W-2c to correct errors on a previously filed Form W-2.

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#### Form W-3c

Use Form W-3c to transmit corrected W-2c forms to the Social Security Administration.

#### Unemployment Taxes

The federal and state unemployment systems provide temporary unemployment compensation to workers who have lost their jobs. Employers provide the revenue for this program by paying federal unemployment taxes, under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), and state unemployment taxes. These are strictly employer taxes and no deductions are taken from employees' wages.

The current federal unemployment tax law exempts from coverage:

- > services performed in the employ of a congregation, a convention, an association of congregations, or an organization that is operated primarily for religious purposes (to qualify for exemption, employees must be performing strictly religious duties);
- > services performed by duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed clergy of a congregation in the exercise of ministry or by a member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by such order;
- services performed in the employ of an unincorporated congregation-controlled elementary or secondary school.

States may expand their coverage of unemployment taxes beyond the federal minimum. In many states, exemption is also provided for:

> services performed in the employ of a separately incorporated school, if the school is operated primarily for religious purposes and is operated, supervised, controlled, or principally supported by a congregation, convention, or association of congregations.

# Paying Employee Expenses

An accountable expense reimbursement plan is a reimbursement or expense allowance arrangement that requires: (1) a business purpose for the expenses, (2) employees to substantiate the expenses, and (3) the return of any excess reimbursements.

The substantiation of expenses and return of excess reimbursements must be handled within a reasonable time. The following methods meet the "reasonable time" definition.

- ➤ The "fixed date" method applies if:
  - an advance is made within 30 days of when an expense is paid or incurred;
  - an expense is substantiated to the congregation within 60 days after the expense is paid or incurred; and
  - any excess amount is returned to the congregation within 120 days after the expense is paid or incurred.



**Filing Tip** 

Recent court cases reflect attempts by

states to subject religious organizations,

including congregations, to state unem-

ployment taxes. Except for an Oregon case and a New York case, most courts

have held that congregations are not

subject to state unemployment tax.

#### Idea

While the business connection and return of amounts exceeding expenses are criteria that must be satisfied, substantiation of the expenses is often very challenging. Adequate accounting generally means the submission to the congregation of an account book, diary, log, statement of expense, trip sheet, or similar record maintained by the employee and recorded at or near the time of the expense.

| > | The | "periodic statement" method applies if:   |
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|   |     | the congregation provides employees with a periodic statement that sets forth the amoun paid under the arrangement in excess of substantiated expenses;   |
|   |     | the statements are provided at least quarterly; and   |
|   |     | the congregation requests that the employee provide substantiation for any additional expenses that have not yet been substantiated and/or return any amounts remaining unsubstantiated within 120 days of the statement. |

If employees substantiate expenses and return any unused excess payments to the congregation, payments to the employee for business expenses have no impact on tax reporting. They are not included on Form W-2 for the employee.

#### Nonaccountable Expense-Reimbursement Plans

If business expenses are not substantiated by the employee to the congregation, or if the amount of the reimbursement to the employee exceeds the actual expenses and the excess is not returned within a reasonable period of time, reporting is required.

Nonaccountable reimbursements and excess reimbursements over IRS limits must be reported as wages on Form W-2. They are generally subject to federal income tax and FICA withholding for employees other than clergy.

If a congregation pays allowances to employees for continuing education, books, subscriptions, and other similar professional expense items and does not require an accounting, these payments are part of a nonaccountable plan. The amounts must be included on Form W-2 and are subject to income tax and FICA withholding for nonclergy.

# Reporting the Housing Allowance to Clergy

The designated housing allowance may be reflected on Form W-2 in Box 14 with the notation "Housing Allowance." Or the congregation can report the designated housing allowance to clergy by providing a statement separate from Form W-2. This may be in a memo or letter. The statement should not be attached to the income tax return.

The congregation may erroneously include the housing allowance on Form W-2, Box 1. If this happens, the congregation should prepare a corrected form.

