

## Church Benevolence Fund Guidelines

Nonprofit Accounting provides guidance in how to create and operate a nonprofit accounting system, close the books, and produce financial statements - all while operating in accordance with the unique nonprofit accounting standards. Coverage of nonprofit accounting standards includes revenue recognition, joint costs, split-interest agreements, and mergers and acquisitions. The book also describes detailed systems of control, budgeting, and ratio analysis to maintain a proper level of control over funds.

Presents twelve lessons on keeping a church alive, discussing the consistent themes the author found in dying churches.

O'Neil's guide can be used by churches as a reference book to establish or improve their benevolent ministries and to help the ministries avoid scams. Individuals will find ideas for addressing benevolent needs within their own family circle.

Accounting for churches is not the same as accounting for businesses. A church bookkeeper must be aware of the special tax codes that govern the church's unique tax standing. But it is often hard for overworked or volunteer administrators to know every aspect of tax code that affects their church's ability to accept donations, oversee a benevolence fund, and offer a compensation package for their minister. Lisa London, *The Accountant Beside You* who brought you *QuickBooks for Churches & QuickBooks for Nonprofits*, explains the specialized needs of church accounting in an easy-to-understand manner for church administrators and volunteers. A CPA with decades of experience working with businesses as well as churches and other nonprofits, Lisa explains complex concepts in a reader-friendly, engaging manner. She is joined by Vickey Boatright, an accountant who runs THE online site for all things church accounting, [www.freechurchaccounting.com](http://www.freechurchaccounting.com). Together, Lisa and Vickey guide you through every essential aspect of church accounting. *Church Accounting: The How-To Guide for Small & Growing Churches* is a must-have reference for all the nuts and bolts of church accounting no matter what your accounting system. Lisa and Vickey help you set up accounting spreadsheets and explain the different types of accounting packages. If you are already using QuickBooks, it is also a perfect compliment to *QuickBooks for Churches and Other Religious Organizations*. Additionally, *The Accountant Beside You* will show you how to: calculate and file employee payroll without paying for an outside service; design and implement a compensation package for your minister, including a housing allowance; set up and administer a benevolence fund; acknowledge donations per IRS guidelines, including vehicle donations; prepare for an annual audit; budget and forecast to provide for future church growth; reimburse employees' expenses per IRS guidelines; set up proper internal controls to guard against fraud or error; implement the basics to start a new church; design church by laws; set up filing systems and the organize the office. The *Accountant Beside You* series of accounting books for churches and nonprofits have been sold in all 50 states and every inhabitable continent.

What's new about this third edition of the long respected and often used *Church Administration Handbook*? In addition to time and technological-sensitive updates to the basic organizational details, editor Bruce Powers writes: "The needs of people and churches have continued to change, with questions now being raised about the quality of congregational life, nature of leadership, and responsibility for ministry among all believers . . . As we have prepared this edition, we have sought to address five primary needs. 1. Leadership skills and administrative tools that can be adapted for use in a variety of contexts from traditional to contemporary, from rural to urban, and from unicultural to multicultural settings; 2. Spiritual formation that relates to all of life (from birth to death); 3. Mission consciousness (in community, regionally, nationally, and globally); 4. Ministry of all believers (particularly calling out and equipping vocational, bivocational, and lay ministers); and 5. Leadership competence (the ability to inspire, motivate, and equip the saints for the work of ministry)."

**Rethinking Ministry to the Poor** The urban landscape is changing and, as a result, urban ministries are at a crossroads. If the Church is to be an effective agent of compassion and justice, we must change our mission strategies. In this compelling book, Lupton asks tough questions about service providing and community building to help us enhance our effectiveness. Among the questions; What dilemmas do caring people encounter to faithfully carry out the teachings of Scripture and become personally involved with the least of these? What are some possible alternatives to the ways we have traditionally attempted to care for the poor? How do people, programs and neighborhoods move toward reciprocal, interdependent relationships? To effect these types of changes will require new skill sets and resources, but the possibilities for good are great.

Depending on how a congregation is organized, the ministry area may be called global ministries, mission or outreach ministries. The role of this ministry area is to develop a continuous, year-round program of mission education. Leadership of this ministry area identifies the needs of the community, country, and world and engages the congregation in mission opportunities that seek to address these needs. It also seeks to expand your congregation's mission and benevolence budget and ensure that your congregation is provided every opportunity to participate financially in God's mission through the church. This guideline is designed to help implement the work of the ministry area. This is one of the twenty-six Guidelines that cover church leadership areas including Church Council and Small Membership Church; the administrative areas of Finance and Trustees; and ministry areas focused on nurture, outreach, and witness including Worship, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Christian Education, age-level ministries, Communications, and more. To see a full list of Guidelines, search by typing keywords: "Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2013-2016," and click "search".

