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Dear Minister Member,

We have updated the Tax Guide for Ministers for use in preparing your 2020 return. Once again, Richard R. Hammar assisted with the update. Mr. Hammar is an attorney and certified public accountant who focuses on legal and tax issues for clergy and congregations.

The guide includes an overview of the litigation that has surrounded the housing allowance. While the litigation challenging the constitutionality of the deduction has ended, we remain vigilant on your behalf and engage anytime a challenge to the housing allowance is raised.

Look carefully at the section Tax Highlights for 2020, which includes key individual tax provisions of COVID-19 relief and the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It provides the standard deduction increases effective in the 2020 tax year and touches on other changes that may be of interest. For additional information on the effect of the CARES Act and SECURE Act on 403(b)(9) plan distributions see Part 3 of the guide.

To assist church treasurers and administrators plan for the year ahead, the Board of Pensions also provides Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches. The publication for the 2021 tax year is available on Benefits Connect. For a printed copy of either guide, call 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).

Finally, we provide Tax Resources, on pensions.org, and an annual tax webinar. A recording of the webinar, scheduled for February 11, 2021, will be available on Benefits Connect.

The guides and other resources are provided as part of our service to you. We hope they prove useful.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

UPDATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF THE MANSE AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE EXCLUSIONS

Beginning in 2013, the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) began a legal challenge to the constitutionality of the federal income tax exclusion of a minister's housing allowance for under Section 107(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. That litigation ended unsuccessfully for the FFRF, and the housing allowance provision remains intact for tax year 2020. However, the FFRF has indicated that it intends to continue its efforts to have this allowance eliminated. This Special Supplement summarizes the background of that challenge as this issue may resurface in the future and the potential loss of this provision should be factored into all minister's long-term financial planning.

On November 22, 2013, federal district court judge Barbara Crabb of the District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin struck down the ministerial housing allowance as an unconstitutional preference for religion. *Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., v. Lew*, 983 F. Supp. 2d 1051 (W.D. Wis. 2013). The ruling was in response to a lawsuit brought by the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) and two of its officers challenging the constitutionality of the Section 107(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, housing allowance and the manse exclusion.

In March of 2019 a three-judge panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously reversed the decision of Judge Crabb and affirmed the constitutionality of Section 107(b). The Appeals Court based its ruling on two grounds:

(1) the *Lemon* test

First, it applied the so-called *Lemon* test, which dates back to a 1971 Supreme Court ruling in *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, 403 U.S. 602 (1971). In this ruling, the Court announced a three-part test for evaluating claims that a state or federal law, such as the housing allowance, constitutes an impermissible establishment of religion under the First Amendment's "establishment clause". Under the *Lemon* test a law challenged on establishment clause grounds is valid if it meets three conditions: First, a clearly secular purpose, second, a primary effect that neither advances nor inhibits religion, and third, the law does not foster an excessive entanglement between church and state. The court concluded that all three elements were met, and so the housing allowance did not violate the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion.

The court concluded that there was not one, but three legitimate secular purposes underlying the housing allowance: The first is the elimination of discrimination against ministers in the tax code in several provisions granting housing benefits to secular workers. The housing allowance simply treats ministers like secular workers. Second, the elimination of discrimination between ministers. The point here is that for many years the only tax benefit for ministerial housing was the exclusion of the fair rental value of a church-provided manse from taxation. Ministers who did not live in a manse, but instead owned or rented a home, received no tax benefit. The housing allowance was enacted by Congress in 1954 to address this discrepancy and provide parity between ministers who lived in manses and those that did not. A third secular purpose was the avoidance of excessive entanglement between church and state.

(2) the *historical significance* test

The court based its decision on a second ground that it called the "historical significance test."

According to several rulings by the United States Supreme Court, the First Amendment's "establishment clause" must be interpreted with reference to historical practices. In other words, the longer a practice has gone unchallenged, the more likely it will survive a challenge under the establishment clause. A perfect example of this is a 1983 Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of legislative chaplains. The Court pointed out that the very first session of Congress, in which the First Amendment's establishment clause was drafted, also provided funds for congressional chaplains. That's pretty strong evidence that congressional chaplains do not constitute an unconstitutional establishment of religion. The appeals court noted that there are over 2,500 state and federal laws providing tax exemptions of various sorts to religion, and this practice, dating back to the founding of the nation, reinforced the constitutionality of the housing allowance.

The FFRF chose not to appeal the decision by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is possible that it, or another organization, will sue in another court. Predicting the future status of a tax benefit such as the housing allowance is a difficult task, but this decision based on the compelling logic of the appeals court (which was based squarely on rulings by the United States Supreme Court) constitutes a solid precedent for the defense of the housing allowance in future challenges.

How should churches and ministers respond to this ruling?

- 1) Employers should continue to designate housing allowances for ministers. The housing allowance remains valid and active for all churches and qualifying clergy across the country.
- 2) Continue to monitor developments.
- 3) In the event that another court invalidates the housing allowance in a final decision, note the following:
 - Many ministers will experience an immediate increase in income taxes. As a result, they should be prepared to increase their quarterly estimated tax payments to reflect the increase in income taxes in order to avoid an underpayment penalty. Note that there will be no effect on self-employment taxes for which the housing allowance is not tax-exempt.
 - Ministers who are considering the purchase of a new home should not base the amount and affordability of a home mortgage loan on the availability of a housing allowance exclusion unless and until the courts conclusively uphold the constitutionality of the allowance.
 - Many churches will want to increase ministers' compensation to offset the adverse financial impact. Thousands of ministers have purchased a home, and obtained a mortgage loan, on the assumption that the housing allowance would continue to be available as it has for more than a half century. The sudden elimination of this tax benefit may thrust many ministers into a dire financial position with a mortgage loan based on a tax benefit that no longer is available. Many church leaders will want to reduce the impact of such a predicament by increasing compensation. Such an increase could be phased out over a period of years to minimize the impact on the church.
- 4) The fair rental value of church-provided manses remains a nontaxable benefit.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This book contains the basic information you need to complete your 2020 federal income tax return. It gives special attention to several forms and schedules, and the sections of each form most relevant to ministers. The companion resource — *Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches* — helps churches comply with their federal tax reporting requirements.

This guide is divided into the following sections:

Part 1. Introduction — This section reviews tax highlights for 2020 and presents several preliminary questions you should consider before preparing your tax return.

Part 2. Special Rules for Ministers — In this section, you learn how to determine whether or not you are a minister for tax purposes, whether you are an employee or self-employed for both income tax and Social Security purposes, and how to pay your taxes.

Part 3. Step-By-Step Tax Return Preparation — This section explains how to complete the most common tax forms and schedules for ministers.

Part 4. Other Forms and Schedules — This section provides line-by-line discussions of various schedules and forms, including Schedules A and B.

Part 5. Retain for Your Records — This section includes a letter from The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) designating certain pension, disability, and retirement savings benefits as housing allowance.

Part 6: Comprehensive Examples and Sample Forms — This section shows a sample tax return prepared for an ordained minister and spouse and for a retired minister and spouse.

Part 1: INTRODUCTION

TAX HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

1. COVID-19 Relief

In 2020, the U.S. Congress enacted a series of laws to provide relief to employers and workers impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), each enacted in March 2020, included paid sick and family leave programs, eliminated certain health plan cost-sharing provisions for COVID-19 related diagnostic testing or treatment, and permitted retirement plans to adopt various tax penalty-free distributions for qualified individuals (an individual, spouse or dependent who is diagnosed with COVID or experience adverse financial consequences as a result of the pandemic).

Key provisions of those laws with respect to income tax preparation for 2020 include:

- A payment of \$1,200 for single filers with income under \$75,000 and \$2,400 for married couples with income under \$150,000 was sent by the Treasury, beginning in April 2020. Reduced payments (on a sliding scale) were made to those with income exceeding these limits. Single filers with income higher than \$99,000, and married couples with income higher than \$198,000 received no payment. These are referred to as economic impact (stimulus) payments and are not considered to be taxable income by the IRS.
- Taxpayers filing for the standard deduction may take a deduction for up to \$300 for a contribution to a qualified charity in 2020.
- A temporary waiver of the 2020 Required Minimum Distribution requirements for retirees required to take distributions because they reached the age of 70 ½ before 12/31/19.
- Coronavirus-Related Distributions (CRDs) of up to \$100,000, and temporarily increased plan loans from \$50,000 to \$100,000. CRD distributions may be repaid and are to be taxed ratably over a three-year period, unless the taxpayer elects otherwise.
- One-year extensions of the obligation to repay retirement plan loans, if the due date occurred between March 25, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Under the CARES Act, employers are able to make payments of principal and interest on qualified student loans for employees (capped at \$5,250) between March 25, 2020 and December 31, 2020, and such payments are not to be included in the gross income of the employee.