# Compensation-Related Loans

Some congregations make loans to employees. The loans are often restricted to the purchase of land or a residence or to the construction of a residence. Before a loan is made, the congregation should determine if the transaction is legal under state law. Such loans are prohibited in many states.

If a congregation receives interest of \$600 or more in a year relating to a loan secured by real estate, a Form 1098 must be provided to the payor. For the interest to be deductible as an itemized deduction, an employee loan must be secured by the residence and properly recorded.

If a congregation makes loans to employees at below-market rates, the congregation may be required to report additional compensation to the employee. If the loan is below \$10,000, there is no additional compensation to the borrower. For loans over \$10,000, additional compensation is calculated equal

to the foregone interest that would have been charged if the loan had been made at a market rate of interest. The market rate of interest is the "applicable federal rate" for loans of similar duration. The IRS publishes these rates monthly. The additional compensation must be reported on Form W-2, Box 1.

# Obtaining an Employer Identification Number

All congregations must obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) by filing IRS Form SS-4 (see page 40). An EIN is required for a congregation, even though congregations are not required to file with the IRS for tax-exempt status. This number is not a "tax-exempt number," but is simply the congregation's unique identifier in the IRS's records, similar to an individual's social security number.

When a congregation applies for exemption from state or local income, sales, or property taxes, the state or local jurisdiction may provide a certificate or letter of exemption which, in some jurisdictions, includes a serial number. This number is often called a "tax-exempt number." This number should not be confused with the EIN.

#### Application for Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status

Congregations are not required to apply to the IRS for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are exempt from filing Form 990. Some donors may ask if a congregation is listed in IRS Publication 78, *The Cumulative List of Organizations*, which identifies entities to which tax deductible contributions may be made. However, there is no requirement for congregations to be listed in Publication 78 since a congregation is tax-exempt by its very nature.

# Immigration Control

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) prohibits all congregations from hiring unauthorized aliens, imposes documentation verification requirements on all congregations, and provides an "amnesty" program for certain illegal aliens. The law also prohibits congregations with three or more employees from discriminating because of national origin. An I-9 Form (see page 41) must be completed and retained on file by all congregations for each employee hired. Form I-9 may be obtained by calling 800-375-5283 or at www.uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/i-9.htm.

The Form I-551, Alien Registration Receipt Card, is the exclusive registration card issued to lawful permanent residents as definitive evidence of identity and U.S. residence status.

#### Racial Discrimination

Form 5578, Annual Certification of Racial Nondiscrimination for a Private School Exempt from Federal Income Tax, must be filed by congregations that operate, supervise, or control a private school. The form must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of the organization's fiscal year. For organizations that must file Form 990, there is no requirement to file Form 5578, since the information is included in Part V of Schedule A.

The "private school" definition includes preschools, primary, secondary, preparatory, or high schools, and colleges and universities, whether operated as a separate legal entity or as an activity of a congregation.

|      | January 2010)  (For use by employers, corporations, partner government agencies, Indian tribal entities,                       | certain inc       | lividuals, and others.)                    |   |
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| ma   | nal Revenue Service See separate instructions for each line.   |                   | copy for your records.                     |   |
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| ;    | Miami, FL 33014  6 County and state where principal business is located  | міа               | mi, FL 33133                               |   |
| 2    | Dade County, FL  |                   |  |   |
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Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9, Employment **Eligibility Verification** 

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# Information Reporting Requirements

# General Filing Requirements

Information forms (1098 and 1099) must be provided to the payers/recipients on or before February 1 following the calendar year that the funds were paid or received. Copies of the 2011 forms must be filed with the IRS by February 28 (if you file electronically, the due date is April 2).

An extension of time to file may be requested by filing Form 8809, Request for Extension of Time to File Information Returns, by the due date of the returns.

Magnetic media reporting may be required for filing information returns with the IRS. If a congregation is required to file 250 or more information returns, magnetic media filing must be used. The 250-or-more requirement applies separately to each type of form. A Form 4419, Application for Filing Information Returns on Magnetic Media, must be filed to apply to use magnetic media.