Church leaders understand that managing the day-to-day operations of a church can be challenging because of limited resources, managing volunteer labor, and supporting the needs of the congregation. **Smart Church Management: A Quality Approach to Church Administration, Third Edition** is an updated guide for managing the resources of a church - which is people, time and money. This book provides tools and examples for decision making and problem-solving for church administration that is easy to understand and more importantly, quick to implement! This book also includes discussion questions to provoke thought and discussion for church teams. This book is ideal for ministry students, church boards, church leadership and church administrators. **Bookkeeping for churches** can be quite different than for-profit businesses, and the other guides available cover either QuickBooks or church accounting, not both. Lisa London, **The Accountant Beside You**, walks you through QuickBooks for your church from start to finish, always with examples, terminology, and understanding of what a busy church administrator needs to know in a clear, concise style. With her friendly easy-to-understand style and illustrative screenshots, Lisa guides new QuickBooks users every step of the way, while her tips for how to make QuickBooks work better for churches provides new insight and procedures for even the experienced bookkeeper. Not only does she step you through how to set up QuickBooks and utilize it more efficiently for your house of worship, but she also discusses everything you need to know to implement controls and procedures to ensure that your church's money is always protected. **QuickBooks for Churches** covers PC versions of QuickBooks from 2012 forward and even includes what's new in the 2014 version. Lisa offers sound accounting procedures for both large and small houses of worship, for bookkeepers with years of experience as well as those just starting out. Let **The Accountant Beside**

You take one more worry off your crowded to-do list.

“There are eight million stories in the Naked City.” This famous line from the 1948 film *The Naked City* has become an emblem of New York City itself. One publication cultivating many of New York City's greatest stories is the City section in *The New York Times*. Each Sunday, this section of *The New York Times*, distributed only in papers in the five boroughs, captivates readers with tales of people and places that make the city unique. Featuring a cast of stellar writers—Phillip Lopate, Vivian Gornick, Thomas Beller and Laura Shaine Cunningham, among others—*New York Stories* brings some of the best essays from the City section to readers around the country. New Yorkers can learn something new about their city, while other readers will enjoy the flavor of the Big Apple. *New York Stories* profiles people like sixteen-year-old Barbara Ott, who surfs the waters off Rockaway in Queens, and Sonny Payne, the beloved panhandler of the F train. Other essays explore memorable places in the city, from the Greenwich Village townhouse blown up by radical activists in the 1970s to a basketball court that serves as the heart of its Downtown neighborhood. The forty essays collected in *New York Stories* reflect an intimate understanding of the city, one that goes beyond the headlines. The result is a passionate, well-written portrait of a legendary and ever-evolving place.

With more than 300,000 copies in print, *When Helping Hurts* is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic on the subject of poverty alleviation. Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. *When Helping Hurts* shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good. But it looks ahead. It encourages us to see the dignity in everyone, to empower the materially poor, and to know that we are all uniquely needy—and that God in the gospel is reconciling all things to himself. Focusing on both North American and Majority World contexts, *When Helping Hurts* provides proven strategies for effective poverty alleviation, catalyzing the idea that sustainable change comes not from the outside in, but from the inside out.

The most understandable, easy-to-follow tax guide of its kind—explains complex tax concerns in plain language. This annual reference guide continues to be one of the few resources offering tax and financial advice to churches and nonprofit organizations. Issues of financial accountability, receiving and maintaining tax-exempt status, accounting for charitable gifts, and other crucial topics receive careful and full discussion. The 2003 edition also contains a thorough description of tax laws affecting churches and other nonprofit organizations, including changes made in 2002, ensuring compliance with all regulations. This guide is indispensable to church treasurers and anyone else responsible for the financial operation of a nonprofit organization. This 2003 edition includes:

- Highlighted changes in the tax rules
- Expert advice on handling charitable gifts
- Risk management checklists
- Easy techniques for simplifying financial policies and procedures
- Tried and true steps for reporting financial information
- Key steps in sound compensation planning
- Examples of required IRS filings

A tested system to refresh, deepen and grow your prayer life.

*Robert's Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies* Henry M. Robert There appears to be much needed a work on parliamentary law, based, in its general principles, upon the rules and practice of Congress, and adapted, in its details, to the use of ordinary

societies. Such a work should give, not only the methods of organizing and conducting the meetings, the duties of the officers and the names of the ordinary motions, but in addition, should state in a systematic manner, in reference to each motion, its object and effect; whether it can be amended or debated; if debatable, the extent to which it opens the main question to debate; the circumstances under which it can be made, and what other motions can be made while it is pending. This Manual has been prepared with a view to supplying the above information in a condensed and systematic manner, each rule being either complete in itself, or giving references to every section that in any way qualifies it, so that a stranger to the work can refer to any special subject with safety.

Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence A Practical Guide to Walking with Low-Income People Moody Publishers

"The local church is to minister to persons in the community where the church is located, to provide appropriate training and nurture to all, to cooperate in ministry with other local churches, to defend God's creation and live as an ecologically responsible community, and to participate in the worldwide mission of the church." — Book of Discipline 2012 ¶202 The twenty-six Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2017-2020, one for each ministry area, cover church leadership areas, as well as areas focused on nurture, outreach, and witness.

The booklets are tools that get new lay leaders off to a good start and as a reference resource for all lay leaders. Each booklet includes the basic "job description" for the leader as well as practical "how-to" information important to implementing ministry effectively. Brief and to the point making it a perfect resource for the busy, but spirit-led leader. eBook Edition allows you download a digital file of all 26 Guidelines to your eReader for personal use. Include Guidelines included in Sets and sold separately are: Adult Ministries Advocates for Inclusiveness Children's Ministries Christian Education Church Council Church Historian Church & Society Communications Evangelism Family Ministries Finance Higher Education & Campus Ministry Lay Leader/Lay Member Men's Ministries Ministries With Young People Mission Nominations & Leadership Development Pastor Pastor-Parish Relations Scouting & Civil Youth-Serving Ministry Small Group Ministries Small Membership Church Stewardship Trustees Women's Ministries Worship

A complete tax and financial guide for churches and other nonprofit organizations, written in plain English.

Churches have become such an entity that they are being structured and led much as normal businesses are run. Because of this, churches must provide adequate and effective services to their employees. Proper descriptions of the jobs and related positions of the employees in the church are critical to having an effective staff that can best serve the community. Descriptions of what is expected of volunteers are also crucial to having sufficient servants to do the work God desires of them. This book is a collection of position descriptions, as well as the whats, whys, and hows of developing, implementing, and maintaining

effective descriptions for both career employees and volunteers. In addition to the more than 170 descriptions included in the book, more than 950 descriptions are available for download.

This useful digital edition of the famous Westminster Shorter Catechism is hyperlinked to the the supporting Scripture verses for easy reference.

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"A Crossroad book." Includes bibliographical references.

*Integrity at Stake: Safeguarding Your Church from Financial Fraud* by Rollie Dimos is a financial resource book intended for pastors, church leaders, and church administrators. Dimos' expertise as a certified fraud examiner and internal auditor provides the church audience with essential tools and know-how to assess their financial processes. Including practical steps for evaluation, *Integrity at Stake* details internal controls, risk management, and true stories to help church leaders reduce the risk of fraud and increase financial accountability and integrity.

*Religion, Welfare, and Social Service Provision: Common Ground* delves deeply into the partnerships forged between religious communities, government agencies and nonprofits to deliver social services to the needy. These pages offer a considered examination of how local faith entities have served those in their midst, and how the provision of those services has been impacted by evolving social policies. This foundational volume brings together the work of more than two dozen leading researchers, each providing long overdue scholarly inquiry into religiously affiliated helping and the many possibilities that it holds for effective cooperation.

Published in 1817, *The Doctrines and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church* was the first definitive guide to the history, beliefs, teachings, and practices of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Beginning with a brief history, the book moves into a presentation of the "Articles of Religion," including the Trinity, the Word of God, Resurrection, the Holy Spirit, scripture, original sin and free will, justification, works, the church, purgatory, the sacraments, baptism, the Lord's Supper, marriage, church ceremonies, and government. Immediately following the articles is an extended four-part catechism that more fully explicates the meanings and implications of the doctrinal statements. A DOCSOUTH BOOK. This collaboration between UNC Press and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library brings classic works from the digital library of Documenting the American South back into print. DocSouth Books uses the latest digital technologies to make these works available in paperback and e-book formats. Each book contains a short summary and is otherwise unaltered

from the original publication. DocSouth Books provide affordable and easily accessible editions to a new generation of scholars, students, and general readers.