The Retirement Savings Plan (the Benefits Plan's 403(b)(9) defined contribution plan) adopted the CRD, loans and RMD waiver provisions.

The CARES Act also permits health plans, including HSAs, to reimburse expenses for over-the-counter drugs without a prescription and the Benefits Plan's Further programs took advantage of these provisions. The law also increased the carry-over limit from \$500 to \$550.

Congress enacted additional COVID-19 relief in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA-21), signed into law on December 28, 2020. CAA-21 provides for an additional non-taxable cash payment to qualified individuals of \$600 for single filers, \$600 for dependent children and \$1200 for joint filers early in 2021. Income limits apply. This law extended loan provisions described above for an additional 180 days and adopted a Qualified Disaster Distribution in lieu of the CRD provision for 2021. CAA-21 also provides that unused FSA benefits from 2020 can be carried forward to 2021 (eliminating the use it or lose it rule for 2020) and permits changes to FSA elections mid-year without a qualifying life event.

2. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

On December 22, 2017, President Donald Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA"). The Act amended the Internal Revenue Code to reduce tax rates and modify credits and deductions for individuals and businesses.

Key individual tax provisions, which took effect as of January 1, 2018, include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) There are seven individual income tax rate brackets: 10 percent, 12 percent, 22 percent, 24 percent, 32 percent, 35 percent, and 37 percent. Going forward, these income tax brackets will be indexed for inflation.
- 2) Personal and dependent exemptions are eliminated from 2018 through 2025.
- 3) The standard deduction increases in 2019 through 2025. In 2019, the standard deduction amounts are:
 - \$12,400 (single or married filing separately)
 - \$18,650 (head of household)
 - \$24,800 (married filing jointly)
- 4) The child tax credit increases in 2018 through 2025. The maximum child tax credit increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per qualifying child. The refundable portion of the credit increased from \$1,000 to \$1,400. A nonrefundable credit of \$500 will be allowed for dependents who do not qualify for the child tax credit. These credits phase out over certain income levels:
 - \$200,000 (single)
 - \$400,000 (married filing jointly)
- 5) The state and local tax or state and local sales tax, including real property tax itemized deduction, is limited to a combined total limit of \$10,000 (\$5,000 if married filing separately).
- 6) The home mortgage interest itemized deduction on a new mortgage is limited to interest paid on a maximum of a new mortgage of \$750,000 (\$375,000 married filing separately) taken out after December 15, 2017. Interest on a home equity loan is not deductible.
- 7) The itemized deduction for medical expenses remains deductible. For 2020, medical expenses are deductible to the extent they exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income.
- 8) The itemized deduction for personal moving expenses and the exclusion from income for employer-provided moving expense reimbursements is eliminated for taxable years 2018 through 2025, with exceptions for members of the military.
- 9) The overall limit on itemized deductions and current phase out rules are repealed.
- 10) Modifies section 529 plans to allow such plans to distribute not more than \$10,000 in expenses for tuition incurred during the taxable year in connection with the enrollment or attendance of the designated beneficiary at a public, private or religious elementary or secondary school. The new rules apply to distributions made after December 31, 2017. A "section 529 plan" (also known as a "qualified tuition plan") is a plan operated by a state or educational institution with tax advantages and potentially other incentives to make it easier to save for college and other post-secondary training for a designated beneficiary, such as a child or grandchild. The main tax advantage of a 529 plan is that earnings are not subject to federal tax and generally are not subject to state tax when used for the qualified education expenses of the designated beneficiary, such as tuition, fees, books, as well as room and board.
- 11) Under the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"), individuals must be covered by a health plan that provides at least "minimum essential coverage" or be subject to a penalty for failure to do so (commonly referred to as the "individual mandate"). The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduces the amount of the ACA's individual mandate to \$0 with respect to health coverage status for months beginning after December 31, 2018.
- 12) Eliminates most miscellaneous itemized deductions. Those other itemized deductions that are deductible (subject to some limitations) are as follows:
 - Gambling losses (gambling losses include, but are not limited to, the cost of non-winning bingo, lottery, and raffle tickets), but only to the extent of gambling winnings reported on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 8.
 - Casualty and theft losses of income-producing property from Form 4684, lines 32 and 38b, or Form 4797, line 18a.
 - Federal estate tax on income in respect of a decedent.
 - A deduction for amortizable bond premium (for example, a deduction allowed for a bond premium carryforward or a deduction for amortizable bond premium on bonds acquired before October 23, 1986).
 - An ordinary loss attributable to a contingent payment debt instrument or an inflation-indexed debt instrument (for example, a Treasury Inflation-Protected Security).
 - Deduction for repayment of amounts under a claim of right if over \$3,000. See Publication 525 for details.
 - Certain unrecovered investment in a pension.
 - Impairment-related work expenses of a disabled person.

3. Other Tax Changes of Interest to Churches and Church Staff

There were several other tax developments in prior years that affect tax reporting by both ministers and churches for 2020 and future years. Here is a rundown of some of the key provisions:

- You may be able to claim the earned income credit for 2020 if (1) you do not have a qualifying child and you earned less than \$15,820 (\$21,710 if married); (2) a qualifying child lived with you and you earned less than \$41,756 (\$47,646 if married filing jointly); (3) two qualifying children lived with you and you earned less than \$47,440 (\$53,330 if married filing jointly); or (4) three or more qualifying children lived with you and you earned less than \$50,954 (\$56,844 if married filing jointly). The maximum earned income credit for 2020 is (1) \$538 with no qualifying child; (2) \$3,584 with one qualifying child; (3) \$5,920 with two qualifying children; and (4) \$6,660 with three or more qualifying children.
- For contributions in 2020 to a traditional IRA, the deduction phaseout range for an individual covered by a retirement plan at work begins at income of \$104,000 for joint filers and \$65,000 for a single person or head of household. These amounts increase in 2021 to \$105,000 for joint filers and \$66,000 for a single person or head of household.
- The dollar limit on annual elective deferrals an individual may make to a 403(b) retirement plan is \$19,500 for 2020. It remains at \$19,500 for 2021.
- The catch-up contribution limit on elective deferrals to a 403(b) retirement plan for individuals who had attained age 50 by the end of the year was \$6,500 for 2020. It remains at \$6,500 for 2021.
- The IRS has announced that it will not issue private letter rulings addressing the question of “whether an individual is a minister of the gospel for federal tax purposes.” This means taxpayers will not be able to obtain clarification from the IRS in a letter ruling on their status as a minister for any one or more of the following matters: (1) eligibility for a manse exclusion or housing allowance; (2) eligibility for exemption from self-employment taxes; (3) self-employed status for Social Security; or (4) exemption of wages from income tax withholding. The IRS also has announced that it will not address “whether amounts distributed to a retired minister from a pension or annuity plan should be excludible from the minister’s gross income as a manse allowance.”
- The standard business mileage rate was 57.5 cents per mile for business miles driven during 2020. The standard business mileage rate for 2021 is 56 cents per mile.
- Many churches employ retired persons who are receiving Social Security benefits. Persons younger than full retirement age may have their Social Security retirement benefits cut if they earn more than a specified amount. Full retirement age (the age at which you are entitled to full retirement benefits) for persons born in 1943–1954 is 66 years. If you are under full retirement age for the entire year, \$1 is deducted from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit. For 2020 that limit is \$18,240. For 2021 that limit increases to \$18,960. In the year you reach full retirement age, your monthly benefit payments are reduced by \$1 for every \$3 you earn above a different limit. For 2020 that limit is \$48,600 (\$4,050 per month) but only earnings before the month you reach full retirement age are counted. For 2021, this limit increases to \$50,520 (\$4,210 per month).
- The IRS has announced that the following tax forms are obsolete and will no longer be used in 2019 and future years:
 - Schedule 4 (Form 1040) (merged with Schedule 2)
 - Schedule 5 (Form 1040) (merged with Schedule 3)
 - Schedule 6 (Form 1040) (merged with Forms 1040 and 1040-SR)
 - Schedule C-EZ (Schedule C will be used)
 - Form 2555-EZ (Form 2555 will be used)
- Form 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors, was introduced in 2019. You can use this form if you were born before January 2, 1956. The form generally mirrors Form 1040 and is designed to make tax preparation and filing simpler for older taxpayers. It is only available to persons who claim the standard deduction. The form uses larger and more readable type and contains conspicuous instructions on calculating the standard deduction amount.
- Forms 1040A and 1040EZ are no longer used. All taxpayers use the Form 1040 for 2020 and future years.
- Section 2104 of the CARES Act (2020) permits an above-the-line “qualified charitable deduction” of up to \$300 for eligible individuals who do not itemize.

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

Below are several questions you should consider before preparing your 2020 federal tax return.