Congregations filing returns on paper forms must use a separate transmittal Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns, for each different type of information form. For example, when filing Forms 1098, 1099-MISC, and 1099-S, complete one Form 1096 to transmit Forms 1098, another Form 1096 to transmit Forms 1099-MISC, and a third Form 1096 to transmit Forms 1099-S.

# Obtaining Correct Identification Numbers

Congregations required to file information returns with the IRS must obtain the correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report real estate transactions, mortgage interest paid to the congregation, and certain other transactions.

Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, (see page 47) is used to furnish the TIN to the congregation and in certain other situations to:

- certify that the TIN furnished is correct;
- certify that the recipient of the income is not subject to backup withholding; or
- > claim exemption from backup withholding.

#### Receipt of Interest on Mortgages

Use Form 1098, Mortgage Interest Statement, to report mortgage interest of \$600 or more received by the congregation during the year from an individual, including a sole proprietor. Form 1098 need not be filed for interest received from a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, or association. A transmittal Form 1096 must accompany one or more Forms 1098.

# Reporting on the Payment of Funds

#### Payments to nonresident aliens

Payments for personal services made to non-citizens who are temporarily in this country (nonresident aliens) are often subject to federal income tax withholding at a 30% rate. A nonresident alien is a person who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a resident of the United States. Some payments may be exempt from income tax withholding, if the person is from a country with which the United States

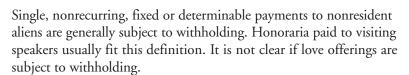


#### Remember

If the recipient does not furnish a completed Form W-9, the congregation is required to withhold 30%. It must then deposit the withholdings with Form 8109 or 8109-B, and report amounts withheld on Form 1099-INT, 1099-MISC, or 1099-R, as applicable.

maintains a tax treaty. Salary payments to nonresident aliens employed in the United States are subject to income tax withholding, based on the regular with-

holding tables.



All payments to nonresident aliens, other than expense reimbursements and amounts reported on Form W-2, must be reported on Form 1042 and 1042-S. These forms are filed with the IRS Service Center in Philadelphia by March 15 for the previous calendar year, and a copy of Form 1042-S must be sent to the nonresident alien.



#### Caution

Generally, you must withhold 30% from the gross amount paid to a foreign payee, unless you can reliably associate the payment with valid documentation that establishes the payee as a U.S. resident. If you do not have documentation or if you believe the documentation is unreliable or incorrect, you must follow the presumption rules outlined in IRS Publication 515.

#### Payments of Interest

File Form 1099-INT, Statement for Recipients of Interest Income (see page 48), for each person to whom the congregation paid interest reportable in Box 1 of at least \$10 in any calendar year, or from whom the congregation withheld any federal income tax under the backup withholding rules (30%), regardless of the amount of the payment. In certain instances, the \$10 limit increases to \$600. There is no requirement to file Form 1099-INT for payments made to a corporation or another tax-exempt organization.

The \$10 limit applies if the interest is on "evidences of indebtedness" (bonds and promissory notes) issued by a corporation in "registered form." A note or bond is in "registered form" if its transfer must be effected by the surrender of the old instrument and either the reissuance by the corporation of the old instrument to the new holder.

**Example 1:** Sleepy Hollow Congregation financed a new facility by issuing registered bonds. Forms 1099-INT must be provided to each bond investor receiving \$10 or more in interest during any calendar year.

If Sleepy Hollow engaged a bond broker to handle the issuance of the bonds, the broker would issue the 1099-INT forms. If Sleepy Hollow issued the bonds without using a bond broker, the congregation would issue 1099-INT forms.

**Example 2:** Sleepy Hollow Congregation borrows funds from members. The notes are transferable. There is no requirement to return the bonds to the congregation for reissuance. The \$600 limit applies for the issuance of 1099-INT forms for the payment of interest on these notes.

#### Payments of Royalties and for Other Services

File Form 1099-MISC (see page 48) for each person (other than corporations) to whom you have paid:

- ➤ at least \$10 in royalties; or
- > at least \$600 in rents, payments for services, prizes and awards, or medical and healthcare payments.

