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this publication is for people interested in assisting victims of disasters or those in emergency hardship situations through tax exempt charities charitable organizations have traditionally been involved in assisting victims of disasters such as floods fires riots storms or similar large scale events however what often goes unnoticed are the irs guidelines that stipulate the tracking use and recording of benevolence funds unfortunately these acts of compassion often put organizations in non compliance with tax regulations exposing them to potential sanctions imposed by the irs we recommend the following best practices for church benevolence programs create and implement a written policy define what types of contributions will be allowed to be tax deductible contributions must be made to the program not to a specific individual or family appoint a committee or personnel to review and approve requests benevolence is not taxable to the recipient according to internal revenue code section 102 which provides an exclusion for true gifts however it specifically states that the gift exclusion is not available to amounts paid to an employee for this reason benevolence assistance to an employee should be approved as additional income in order to comply with irs regulations concerning charitable contributions all contributions to the benevolence fund must be unconditional and without personal benefit to the donor eligibility only members who have taken the passport class and submitted their membership covenant a recipe for success the key ingredients of a benevolence policy from a tax perspective and taking into account sound stewardship principles the solution is to develop a board approved written benevolence policy and follow it in practice when discussing with our clients the internal revenue service irs reporting requirements for payments made to individuals inevitably one of the trustees or deacons will ask if benevolent gifts made to members of the congregation or others must be reported as income first let's define what benevolence is clear guidelines and policies are necessary to define how funds will be received who will control and administer the funds who can receive the funds and how the funds can be spent this will require a formal application process a thorough review of the applicant's need appropriate approvals and an accountable process when providing assistance a publication describing in question and answer format the federal tax rules that apply to group rulings of exemption under internal revenue code section 501 page last reviewed or updated 02 apr 2024 share print review a list of filing requirements for tax exempt organizations including churches religious and charitable organizations as noted in section 15 of pub 15 special rules for various types of services and payments severance payments are also subject to income tax withholding and futa tax

accrued leave payment if you re a federal employee and receive a lump sum payment for accrued annual leave when you retire or resign this amount will be included as wages on managing benevolence needy requests during harsh and economic times most of our churches in america are facing an increased demand for help and benevolence even though benevolence and reaching out to the poor has been an active part of the church some are facing the dilemma of whether to continue such benevolence or to focus upon their seek professional guidance done incorrectly benevolent giving can cause substantial tax penalties for an employee it could also cause your nonprofit organization to lose its tax exemption talk to a licensed local attorney or tax professional to ensure that your organization follows all appropriate procedures recommended resources board members and their direct family members cannot receive benevolence from your church the reason they are ineligible to receive any financial benefits from your church is spelled out in treasury regulation 53.4958-39 b the irs considers them disqualified persons due to their position of substantial influence in your tax exempt organization 1 what is the purpose of your organization what is your nonprofit approved by the irs to do chances are benevolence is not it at least not technically even if benevolence was listed as one of your organization s programs on your form 1023 it likely wasn t your primary program the purpose of this policy is to set forth the conditions for which abc church church may authorize and disburse funds that are classified as benevolence benevolence disbursements will only be approved to provide for the basic necessities of life to needy persons types of disbursements may include food clothing shelter medical care publication 15 b 2024 employer s tax guide to fringe benefits internal revenue service home publications publication 15 b 2024 employer s tax guide to fringe benefits for use in 2024 publication 15 b introductory material future developments in order to comply with irs regulations concerning charitable contributions all gifts to the benevolent fund must be unconditional and without personal benefit to the donor contributions to the benevolent fund may not be earmarked or otherwise designated for particular purposes or recipients publication 334 2023 tax guide for small business for individuals who use schedule c for use in preparing 2023 returns publication 334 introductory material future developments for the latest information about developments related to pub 334 such as legislation enacted after it was published go to irs gov pub334 introduction

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