Q. Must ministers pay federal income taxes?

A. Yes. Ministers are not exempt from paying federal income taxes.

Q. How much income must I earn to be required to file a tax return?

A. Generally, ministers are required to file a federal income tax return if they have earnings of \$400 or more to report their self-employment tax. Different rules apply to ministers who are exempt from self-employment taxes.

Q. What records should I keep?

A. You should keep all receipts, canceled checks, and other evidence to prove amounts you claim as deductions, exclusions, or credits. Documentation should be maintained for six years from the time you file your tax return.

Q. What is the deadline for filing my federal income tax return?

A. The instructions to Form 1040 state that the deadline for filing Form 1040 for the 2020 tax year is April 15, 2021. As of this publication, there are no known congressional discussions to extend this deadline.

Q. What if I am unable to file my tax return by the deadline?

A. You can obtain an automatic six-month extension (from April 15 to October 15, 2021) to file your 2020 Form 1040 if you file Form 4868 by April 15, 2021 with the IRS service center for your area. Your Form 1040 can be filed at any time during the six-month extension period. An extension only relieves you from the obligation to file your return; it is not an extension of the obligation to pay your taxes. You must make an estimate of your tax for 2020 and pay the estimated tax with your Form 4868.

Q. Should I prepare my own tax return?

A. The answer depends on your ability and experience in working with financial information and in preparing tax returns. Keep in mind that ministers' taxes present a number of unique rules, but these rules are not complex. Many ministers will be able to prepare their own tax returns if they understand the unique rules that apply. These rules are summarized in this document. Easily accessible tax software will also accommodate the unique rules applicable to ministers, but it does not relieve a minister from understanding the rules in order to accurately utilize the software. On the other hand, if you experienced unusual events in 2020, such as the sale or purchase of a home or the sale of other capital assets, it may be prudent to obtain professional tax assistance. The IRS provides a service called Taxpayer Assistance, but it is not liable in any way if its agents provide you with incorrect answers to your questions. Free taxpayer publications are available from the IRS and many of these are helpful to ministers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

If you need professional assistance, here are some tips that may help you find a competent tax professional:

- Ask other ministers in your community for their recommendations.
- If possible, use a CPA who specializes in tax law and who is familiar with the rules that apply to ministers. A CPA has completed a rigorous educational program and is subject to strict ethical requirements. However, the tax law is broad and complicated, so it should not be assumed that all CPAs are familiar with the unique rules applicable to ministers
- Ask local tax professionals if they work with ministers and, if so, with how many.
- Ask local tax professionals a few questions to test their familiarity with ministers' tax issues. For example, ask whether ministers are employees or self-employed for Social Security. Anyone familiar with ministers' taxes will know that ministers are self-employed for Social Security with respect to their ministerial duties. Or, ask a tax professional if a minister's church salary is subject to income tax withholding. The answer is no, and anyone familiar with ministers' taxes should be able to answer this question.
- Tax software may be purchased to assist with the preparation of the IRS Form 1040. Please note that some tax software does not appear to reduce a minister's self-employment wages by the business expenses allocated to tax-free income. The taxpayer will need to adjust self-employment income and input the reduced figure into the software.
- Enhanced Financial Services is a benefit offered through the Board of Pensions' Employee Assistance Program. By contacting the Board of Pensions' third party provider, Cigna Behavioral Health (CBH), at 866-640-2772, active plan members, spouses, and their eligible dependents have free telephonic access to a team of financial experts to discuss a variety of financial matters. Certified Financial Planners, certified tax preparers, enrolled agents, Certified Public Accountants, and professionals from the banking and insurance industries are available to discuss a variety of topics. (The complete list can be found on the CBH website at <https://www.mycigna.com>.)
- To have your tax returns prepared telephonically for a fee typically discounted over retail rates, call the Enhanced Financial Services component of CBH at 866-640-2772. A tax professional can thoroughly explain the process to you and answer your questions.

Part 2. SPECIAL RULES FOR MINISTERS

Who is a minister for federal tax purposes?

KEY POINT *The IRS has its own criteria for determining who is a minister for tax purposes.*

The criteria the IRS uses to determine who is a minister are not necessarily the same as those used by churches and denominations. Whether or not one qualifies as a minister for tax purposes is a very important question since special tax and reporting rules apply to ministers under federal tax law. These rules include:

- eligibility for housing allowances;
- self-employed status for Social Security;
- exemption of wages from income tax withholding (ministers use the quarterly estimated tax procedure to pay their taxes, unless they elect voluntary withholding); and
- eligibility under very limited circumstances to exempt themselves from self-employment taxes.

These special rules only apply to persons qualifying as a minister and with respect to compensation received in the exercise of ministerial services.

Example

Pastor J is an ordained minister employed by a church. In addition, he works a second job for a secular employer. Assume that Pastor J qualifies as a minister for federal tax purposes. Since his church duties constitute services performed in the exercise of his ministry, the church can designate a portion of his compensation as a housing allowance. However, the secular employer cannot designate any portion of Pastor J's compensation as a housing allowance since this work would not be the exercise of ministry.

According to the IRS, ministers are individuals who are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed by a religious body constituting a church or church denomination. They are given the authority to conduct religious worship, perform sacerdotal functions, and administer ordinances or sacraments according to the tenets and practices of that church or denomination. If a church or denomination ordains some ministers and licenses or commissions others, anyone licensed or commissioned must be able to perform substantially all the religious functions of an ordained minister to be treated as minister for tax purposes. See IRS Publication 517.

Are ministers employees or self-employed for federal tax purposes?

KEY POINT *Most ministers are employees for federal income tax purposes under the tests currently used by the IRS and the courts and should receive a Form W-2 from their church reporting their taxable income. However, ministers are self-employed for Social Security (with respect to services they perform in the exercise of their ministry).*

Ministers have a *dual* tax status. For federal income taxes they ordinarily are employees, but for Social Security they are self-employed with regard to services performed in the exercise of their ministry. These two rules are summarized below:

Income Taxes

For federal income tax reporting, most ministers are employees under the tests currently used by the IRS. This means that they should receive a Form W-2 from their church at the end of each year (rather than a Form 1099). Formerly, it meant that they reported their employee business expenses on Schedule A rather than on Schedule C. (The deduction for employee business expenses as Miscellaneous Itemized Deductions on Schedule A is suspended through 2025, so employee business expenses are not deductible at this time.) A few ministers are self-employed, such as some traveling evangelists and some interim pastors. Also, many ministers who are employees of a local church are self-employed for other purposes. For example, the minister of a local church almost always will be an employee but will be self-employed with regard to guest speaking appearances in other churches and services performed directly for individual members (such as weddings and funerals).

Example

Pastor B is a minister at First Presbyterian Church. She is an employee for federal income tax reporting purposes with respect to her church salary. However, she is self-employed with respect to honoraria she receives for speaking in other churches and for compensation church members give her for performing personal services such as weddings and funerals. The church issues Pastor B a Form W-2 reporting her church salary. Pastor B reports this amount as wages on line 1 of Form 1040. She reports her compensation and expenses from the outside self-employment activities on Schedule C.

KEY POINT *Most ministers will be better off financially being treated as employees, since the value of various fringe benefits will be tax free, the risk of an IRS audit is substantially lower, and reporting as an employee avoids the additional taxes and penalties that often apply to self-employed ministers who are audited by the IRS and reclassified as employees.*

KEY POINT *Ministers and other church staff members should carefully review their Form W-2 to be sure it does not report more income than was actually received or fails to report taxable benefits provided by the church. If an error was made, the church should issue a corrected tax form (Form W-2c).*

The Tax Court Test

The United States Tax Court has created a seven-factor test for determining whether a minister is an employee or self-employed for federal income tax reporting purposes. The test requires consideration of the following seven factors: (1) the degree of control exercised by the employer over

the details of the work; (2) which party invests in the facilities used in the work; (3) the opportunity of the individual for profit or loss; (4) whether or not the employer has the right to discharge the individual; (5) whether the work is part of the employer's regular business; (6) the permanency of the relationship; and (7) the relationship the parties believe they are creating. Most ministers will be employees under this test.

Social Security

The federal tax code treats ministers as self-employed for Social Security with respect to services performed in the exercise of their ministry—even if they report their income taxes as an employee. This means that ministers must pay self-employment taxes (Social Security taxes for the self-employed) unless they have filed a timely exemption application (Form 4361) that has been approved by the IRS. As noted below, few ministers qualify for this exemption.