**Example:** A congregation has established a written, nondiscriminatory employee health reimbursement arrangement under which the congregation

pays the medical expenses of the employee, spouse, and dependents.

If \$600 or more is paid in the calendar year to a doctor or other provider of health care services, a Form 1099-MISC must be filed. Amounts paid to an employee under a health reimbursement arrangement are not reportable on Forms W-2 or 1099-MISC.

Do not include the payment of a housing allowance to clergy on Form 1099-MISC. Advances, reimbursements, or expenses for traveling and other business expenses of an employee are not reportable on Form 1099-MISC. They are reportable on Form W-2, if they do not comply with the accountable expense plan rules.

Advances, reimbursements, or expenses for traveling and other business expenses of a self-employed (for income tax purposes) person, such as an evangelist, are not reportable on Form 1099-MISC, if made under an accountable expense reimbursement plan. Under this type of plan, expenses are reimbursed only if they are substantiated as to amount, date, and business nature, and any excess reimbursements must be returned to the congregation.

#### **Caution**

There is more misunderstanding about the use of the Form 1099-MISC than with most other IRS forms. Payments of \$600 or more per calendar year to noncorporate providers of services trigger the filing of this form. This form generally should not be used for employee compensation payments. Thus, a congregation should not report clergy compensation (or the housing allowance) on this form.

On Form 1099-MISC, report all advances, reimbursements, or expenses for traveling and other business expenses of a self-employed person for income tax purposes that are not substantiated to the congregation.

- **Example 1:** Westview Congregation organizes a seminar and engages a speaker. The speaker is paid a \$750 honorarium, and Westview reimburses the travel expenses upon presentation of proper substantiation by the speaker. A Form 1099-MISC should be issued to the speaker for \$750.
- Example 2: Same facts as Example 1, except that of the \$750 payment, \$250 is designated for travel expenses and the speaker substantiates to Westview for the travel. Since the honorarium of \$500—after excluding the substantiated payments —is less than the \$600 limit, there is no requirement to issue a Form 1099-MISC to the speaker.

  If Westview paid another honorarium to the same speaker during the same calendar year of \$100 or more, bringing the total for the year to the \$600 level, a Form 1099-MISC should be issued.
- **Example 3:** Same facts as Example 1, except that of the \$750 payment, \$250 is designated for travel expenses. But the speaker does not account to Westview for the travel expenses. A Form 1099-MISC should be issued to the speaker for \$750.
- **Example 4:** Westview Congregation contracts for janitorial services with an unincorporated janitorial service and pays \$2,000 during the year for this service. Westview should issue a Form 1099-MISC for these payments.

#### Payments to Volunteers

Payments to volunteers that represent a reimbursement under an accountable business expense reimbursement plan for expenses directly connected with the volunteer services are not reportable by the charity.

The tax law does not specifically address whether volunteers are eligible for mileage reimbursement at the standard charitable or business mileage rate (see page 4 for applicable mileage rates), as contrasted with a deduction of 14 cents per mile (2011 and 2012 rate) when volunteer mileage is not reimbursed. When an organization provides liability insurance for its volunteers, the value of the coverage can be excluded from the volunteer's income as a working condition fringe benefit.

Payments to or on behalf of volunteers that are not business expenses are reported on Form W-2 or Form 1099-MISC, depending on whether or not a common law employee relationship exists. When the relationship takes the form of an employer-employee relationship, payments other than expense reimbursement are reported on Form W-2. Payments to nonemployee volunteers for medical, education, or personal living expenses must be reported as nonemployee compensation on Form 1099-MISC. Payments to volunteers for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses may be made under the per diem rules, if the duration of the travel is under one year.

#### Unrelated Business Income

Most congregations are supported primarily from contributions or revenue from activities directly related to their exempt purposes. Sales of religious books, tuition at schools, and campers' fees at camp are examples of exempt purpose revenue. On the other hand, income from activities not directly related to fulfilling a

congregation's exempt purposes may be subject to the tax on unrelated business income.

