

Introduction

In 2002, I wrote and published an ebook called "Prepare Your Own 501(c)(3) Application." My biggest challenge in writing that book and the subsequent revisions has been how much to include.

Sample responses to specific questions may be useful to some organizations but not useful, or even misleading, for others. In Prepare Your Own 501(c)(3) Application, I decided to keep the information general so that it would be useful for the greatest number of people. This also allowed me to keep the book relatively short and reasonably priced.

This new ebook provides specific information for churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and similar religious organizations. It has sample responses to the questions in Schedule A of Form 1023, as well as summaries of relevant IRS rulings and other guidance, and a list of IRS group exemptions for churches. I have tried to use sample responses from diverse religious organizations to make this book as useful as possible. If I have not included your religious group here it is only because I did not have an example among my files. I welcome suggestions for other kinds of "churches," or additional sample responses, to be included in future editions of this book

This ebook is the third of several planned supplements for use in conjunction with Prepare Your Own 501(c)(3) Application. I hope that by writing separate, short, focused books, I can avoid the problem of including a lot of material that very few people need, while at the same time keeping the price low.

I have received very good feedback from the users of my earlier books, and wish to extend the same invitation to you: Please let me know what parts of the book you like or don't like, and what you feel works or doesn't work, so I can make the book better!

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