KEY POINT *While most ministers are employees for federal income tax reporting purposes, they are self-employed for Social Security with respect to services they perform in the exercise of their ministry. This means that ministers are not subject to the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes, even though they report their income taxes as employees and receive a Form W-2 from their church. A minister's Form W-2 should not report any amounts in Boxes 3, 4, 5, & 6. Rather, they should report self-employment tax (SECA) by completing Schedule SE with their Form 1040.*

Exemption from Self-Employment (Social Security) Taxes

If ministers meet several requirements, they may exempt themselves from self-employment taxes with respect to their ministerial earnings. Among other things, the exemption application (Form 4361) must be submitted to the IRS within a limited time period. The deadline is the due date of the federal tax return for the second year in which a minister has net earnings from self-employment of \$400 or more, any part of which comes from ministerial services. Further, the exemption is available only to ministers who are opposed based on religious considerations to the acceptance of benefits under the Social Security program (or any other public insurance system that provides retirement or medical benefits). A minister who files the exemption application may still purchase life insurance or participate in retirement programs administered by nongovernmental institutions (such as a life insurance company). Additionally, the exemption does not require a minister to revoke all rights to Social Security benefits earned through their participation in the system through secular employment.

A minister's opposition must be to accepting benefits under Social Security (or any other public insurance program) which are related to services performed as a minister. Economic, or any other nonreligious considerations, are not a valid basis for the exemption, nor is opposition to paying the self-employment tax.

The exemption is only effective when it is approved by the IRS. Few ministers qualify for the exemption. Many younger ministers opt out of the self-employment tax without realizing that they do not qualify for the exemption. A decision to opt out of self-employment tax is irrevocable. But section 4.19.6.5.11.3 (02-15-2019) of the IRS Internal Revenue Manual explicitly recognizes that under some conditions ministers who have exempted themselves from self-employment taxes solely for economic reasons can revoke their exemption. The IRS does have the authority to revoke a minister's decision to opt out of self-employment tax, if it is determined that the decision is based on economic reasons rather than theological reasons. Check with a tax attorney or CPA for additional information.

An exemption from self-employment taxes applies only to compensation for ministerial services. Ministers who have exempted themselves from self-employment taxes must pay Social Security taxes on any non-ministerial compensation they receive. They remain eligible for Social Security benefits based on their non-ministerial employment assuming that they have worked enough quarters. Generally, 40 quarters are required. Also, the Social Security Administration has informed the author of this text that ministers who exempt themselves from self-employment taxes may qualify for Social Security benefits (including retirement and Medicare) on the basis of their spouse's coverage, if the spouse had enough credits.

KEY POINT *The amount of earnings required for a quarter of coverage is \$1,410 in 2020 and \$1,470 in 2021. A quarter of coverage is the basic unit for determining whether a worker is insured under the Social Security program*

KEY POINT *Ministers who work after they retire must continue to pay self-employment tax on their ministerial income and wages (unless they exempted themselves from self-employment tax as a minister and they are employed in a ministerial capacity). Amounts received from retirement plans are not subject to self-employment tax.*

How do ministers pay their taxes?

KEY POINT *Ministers must prepay their income taxes and self-employment taxes using the estimated tax procedure unless they have entered into a voluntary withholding arrangement with their church with respect to federal income tax only.*

As noted above, ministers' wages are exempt from federal income tax withholding. This means that a church may not withhold income taxes from a minister's paycheck without specific written permission. And, since ministers are self-employed for Social Security with respect to their ministerial services, a church does not withhold the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes from a minister's wages. Ministers must prepay their income taxes and self-employment taxes using the estimated tax procedure unless they enter into a voluntary withholding arrangement with their church.

Estimated taxes must be paid in quarterly installments. If your estimated tax paid for the current year is less than your actual tax, you may have to pay an underpayment penalty. You can amend your estimated tax payments during the year if your circumstances change. For example, if your income or deductions increase unexpectedly, you should recalculate your estimated tax liability for the year and amend your remaining quarterly payments accordingly or submit additional payments.

You will need to make estimated tax payments for 2021 if you expect to owe at least \$1,000 in tax for 2021 after subtracting your withholding and credits and if you expect your withholding and credits to be less than the smaller of (1) 90 percent of the tax to be shown on your 2021 tax return, or (2) 100 percent of the tax shown on your 2020 tax return (110 percent if adjusted gross income exceeds \$150,000, or if married filing separately, more than \$75,000). Your 2020 tax return must cover all 12 months.

The four-step procedure for reporting and paying estimated taxes for 2021 is summarized below.

STEP 1.

Estimated tax payments may be paid using either of the following methods:

- Obtain a copy of IRS Form 1040ES for 2021 before April 15, 2021. You can obtain forms by calling the IRS toll-free forms hotline at 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676), or from the IRS website (irs.gov). If you paid estimated taxes last year, you should receive a copy of your 2021 Form 1040-ES in the mail with payment vouchers preprinted with your name, address, and Social Security number; or
- Enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System at www.eftps.gov and establish an online account to be used to submit payments. You may also use irs.gov/payments to submit payments.

STEP 2.

Compute your estimated tax for 2021 using the Form 1040-ES worksheet. Ministers' quarterly estimated tax payments should consider both income taxes and self-employment taxes.

STEP 3.

Pay one-fourth of your total estimated taxes for 2021 in each of four quarterly installments as follows:

FOR THE PERIOD	DUE DATE
January 1–March 31	April 15, 2021
April 1–May 31	June 15, 2021
June 1–August 31	September 15, 2021
September 1–December 31	January 15, 2022

You must send each payment to the IRS, accompanied by one of the four payment vouchers contained in Form 1040-ES. If enrolled in the EFTPS system, all four payments may be prescheduled for automatic payment at the schedule dates. A refund associated with an overpayment of your taxes for 2020 may be applied to your estimated tax payments due for 2021.

If the due date for making an estimated tax payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the payment will be on time if you make it on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. You must send each payment to the IRS, accompanied by one of the four payment vouchers contained in Form 1040-ES.

Warning: If your 2020 tax return is not completed by April 15, 2021, you must go ahead and begin making your estimated tax payments to avoid potential underpayment penalties. A tax refund on your 2020 tax return can be used to adjust any estimated tax payment not made at the time of the filing of the return. Do not wait until your 2020 return is completed to determine and pay your 2021 estimated tax payments.

STEP 4.

After the close of 2020, compute your actual tax liability on Form 1040. Only then will you know your actual income, deductions, exclusions, and credits. If you overpaid your estimated taxes (that is, actual taxes computed on Form 1040 are less than all of your estimated tax payments plus any withholding), you can elect to have the overpayment credited against your first 2021 quarterly estimated tax payment, or spread it out in any way you choose among any or all of your next four quarterly installments. Alternatively, you can request a refund of the overpayment. If you underpaid your estimated taxes (that is, your actual tax liability exceeds the total of your estimated tax payments plus any withholding), you may have to pay a penalty.

KEY POINT

Ministers who report their income as employees can request that their employing church voluntarily withhold income taxes from their wages. Simply furnish the church with a completed Form W-4 (withholding allowance certificate) or other written authorization. Since ministers are not employees for Social Security with respect to ministerial compensation, the church does not withhold the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes.

However, ministers can request on Form W-4 (line 4(c)) that an additional amount of income tax be withheld to cover their estimated self-employment tax liability for the year. The excess income tax withheld is a credit that is applied against the minister's self-employment tax liability. Many churches understandably withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes in addition to income taxes for a minister who requests voluntary withholding. Such withholding must be reported as income tax withheld. Withholding income tax is a preferred method of paying taxes, since it is considered to have been equally paid throughout the year, no matter the date it is actually withheld. This means, withholding can be adjusted later in the year and it is treated as if it was paid evenly throughout the year, thus avoiding potential underpayment penalties.

Part 3. STEP-BY-STEP TAX RETURN PREPARATION

Tax forms and schedules

This step-by-step analysis covers these forms and schedules:

Form 1040 is the basic document you will use. It summarizes all of your tax information. Details are reported on supplementary schedules and forms.

Schedule A is for itemized deductions for medical and dental expenses, taxes, interest, certain disaster related casualty losses, and charitable contributions.

Schedule B is for reporting dividend and interest income.

Schedule C is for reporting your income and expenses from business activities you conduct other than in your capacity as an employee. Examples would be fees received for guest speaking appearances in other churches or fees received directly from members for performing personal services, such as weddings and funerals.

Schedule SE is for reporting Social Security taxes due on your self-employment income. Ministers use this schedule since they are deemed self-employed for Social Security with respect to ministerial services (unless they have obtained an approved Form 4361 from the IRS).

These forms and schedules, along with others, are included in the illustrated example in Part 6 of this guide. These forms and schedules are the ones most commonly used by ministers. You can obtain them by calling the IRS toll-free forms hotline at 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676). They also are available on the IRS website ([irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)).

Form 1040

STEP 1: FILING STATUS

Select the appropriate filing status from the five options listed in this section of the Form 1040. Under federal tax law, all legal marriage (same or opposite sex) are treated the same.

STEP 2: NAME AND ADDRESS

Print or type the information in the spaces provided. If you are married filing a separate return, enter your spouse's name in the entry space under the filing status check boxes. If you filed a joint return for 2019 and you are filing a joint return for 2020 with the same spouse, be sure to enter your names and Social Security numbers in the same order as on your 2019 return.