All income of congregations is presumed to be tax-exempt from federal income tax unless the income is generated by an activity that is

- not substantially related to the congregation's exempt purpose or function,
- a trade or business, and
- regularly carried on.

Although congregations are exempt from filing Form 990, they must file Form 990-T if they have \$1,000 or more of gross unrelated business income (UBI) in a year. There is a specific deduction of \$1,000 in computing UBI. This specific deduction applies to an individual congregation, convention, or district.

# Other Filings

Form 5578 must be completed and furnished to the IRS to provide information regarding nondiscrimination policies of private schools. This includes preschools, primary, secondary, and high schools operated by a congregation.

# Types of Payments

An alphabetical list of some payments and the forms necessary to report them is shown on page 46. This is not a complete list of payments. The absence of a payment from the list does not suggest or imply that the payment is exempt from filing and reporting.

#### Remember

Tax law does not specifically address what deductions are allowable for volunteers. However, if the volunteer renders services under the direction and supervision of the ministry, then the tax provisions for expense reimbursement of employees appears to apply to such volunteers, including mileage reimbursement payments at the business mileage rate.

# **Summary of Payment Reporting Requirements**

Below is an alphabetical list of some payments and the forms necessary to report them. It is not a complete list of payments, and the absence of a payment from the list does not suggest that the payment is exempt from reporting.

| Types of Payment                                       | Report on Form           | Types of Payment                  | Report on Form             |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Advance earned income credit                           | W-2                      | Employee business expense reimbur | sement                     |
| Annuities, periodic payments                           | 1099-R                   | (Nonaccountable plan)             | W-2                        |
| *Attorneys' fees                                       | 1099-MISC                | Fees for services:                |                            |
| **Auto, personal use of congregation-                  |                          | Employee                          | W-2                        |
| owned vehicle  | W-2                      | Nonemployee                       | 1099-MISC                  |
| Auto reimbursements (nonaccountable plan):             |                          | Group term life insurance         | W-2<br>or 1099-R           |
| Employee   | W-2                      | Interest, mortgage                | 1098                       |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | Interest, other than mortgage     | 1099-INT                   |
| Awards:  |                          | Long-term care benefits           | 1099-LTC                   |
| Employee   | W-2                      | Medical expense reimbursement pla | n<br>5500 5500 C           |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | (employee-funded)                 | 5500, 5500-C,<br>or 5500-R |
| Bonuses:   |                          | Mileage (nonaccountable plan):    |                            |
| Employee   | W-2                      | Employee                          | W-2                        |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | Nonemployee                       | 1099-MISC                  |
| Cafeteria/flexible benefit plans                       | 5500/5500-C<br>or 5500-R | Mortgage interest                 | 1098                       |
| Car expense (nonaccountable plan):                     |                          | Moving expenses:                  |                            |
| Employee   | W-2                      | ***Employee                       | W-2                        |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | Nonemployee                       | 1099-MISC                  |
| Christmas bonuses:                                     |                          | Prizes:                           |                            |
| Employee   | W-2                      | Employee                          | W-2                        |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | Nonemployee                       | 1099-MISC                  |
| Commissions:   |                          | Real estate proceeds              | 1099-S                     |
| Employee   | W-2                      | Rents                             | 1099-MISC                  |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | Royalties                         | 1099-MISC                  |
| Compensation:  |                          | Severance pay                     | W-2                        |
| Employee   | W-2                      | Sick pay                          | W-2                        |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                | Supplemental unemployment         | W-2                        |
| Dependent care payments                                | W-2                      | Vacation allowance:               |                            |
| Director's fees  | 1099-MISC                | Employee                          | W-2                        |
| Education expense reimbursement (nonaccountable plan): |                          | Nonemployee<br>Wages              | 1099-MISC<br>W-2           |
| Employee   | W-2                      |                                   |                            |
| Nonemployee  | 1099-MISC                |                                   |                            |

<sup>\*</sup> The exemption from reporting payments made to corporations does not apply to payments to a lawyer or a law firm for legal services, even if the provider of the legal services is incorporated.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Or, the value may be reported on a separate statement to the employee.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Qualified moving expenses paid directly to an employee must be reported on Form W-2, only in Box 13, using Code P.