Churches over the past generations have been weakened by a failure to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of their communities. Many have adopted a narrow vision, focusing on only one aspect of ministry. But in today's environment of faith-based opportunities many Christians are eager to start reaching out to their world with both Good News and good works, and therefore they are searching for appropriate ways to integrate both into their ministry. In *Churches That Make a Difference*, best-selling author Ron Sider and his coauthors give those involved in community outreach a comprehensive resource for developing holistic ministry--a balance of evangelism and social outreach. Illustrations and helpful organizational tips detail the how-to's of an effective holistic ministry. Case studies that show how different churches across the United States reach out to their communities provide a variety of ideas and practical applications. User-friendly tools are included as well for congregational studies, surveys, evaluations, and community assessments. The authors draw on extensive experience with church ministries and faith-based organizations as they share the life-changing vision and biblical mandate for living the whole gospel. Church leaders will be encouraged in their process of developing and maintaining a holistic ministry, and local churches will rediscover a passion for loving the whole person the way Jesus did.

The goal of the ministry of finance is to fund ministries that nurture persons in their faith. The finance system in the congregation will raise, manage, and disperse the funds of the congregation that help realize the mission and vision of the church. This Guideline is designed to help equip you in leading this ministry group in your congregation. This is one of the twenty-six Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2017-2020 that cover church leadership areas including Church Council and Small Membership Church; the administrative areas of Finance and Trustees; and ministry areas focused on nurture, outreach, and witness including Worship, Evangelism, Stewardship, Christian Education, age-level ministries, Communications, and more.

When a low-income person asks your church for help, what do you do next? God is extraordinarily generous, and our churches should be, too. Because poverty is complex, however, helping low-income people often requires going beyond meeting their material needs to holistically addressing the roots of their poverty. But on a practical level, how do you move forward in walking with someone who approaches your church for financial help? From the authors of *When Helping Hurts* comes *Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence*, a guidebook for church staff, deacons, or volunteers who work with low-income people. Short and to the point, this tool provides foundational principles for poverty alleviation and then addresses practical matters, like: How to structure and focus your benevolence work How to respond to immediate needs while pursuing long-term

solutions How to mobilize your church to walk with low-income people With practical stories, forms, and tools for churches to use, Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence is an all-in-one guide for church leaders and laypeople who want to help the poor in ways that lead to lasting change.

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Deacons serve God's people and God's church in so many ways. They assess needs, promote stewardship and hospitality, collect and disburse resources, confront injustice, and develop programs of assistance. Whether you're a seasoned deacon or someone who's new to church leadership, this handbook will help you perform your duties with efficiency and compassion in a way that shows the love of God to those around you. The Deacon's Handbook is a book every deacon should own and use.

A healing antidote to our divisive culture, full of evocative storytelling, spiritual wisdom, and nine essential daily practices—by the first female, Black senior minister at the historic Collegiate Churches of New York “Fierce Love teaches us that with spiritual faith we can transcend the darkest moments and come through stronger.”—Gabrielle Bernstein, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Universe Has Your Back* We are living in a world divided. Race and ethnicity, caste and color, gender and sexuality, class and education, religion and political party have all become demographic labels that reduce our differences to simplistic categories in which “we” are vehemently against “them.” But Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis’s own experience—of being the first female and first Black minister in her church’s history, of being in an interracial marriage, and of making peace with childhood abuse—illustrates that our human capacity for empathy and forgiveness is the key to reversing these ugly trends. Inspired by the tenets of ubuntu—the Zulu philosophy that we are each impacted by the circumstances that impact those around us, and that the world won’t get better until we all get better—Fierce Love lays out the nine daily practices for breaking through tribalism and engineering the change we seek. From downsizing our emotional baggage to speaking truth to power to fueling our activism with joy, it demonstrates the power of small, morally courageous steps to heal our own lives, our posse, and our larger communities. Sharing stories that trace her personal reckoning with racism as well as the arc of her journey to an inclusive and service-driven faith, Dr. Lewis shows that kindness, compassion, and inclusive thinking are muscles that can be exercised and strengthened. With the goal of mending our inextricable human connection, Fierce Love is a

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manifesto for all generations: a bighearted, healing antidote to our rancorous culture. We all like helping people. It's just a matter of knowing how. If you want to develop a ministry that embraces the poor, the homeless, and the brokenhearted, this book will show you the way. Benevolence is designed to aid a church in establishing and maintaining a benevolence ministry. Benevolence is a simple word for generosity, kindness, or compassion. That is the goal of this book--to assist individuals and communities in developing those qualities with God's help. Written mainly to equip churches with the means to launch and manage ministries of compassion, this book also provides insight for anyone wanting to fund, start, or participate in such ministries or organizations outside of the church. Drawing from extensive personal experience, the author, Teena Stewart, leads the way to effective benevolence ministry while supplying the tools needed to avoid many potential pitfalls. Using real-life illustrations, Teena casts a compelling vision of what a ministry of compassion can mean not only to those being helped but also to those doing the helping.

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