If you plan to move after filing your return, use Form 8822 to notify the IRS of your new address.

If you (or your spouse) changed your name because of marriage, divorce, etc., be sure to report the change to the Social Security Administration (SSA) before filing your return. This prevents delays in processing your return and issuing refunds. It also safeguards your future Social Security benefits. If a name change with the SSA has not been completed, the name on SSA file must be used in filing your tax return.

Enter your P.O. Box number only if your post office does not deliver mail to your home.

For taxpayers with foreign mailing addresses, spaces have been added to include the name of the foreign country/province/state and a foreign postal code.

If you want \$3 to go to the presidential election campaign fund, check the box labeled "you." If you are filing a joint return, your spouse can also have \$3 go to the fund (check "spouse"). If you check a box, your tax or refund will not change.

STEP 3: DEPENDENTS

In the past taxpayers were allowed a personal exemption for themselves and certain dependents. All personal exemptions are eliminated from 2018 to 2025 and so they cannot be claimed on the 2020 Form 1040. However, it is still necessary to determine who qualifies as dependents and include them on the return. Dependents determine various credits, such as the child tax credit, as well as other tax related items such as educational credits, medical expenses, child care credit, and earned income credit, just to name a few.

STEP 4: INCOME

Several items of income are reported on lines 1 through 8 (including amounts carried over from Schedule 1, lines 1-9 to Form 1040 line 8). The most important of these (for ministers) are discussed below.

KEY POINT *Some items, such as the housing allowance, are not reported as income. They are called exclusions and are explained below.*

Line 1. Wages, salaries, tips, etc.

As an employee, you should receive a Form W-2 from your church reporting your wages at the end of each year. Report this amount on line 1.

Determining church wages or salary. Besides a salary, ministers' wages reported on Form W-2 may include several other items, including:

- Bonuses
- The cost of sending a minister to the Holy Land (if paid by the church)
- Most Christmas and special occasion offerings
- Retirement gifts paid by a church
- The portion of a minister's self-employment tax paid by a church
- Personal use of a church-owned vehicle
- Purchases of church property for less than fair market value
- Business expense reimbursements under a non-accountable plan
- Imputed cost of group term life insurance coverage (including death benefits under the Benefits Plan) exceeding \$50,000 and cost of coverage of spouse and dependents if over \$2,000 which is paid by the church
- Church reimbursements of a spouse's travel expenses incurred while accompanying a minister on a business trip (unless the spouse's presence serves a legitimate business purpose and the spouse's expenses are reimbursed under an accountable arrangement)
- "Discretionary funds" established by a church for a minister to spend on current needs—if the minister is allowed to distribute funds for his or her personal benefit or does not have to account for the funds in an arrangement similar to an accountable expense reimbursement plan
- An employer's share of an Assistance Program grant.
- "Imputed interest" from "below-market interest loans" of at least \$10,000 made by a church to a minister (some exceptions apply)
- Cancellation of a minister's debt to a church
- Severance pay
- Payment of a minister's personal expenses by the church
- "Love gifts"

KEY POINT

The IRS can assess intermediate sanctions in the form of substantial excise taxes, i.e. monetary penalties, against ministers who benefit from an excess benefit transaction. Sanctions only apply to a minister who is a "disqualified person" (meaning an officer, director, or other control party as well as relatives of such persons). In some cases, the IRS can assess additional penalties against members of a church board or session that approved an excess benefit transaction. Excess benefit transactions may occur if a church pays a minister an excessive salary, makes a large retirement or other special occasion "gift" to a minister, gives church property (such as a manse) to the minister, or sells church property to the minister at an unreasonably low price. Sanctions may be avoided if a transaction or compensation is approved by an independent board on the basis of outside "comparable data" such as independent compensation surveys or fair market evaluations, and the basis for the session's decision is documented.

KEY POINT

The IRS has ruled that "disqualified persons" receive "automatic" excess benefits resulting in intermediate sanctions, regardless of amount, if they use church assets (vehicles, homes, credit cards, computers, etc.) for personal purposes, or receive non-accountable expense reimbursements (not supported by adequate documentation of business purpose), unless such benefits are reported as taxable income by the church on the disqualified person's Form W-2, or by the disqualified person on his or her Form 1040, for the year in which the benefits are provided. The concept of automatic excess benefits directly affects the compensation practices of most churches and exposes some ministers and church session members or employer officers to intermediate sanctions.

If some of these items were not reported on your Form W-2, they still must be reported as income. Your church should issue a "corrected" Form W-2 (Form W-2c) for the year in which one or more items of taxable income were not reported on your Form W-2. If you receive a Form W-2c and have filed an income tax return for the year shown, you may have to file an amended return. Compare amounts on Form W-2c with those reported on your income tax return. If the corrected amounts change your U.S. income tax, file Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, with Copy B of Form W-2c to amend the return you previously filed. You, the taxpayer, have the ultimate responsibility to report all taxable income even if your church does not properly report the income.

In addition to what is reported on Form W-2 (or Form W-2c), line 1 will also report the amount of excess housing allowance calculated (the amount by which the housing allowance exceeds the lesser of the minister's housing expenses or the fair rental value of the minister's home plus utilities). IRS Publication 517 states: "Include this amount in the total on Form 1040, line 1. On the dotted line next to line 1, enter 'Excess allowance' and the amount."

Items not reported on line 1. Some kinds of income are not taxable. These items are called exclusions. Most exclusions apply in computing both income taxes and self-employment taxes. The housing allowance is an example of an exclusion that applies only to income taxes and not to self-employment taxes. Some of the more common exclusions for ministers include:

- **Gifts.** Gifts, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code and the courts, are excludable from taxable income so long as they are not compensation for services. However, employers are not permitted to give tax-free gifts to employees. Likewise, the IRS and the courts have ruled that gifts ministers receive directly from members of their congregations may not always be excluded as gifts from taxable income. Before excluding gifts from taxable income, the minister should consult with a CPA or a tax attorney.
 - Board of Pensions Assistance Grants are not taxable income. However, an employer's share of any grant is most likely taxable.
- **Life insurance and inheritances.** Life insurance proceeds and inheritances are excludable from taxable income. Income earned before distributions of proceeds is generally taxable as income.
- **Employer-paid medical insurance premiums.** Medical insurance premiums paid by an employer for employees (and their spouses and dependents) are excludable from taxable income. This exclusion is not available to self-employed individuals.
- **Accident and health plans.** Amounts received by employees as reimbursements for medical care under an employer-financed accident and health plan are excludable from taxable income. This exclusion is not available to self-employed individuals.
- **Employer-paid group life insurance.** Employees may exclude the cost of employer-provided group term life insurance so long as the amount of coverage does not exceed \$50,000. Benefits Plan death benefits coverage exceeding \$50,000 will result in imputed income subject to income tax. See pensions.org for more information.
- **Tuition reductions.** School employees may exclude from their taxable income a "qualified tuition reduction" provided by their employer. A qualified tuition reduction is a reduction in tuition charged to employees or their spouses or dependent children by an employer that is an educational institution.

- **Lodging.** The value of lodging furnished to a minister, i.e., a manse, is excluded from income. This exclusion is not available in the computation of self-employment taxes. The value of lodging furnished to a non-minister employee on an employer's premises and for the employer's convenience may be excludable from taxable income if the employee is required to accept the lodging as a condition of employment.
- **Educational assistance.** Amounts paid by an employer for an employee's tuition, fees, and books may be excludable from the employee's taxable income, if the church has adopted a written educational assistance plan. The exclusion may not exceed \$5,250 per year.
- **Employer-provided childcare.** An employer can exclude the value of benefits provided to an employee under a dependent care assistance program from the employee's wages if (1) the care was provided so you (and your spouse if filing jointly) could work or look for work; (2) the care must be for one or more qualifying persons; (3) the person who provided the care wasn't your spouse, the parent of your qualifying child, or a person whom you can claim as a dependent. If your child provided the care, he or she must have been age 19 or older by the end of 2020, and he or she can't be your dependent; and (4) you report the required information about the care provider on line 1 (Form 2441). An employee can generally exclude from gross income up to \$5,000 of benefits received under a dependent care assistance program each year. This limit is reduced to \$2,500 for married employees filing separate returns. However, the exclusion cannot be more than the smaller of the earned income of either the employee or employee's spouse.
- **Nondiscrimination rules.** Many of the exclusions are not available to employees who are either "highly compensated employees" or "key employees" if the same benefit is not available on a nondiscriminatory basis to lower-paid employees. For this exclusion, a highly compensated employee (HCE) for 2020 is an employee who received more than \$125,000 in 2019. For 2021 plan year, an HCE is an employee who earns more than \$130,000 in 2020. For more information on the earned income limit, see IRS Publication 503.

**KEY
POINT**

Some exclusions are available only to taxpayers who report their income taxes as employees and not as self-employed persons. Many, however, apply to both employees and self-employed persons.