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#### Charitable Gifts

- Congregation school gifts Rev. Rul. 83-104
- Contribution denied/indirectly related to school

Ltr. Rul. 9004030

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Ltr. Rul. 9405003

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- Contribution of congregation bonds Rev. Rul. 58-262
- Contribution of promissory note Allen v. Commissioner, U.S. Court of Appeals, 89-70252, (9th Cir. 1991)
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Rev. Rul. 79-99

• Deductibility of gifts to domestic organizations for foreign use

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Deductibility of out-of-pocket transportation expenses

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 Deductibility of payments relating to fund-raising events Pub. 1391

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• Classification of workers

Rev. Proc. 85-18

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• Employee v. self-employed for income tax purposes

Rev. Rul. 87-41

Moving expenses

Code Sec. 82

 Noncash remuneration Code Sec. 3401(a)

• Per diem allowances

IRS Publication 1542

Personal use of employerprovided auto

Temp. Reg. Sec. 1.61-2T

 Unemployment taxes Code Sec. 3309(b)

Voluntary withholding for clergy Rev. Rul. 68-507

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• Issuing Form 1099-MISCs Rev. Rul. 84-151

Rev. Rul. 81-232

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# Biggest Tax Mistakes Made By Congregations

- 1. Congregation does not report clergy compensation. Every congregation is responsible to report clergy taxable compensation to the IRS. A Form W-2 should be used in nearly every instance.
- **2.** Congregation pays or reimburses for out-of-pocket medical expenses without establishing a proper plan. The selection and adoption of an appropriate plan by the congregation is the starting point for medical expense reimbursements. Different rules govern flexible spending accounts (FSAs), health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs), and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs).
- 3. Congregation makes payments to clergy investment accounts and the payments are treated as tax-free. If a congregation remits contributions under a Section 403(b) or 401(k) plans for clergy, these amounts are generally tax-deferred for clergy. However, payments by a congregation to clergy personal investment accounts are fully taxable and should be reported on Form W-2.
- **4.** Congregation reimburses clergy personal commuting miles. A congregation may reimburse clergy for congregation-related miles (at a maximum rate of 55.5 cents per mile for 2012). But a congregation should not reimburse personal commuting miles.
- 5. FICA tax is deducted from clergy salary and matched by the congregation. All qualified clergy are subject to self-employment social security tax (using Form SE). A congregation should never withhold FICA-type social security tax from clergy pay and match the amount withheld. FICA-type social security only applies to lay employees.
- **6.** Congregation reimburses clergy expenses without adequate documentation. Clergy expenses should not be reimbursed by a congregation unless they are adequately documented. The why, who, what, when, and where of expenses should be documented.
- 7. Congregation does not formally designate a housing allowance, but treats clergy as having a proper housing allowance. Unless a congregation has formally and prospectively designated a housing allowance for clergy, a housing allowance should not be excluded from clergy Form W-2s.
- **8.** Congregation distributes benevolence amounts based solely on donor's designation. Contributions to a general benevolence fund without a donor's designation of the benevolent recipient generally constitute tax-deductible contributions. However, gifts that are restricted for a particular benevolent recipient are typically not tax deductible.
- 9. Congregation acknowledges property gifts and values them for the donor. The donor is always responsible to value any gifts of property (except for certain gifts of autos, boats, or airplanes).
  A congregation should simply acknowledge a gift of property, identifying the date of the gift and describing the gift without providing valuation data.
- **10.** Congregation receives a gift of services and receipts the gift with a stated dollar amount. Gifts of services are not tax deductible to the individual who performed the services. While a congregation can express appreciation for gifts of services, receipts should never be issued for them.



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