There are four other exclusions that are explained below: the housing allowance, tax-sheltered annuities, qualified scholarships, and sale of a home.

Housing Allowance

KEY POINT *The housing allowance exclusion in Section 107(b) of the Code was challenged in federal court as an unconstitutional preference for religion. In 2019, a federal appeals court rejected the challenge and affirmed the constitutionality of the housing allowance exclusion in the Code.*

The most important tax benefit available to ministers who own or rent their homes is the housing allowance exclusion. Ministers who own or rent their home do not pay federal income taxes on the amount of their compensation that their employing church designates in advance as a housing allowance, to the extent that (1) the allowance represents compensation for ministerial services, (2) it is used to pay housing expenses, and (3) it does not exceed the fair rental value of the home (furnished, plus utilities). Housing-related expenses include mortgage payments, rent, utilities, repairs, furnishings, insurance, property taxes, additions, and maintenance.

A church cannot designate a housing allowance retroactively. Some churches fail to designate housing allowances prospectively and thereby deprive ministers of an important tax benefit.

Ministers who live in a church-owned manse do not pay federal income taxes on the fair rental value of the manse.

\$ Tax savings tip

Ministers who live in a church manse and incur any out-of-pocket expenses in maintaining the manse (such as utilities, property taxes, insurance, furnishings, or lawn care) should be sure that their employing church designates in advance a portion of their annual cash compensation as a manse allowance. The amount so designated is not reported as wages on the minister's Form W-2 at the end of the year (if the allowance exceeds the actual expenses, the difference must be reported as income by the minister). This is an important tax benefit for ministers living in a church-provided manse. Unfortunately, many of these ministers are not aware of this benefit or are not taking advantage of it.

The rental value of a manse, and a housing allowance, are exclusions only for federal income tax reporting purposes. Ministers cannot exclude a housing allowance or the fair rental value of a manse when computing self-employment (Social Security) taxes unless they are retired. The tax code specifies that the self-employment tax does not apply to "the rental value of any manse or any manse allowance provided after the [minister] retires."

States vary in the tax treatment of the housing allowance. Ministers should check their state income tax rules to determine the housing allowance rules for state income taxes.

The housing allowance is available to ministers whether they report their income taxes as employees or as self-employed (whether the church issues them a Form W-2 or a Form 1099).

Housing expenses to include in computing your housing allowance exclusion

Ministers who own or rent their home should take the following expenses into account in computing their housing allowance exclusion:

- Down payment on a home (Since a housing allowance is nontaxable only to the extent that it does not exceed the lesser of the amount designated by their church, the actual housing expenses, or the fair rental value of a minister's home, as furnished, plus utilities, it is difficult to exclude the full amount of a down payment for a new home)
- Mortgage payments on a loan to purchase or improve your home (include both interest and principal)
- Rent
- Real estate taxes
- Property insurance
- Utilities (electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, land-line telephone charges)
- Furnishings and appliances (purchase and repair)
- Structural repairs and remodeling
- Yard maintenance and improvements
- Maintenance items (pest control, etc.)
- Homeowners association dues

KEY POINT *In 2007, the Tax Court characterized internet expenses as utility expenses. This suggests that a housing allowance may be used to pay for internet expenses (i.e., internet access, cable television). Neither the IRS nor the Tax Court has addressed this issue directly, so be sure to check with a tax professional about the application of a housing allowance to these expenses.*

Please note the following:

- A housing allowance must be designated in advance. Retroactive designations of housing allowances are not effective.
- The housing allowance designated by the church is only nontaxable (for income taxes) to the extent that it is used to pay for housing expenses, and, for ministers who own or rent their home, does not exceed the fair rental value of their home (furnished, plus utilities).
- A housing allowance can be amended during the year if a minister's housing expenses are more than expected. However, an amendment is only effective prospectively. Ministers should notify their church if their actual housing expenses are significantly more than the housing allowance designated by their church. Remember, however, that it serves no purpose to designate a housing allowance greater than the fair rental value of a minister's home (as furnished, plus utilities).

- If the housing allowance designated by the church exceeds housing expenses or the fair rental value of a minister's home, the excess housing allowance should be reported on line 1 of Form 1040. IRS Publication 517 states: "Include this amount in the total on Form 1040, line 1. On the dotted line next to line 1, enter 'Excess allowance' and the amount."
- The housing allowance exclusion is an exclusion for federal income taxes only. Ministers must add the housing allowance as income in reporting self-employment taxes on Schedule SE (unless they are exempt from self-employment taxes).
- The fair rental value of a church-owned home provided to a minister as compensation for ministerial services is not subject to federal income tax.

Example

A church designated \$25,000 of Pastor D's 2020 compensation as a housing allowance. Pastor D's housing expenses for 2020 were utilities of \$4,000, mortgage payments of \$18,000, property taxes of \$4,000, insurance payments of \$1,000, repairs of \$1,000, and furnishings of \$1,000. The fair rental value of the home (including furnishings) is \$19,000. Pastor D's housing allowance is excluded from income tax reporting only to the extent that it is used to pay housing expenses and does not exceed the fair rental value of her home (furnished, plus utilities). Stated differently, the nontaxable portion of a housing allowance is the least of the following three amounts: (1) the housing allowance designated by the church; (2) actual housing expenses; or (3) the fair rental value of the home (furnished, plus utilities). In this case, the lowest of these three amounts is the fair rental value of the home, furnished plus utilities (\$23,000), and so this represents the nontaxable portion of Pastor D's housing allowance. Pastor D must report the difference between this amount and the housing allowance designated by her church (\$2,000) as additional income on line 1 of Form 1040.

Example

Same facts as the previous example, except the church designated \$12,000 of Pastor D's salary as a housing allowance. The lowest of the three amounts in this case would be \$12,000 (the church designated housing allowance) and so this represents the nontaxable amount. Note that the Pastor D's actual housing expenses were more than the allowance, and so she was penalized because of the low allowance designated by her church.

Example

Pastor Y owns a home and incurred housing expenses of \$12,000 in 2020. These expenses include mortgage principal and interest, property taxes, utilities, insurance, and repairs. The church designated (in advance) \$12,000 of Pastor Y's 2020 compensation as a housing allowance. Pastor Y can itemize expenses on Schedule A (Form 1040). He is able to claim itemized deductions on Schedule A for both his mortgage interest and his property taxes (up to \$10,000), even though his taxable income was already reduced by these items because of their inclusion in the housing allowance. This is often referred to as the "double deduction." In fact, it represents an exclusion and a deduction.

Example

In preparing his income tax return for 2020, Pastor H discovers that his church failed to designate a housing allowance for him for 2020. He asks his church to pass a resolution retroactively granting the allowance for 2020. Such a resolution is ineffective, and Pastor H will not be eligible for any housing allowance exclusion in 2020.

KEY POINT

Federal law makes it a crime to knowingly falsify any document with the intent to influence "the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States . . . or in relation to or contemplation of any such matter or case," and this provision contains no exemption for churches or pastors. It is possible that a pastor's backdating of a board resolution to qualify for a housing allowance for the entire year is fraud and violates this provision in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, exposing the pastor to a fine or imprisonment. Even if the pastor's action does not violate the Act, it may result in civil or criminal penalties for tax fraud under the tax code.

\$ Tax savings tip

Ministers should be sure that the designation of a housing or manse allowance for the next year is on the agenda of the Church (or church board or appropriate committee) for one of its final meetings during the current year. The designation should be an official action, and it should be duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The IRS also recognizes designations included in employment contracts and budget line items, assuming in each case that the designation was duly adopted in advance by the church and supported by underlying documentation as to each ministers' anticipated housing expense.

How much should a church designate as a housing allowance?

The IRS has stated that there are no limitations on how much of a minister's compensation can be designated by his or her employing church as a housing allowance. However, as noted above, the nontaxable portion (i.e., the amount that is excluded from reporting as income) of a church-designated housing allowance for ministers who own or rent their home cannot exceed the lesser of (1) actual housing expenses, or (2) the fair rental value of the home (furnished, plus utilities).

Many churches base the housing allowance on their minister's estimate of actual housing expenses for the new year. The church provides the minister with a form on which anticipated housing expenses for the new year are reported. For ministers who own their homes, the form asks for projected expenses in the following categories: down payment, mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, utilities, furnishings and appliances, repairs and improvements, maintenance, and miscellaneous. Many churches designate an allowance in excess of the anticipated expenses itemized by the minister. Basing the allowance solely on a minister's anticipated expenses penalizes the minister if actual housing expenses turn out to be higher than expected. In other words, the allowance should take into account unexpected housing costs or inaccurate projections of expenses.

KEY POINT *The housing allowance is available only if three conditions are met: (1) the recipient is a minister for tax purposes (as defined above), (2) the allowance is compensation for services performed in the exercise of ministry, and (3) the allowance is properly designated by the church.*

Churches sometimes neglect to designate a housing allowance in advance of a new calendar year. For example, a church board may discover in March of 2021 that it failed to designate a housing allowance for its pastor for 2021. It is not too late to act. The church should immediately designate a portion of its minister's remaining compensation for 2021 as a housing or manse allowance. This problem can be avoided by stipulating in each annual housing allowance designation that the allowance is for the current year and all future years unless otherwise provided. If such a resolution had been adopted in the December 2019 board meeting (i.e., "for 2020 and future years") it would not matter that the church neglected to designate a minister's 2021

allowance until March of 2021, since the previous designation would have carried over. Such "safety net" designations are not a substitute for annual housing allowances (they have never been addressed or endorsed by the IRS or Tax Court). Rather, they provide a basis for claiming a housing allowance if a church neglects to designate one.

KEY POINT *Churches cannot designate a housing allowance retroactively.*

KEY POINT *The IRS has ruled that a retired minister is eligible for a housing allowance exclusion if the following conditions are satisfied: (1) a portion of the retired minister's pension income is designated as a housing allowance by his or her church or the church pension board of a denominational pension fund; (2) the retired minister has severed his or her relationship with the local church and relies on the fund for a pension; (3) the pensions paid to retired ministers "compensate them for past services to the local churches of the denomination or to the denomination." Retired ministers who receive benefits from a denominational pension fund will be eligible in most cases to have some or all of their benefits designated in advance as a housing allowance. This is an attractive benefit for retired ministers that is not available with some other kinds of retirement plans. Retired ministers also can exclude from their gross income the rental value of a home (plus utilities) furnished to them by their church as a part of their pay for past services. A minister's surviving spouse cannot exclude a housing allowance or rental value of a manse unless the allowance or manse is for ministerial services he or she performs or performed.*

The self-employment tax does not apply to the rental value of a manse or a housing allowance provided after a minister retires.

KEY POINT *Ministers who own their homes lose the largest component of their housing allowance exclusion when they pay off their home mortgage loan. Many ministers in this position have obtained home equity loans or a conventional loan secured by a mortgage on their otherwise debt-free home, and have claimed their payments under these kinds of loans as a housing expense in computing their housing allowance exclusion. The Tax Court has ruled that this is permissible only if the loan proceeds were spent on housing-related expenses.*

Section 403(b)(9) plans (church retirement income plans)

For 2020, contributions made by your church and your salary deferral contributions to a 403(b)(9) plan (other than contributions made to a Roth account) are not reportable income for income tax or self-employment tax purposes as long as the total amount credited to your retirement account does not exceed contribution limits under Sections 415(c) and 402(g) of the tax code.

Contribution limits

For 2020, total annual additions (employer contributions, employee elective salary deferrals, and after-tax contributions) could not exceed the lesser of 100 percent of your “includible compensation” (i.e., cash salary excluding any minister’s housing allowance) or \$57,000 (or \$63,500 for participants over age 50 making catch-up contributions). This rule is known as the “Section 415(c) limit”, “maximum annual contributions,” or MAC (catch-up contributions discussed below are not included in the total addition). Excess contributions can result in income tax, additional taxes, and penalties. The effect of excess contributions depends on the type of excess contribution. The distributed excess amount may not be rolled over to another 403(b)(9) or other qualified retirement account. In 2021, the MAC is \$58,000 (and \$64,500 for catch-up contributions).

Minister’s housing allowance and contribution limits

The definition of compensation for purposes of computing the Section 415(c) limit does not include the portion of a minister’s housing allowance that is excluded from gross income under the housing allowance provision.

Taxation of distributions from a 403(b)(9) plan

Amounts you contribute through employer discretionary contributions, employee salary reduction contributions, and the earnings attributable to these contributions, generally cannot be withdrawn before you reach age 59½, have a severance from employment, die, become disabled, or in the case of elective deferrals, encounter financial hardship.

In some cases of hardship, you may withdraw your own salary reduction contributions (but not the earnings on these) prior to the occurrence of any of the above events. A 403(b)(9) plan may make hardship distributions only if permitted by the plan.

Once amounts are distributed, they are generally taxable as ordinary income unless designated in advance as a minister’s housing allowance. In addition, if amounts are distributed prior to your reaching age 59½, you will be assessed an additional tax of 10 percent of the amount that is includible in income, unless one of the following exceptions applies:

- The distributions are part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made over your life or the lives of your beneficiaries and after you separate from service.
- The distributions are made after you separate from service in or after the year in which you reach age 55.
- The distributions do not exceed the amount of medical expenses that you could deduct for the current year.
- The distributions are made after your death, or after you become disabled.
- The distributions are made to an alternate payee pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order.
- The additional tax is computed on Form 5329.
- The distribution is a coronavirus-related distribution as defined by the CARES Act (see below).

KEY POINT

A rollover of a required minimum distribution (RMD) may be subject to Puerto Rico income tax. Residents of Puerto Rico should consult with a tax advisor before undertaking a rollover.

KEY POINT

In 2020, distributions prior to age 59½ that do not satisfy one of the above exceptions are subject to an additional “tax on early distributions” of 10 percent multiplied by the amount of the distribution. However, the CARES Act (2020) provides that the 10 percent additional tax on early distributions does not apply to any coronavirus-related distribution (CRD) of up to \$100,000 from a 403(b)(9) plan and some other retirement plans. The CARES Act defines a CRD as any distribution from an eligible retirement plan made on or after January 1, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, to a qualified individual. In late 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act modified the CRD provisions to name them qualified disaster distributions and extended their availability for 180 days.

Distributions generally are included in income ratably over a three-year period, starting with the year in which you receive your distribution. For example, if you receive a \$9,000 coronavirus-related distribution in 2020, you would report \$3,000 in income on your federal income tax return for each of 2020, 2021, and 2022. However, you have the option of including the entire distribution in your income for the year of the distribution.

KEY POINT

The CARES Act (2020) waives the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules for certain defined contribution plans (including 403(b)(9) plans) and IRAs for calendar year 2020. This provision provides relief to individuals who would otherwise be required to withdraw funds from such retirement accounts during the economic slowdown due to COVID-19.

KEY POINT

In 2020, the SECURE Act changes the age on which the required beginning date for required minimum distributions is based, from the calendar year in which the employee attains 70½ years to calendar year in which the employee attains 72 years. However, prior law continues to apply to employees and IRA owners who attain age 70½ prior to January 1, 2020. This provision is effective for distributions required to be made after December 31, 2019, for employees who attain age 70½ after December 31, 2019. In all other respects, prior law treatment of RMDs is not affected.

Distributions from a Roth account

Roth salary deferrals and their earnings are not subject to federal income tax at distribution as long as the withdrawal satisfies the five year Roth holding requirements and the taxpayer is age 59½ or older or has died or become disabled.

Salary reduction contributions (Section 402(g))

In addition to the Section 415(c) limit there is an annual limit on employee elective deferrals. The limit applies to the total of all elective deferrals contributed (even if contributed by different employers) for the year on your behalf to a variety of retirement plans, including 403(b)(9) plans. Generally, you cannot defer more than an allowable amount each year for all plans covering you. *For 2020, the allowable limit was \$19,500. If you defer more than the allowable amount for a tax year, you must include the excess in your taxable income for that year. The dollar limit on annual elective deferrals remains at \$19,500 for 2021.*

KEY POINT *Church employees can make a special election that allows their employer to contribute up to \$10,000 for the year, even if this is more than 100 percent of your compensation. The total contributions over your lifetime under this election cannot be more than \$40,000.*

The limit on elective deferrals increases for individuals who have attained age 50 by the end of the year. The additional amount that may be made is the lesser of (1) the “applicable dollar amount,” or (2) the participant’s compensation for the year reduced by any other elective deferrals of the participant for the year. The applicable dollar amount is \$6,500 for 2020 and for 2021. Catch-up contributions are not subject to any other contribution limits and are not taken into account in applying other contribution limits or the total annual additions.

Qualified scholarships

Amounts received as a qualified scholarship by a candidate for a degree may be excluded from gross income. A qualified scholarship is any grant amount that, in accordance with the conditions of the grant, is used for tuition and course-related expenses. Qualified tuition and related expenses are those used for (1) tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance at an educational institution or (2) fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction at the educational institution.

The scholarship need not specify that it is to be used only for qualified tuition and related expenses. All that is required is that the recipient uses the scholarship for such expenses and that the scholarship does not specify that it is to be used for nonqualified expenses (such as room and board).

In addition, the scholarship must meet the additional requirements if the recipient is an employee or a family member of an employee. Generally, the scholarship must be non-compensatory in nature, selected using non-employment related criteria, and an independent committee must make the selection of the recipient. Additional requirements may also apply. The church should seek the advice of a CPA or tax attorney to determine the proper treatment of scholarships to employees and their children.

KEY POINT

Amounts paid by a church for the education of a pastor or other church employee cannot be treated as a nontaxable scholarship if paid “as compensation for services.”

Any amount received in excess of the qualified tuition and related expenses, such as amounts received for room and board, is not eligible for this exclusion.

Any amount received that represents payment for teaching, research, or other services required as a condition for receiving a qualified scholarship cannot be excluded from gross income.

Example

First Presbyterian Church establishes a scholarship fund for seminary students. Robert is a church member who is pursuing a master’s degree at a seminary. The church votes to award him a scholarship of \$2,500 for 2020. So long as Robert uses the scholarship award for tuition or other course-related expenses, he need not report it as income on his federal tax return, and the church need not issue him a Form 1099-MISC. The better practice would be for the church to stipulate that the scholarship is to be used for tuition or other course-related expenses (for example, fees, books, supplies), or for the church to pay the expenses directly to the educational institution. This will ensure that the scholarship does not inadvertently become taxable income because its specific use was not designated, and the recipient used it for nonqualified expenses.

Assistance Program grants

If grants and stipends received by Benefits Plan members from the Assistance Program are needs-based gifts from the Board of Pensions and unrelated to the recipient’s services for his or her employer, those amounts are excluded from taxes, unless you are an employee of the Board of Pensions. Any portion of a grant paid by your employer are reportable wages on your Form W-2 and taxable.

Sale or exchange of your principal residence

An individual taxpayer may exclude up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 if married filing a joint return) of gain realized on the sale or exchange of a principal residence. To be eligible for the exclusion, the taxpayer must have owned and used the residence as a principal residence for at least two of the five years ending on the date of the sale or exchange. A taxpayer who failed to meet these requirements by reason of a change of place of employment, health, or (to the extent provided under regulations) unforeseen circumstances, is able to exclude an amount equal to the fraction of the \$250,000 (\$500,000 if married filing a joint return) that is equal to the fraction of the two years that the ownership and use requirements were met. The exclusion under this provision may not be claimed for more than one sale or exchange during any two-year period unless the special provisions for unforeseen circumstances apply.

In most cases, gain from the sale or exchange of your main home will not qualify for the exclusion to the extent that the gains are allocated to periods of nonqualified use. Nonqualified use is any period after December 31, 2008, during which the property is not used as the main home.

The gain resulting from the sale of the property is allocated between qualified and nonqualified use periods based on the amount of time the property was held for qualified and nonqualified use. Gain from the sale or exchange of a main home allocable to periods of qualified use will continue to qualify for the exclusion for the sale of your main home. Gain from the sale or exchange of property allocable to nonqualified use will not qualify for the exclusion.

Gain is in most cases allocated to periods of nonqualified use based on the ratio of: (1) the aggregate periods of nonqualified use during the period the property was owned by you over (2) the total period the property was owned by you. You do not incorporate any period before 2009 for the aggregate periods of nonqualified use. Certain exceptions apply. For details, see IRS Publication 523.

A period of nonqualified use does not include: (1) Any portion of the five-year period ending on the date of the sale or exchange after the last date you (or your spouse) use the property as a main home; (2) any period (not to exceed an aggregate period of 10 years) during which you (or your spouse) are serving on qualified official extended duty as a member of the uniformed services; (3) any other period of temporary absence (not to exceed an aggregate period of two years) due to change of employment, health conditions, or such other unforeseen circumstances as may be specified by the IRS.

Lines 2a and 2b (Form 1040). Interest income: Attach Schedule B if over \$1,500

Complete this line only if you had interest income. Tax-exempt interest income is reported on Line 2a with taxable interest income reported on Line 2b. If you had taxable dividend and interest income of more than \$1,500, complete Schedule B.

Lines 3a and 3b (Form 1040). Dividend income: Attach Schedule B if more than \$1,500

Complete this line only if you had dividend income. Qualified dividend income is reported on Line 3a and enter all dividend income on Line 3b. If you had dividend income of more than that \$1,500, complete Schedule B.

Lines 4a and 4b (Form 1040). IRA distributions

You should receive a Form 1099-R showing the total amount of your pension and annuity payments before income tax or other deductions withheld. This amount should be shown in box 1 of Form 1099-R.

Line 5a and 5b (Form 1040). Pensions and annuities

- Pension and annuity payments include distributions from 401(k) and 403(b)(9) plans. Do not include the following payments on lines 5a and 5b. Instead report them on line 1. disability pensions received before you reach the minimum retirement age set by the plan. The Benefits Plan long term disability payments are not disability pension payments.
- Corrective distributions (including any earnings) of excess salary deferrals or excess contributions to retirement plans. The plan must advise you of the year(s) the distributions are includible in income.

The Board of Pensions annually designates 100 percent of pension and disability benefits paid to retired ministers as a housing allowance. In such cases, Form 1099-R may show that the taxable amount of the pension income is “not determined” by checking the box on line 2b. If you are a retired or disabled minister, you may exclude all or a portion of your pension or disability income from your gross income reported on line 5 of Form 1040 if (1) you can document that the monies were actually spent on housing-related expenses during the tax year, (2) the amount excluded does not exceed the fair rental value of the home (furnished, including utilities) and (3) The Board of Pensions designated the retirement payments as a housing allowance.

IRS Publication 517 states: “If you are a retired minister, you can exclude from your gross income the rental value of a home (plus utilities) furnished to you by your church as a part of your pay for past services, or the part of your pension that was designated as a rental allowance. However, a minister’s surviving spouse cannot exclude the rental value unless the rental value is for ministerial services he or she performs or performed.”

KEY POINT *Surviving spouses are not entitled to exclude any portion of their survivor pension benefits as a housing allowance.*

Lines 6a and 6b (Form 1040). Social Security benefits

KEY POINT *Individuals who receive Social Security retirement, disability, or survivor benefits may have to pay taxes on a portion of their benefits.*

Some taxpayers have to pay federal income taxes on their Social Security benefits. This usually happens only if you have other substantial income in addition to your benefits (such as wages, self-employment, interest, dividends and other taxable income that must be reported on your tax return). You generally will pay tax on only 50 percent or 85 percent of your Social Security benefit depending on the amount of your other income if you:

- **File a federal tax return as an “individual” or “married filing separately”** and your combined income is
 - between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits.
 - more than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.
- **File a joint return**, and you and your spouse have a combined income that is
 - between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits.
 - more than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

Your combined income is your adjusted gross income plus non-taxable interest and ½ of your Social Security benefits.

Each January, you will receive a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) showing the amount of benefits you received in the previous year. You can use this Benefit Statement when you complete your federal income tax return to find out if your benefits are subject to tax.

For additional information on the taxability of Social Security benefits, see IRS Publication 915 (Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits) at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Line 7 (Form 1040). Capital gain (or loss)

Report on line 7 capital gains or losses (attach Schedule D) from the sale of capital assets. These include stocks, bonds, and property. Gain or loss is reported on Schedule D. You also may have to file Form 8949 (see the instructions to both forms for details).

KEY POINT *Schedule D is for reporting capital gains and losses from investments. Schedule 1, line 4 ("Other gains or losses") is for reporting sales of capital assets such as equipment that are used in a business.*

Line 8 (Form 1040). Other income

Income not reported on the Lines 1 through 7 is reported on Schedule 1 with the total reported on Schedule 1, Line 8. The most important of these for ministers include:

1) Line 3 (Schedule 1). Business income or (loss): Attach Schedule C

Complete this line only if you have any net earnings from self-employment activities; these include:

- Compensation reported to you on a Form 1099-NEC
- Fees received directly from church members for performing personal services (such as marriages and funerals)
- Honoraria you received for guest speaking appearances in other churches

If you received income from any of these kinds of activities, compute your net earnings on Schedule C and transfer this amount to line 3 of Schedule 1 (Form 1040).

2) Line 8 (Schedule 1). "Other income"

Report "Other income" on line 8 of Schedule 1 (Form 1040) and carry this amount over to line 8 (Form 1040). If you have other income to report, consider enclosing an explanation of your other income with your Form 1040 or write a brief explanation in the space provided, next to line 8 of Schedule 1. Other income includes the following items:

- A canceled debt or a debt paid for you by another person (unless the person who canceled or paid your debt intended it to be a gift)
- The fair market value of a free tour you receive from a travel agency for organizing a group of tourists (in some cases this may be reported on Schedule C)
- Most prizes and awards

- Some taxable distributions from a Health Savings Account (HSA) or Archer MSA (see IRS Publication 969)
- Jury duty pay
- Recapture of a charitable contribution deduction if the charitable organization disposes of the donated property within 3 years of the contribution.
- Taxable benefits provided by the church but not included on Form W-2 or Form W-2c (also remember to include these benefits on Schedule SE for the calculation of self-employment tax).

Line 9 (Form 1040). Total income

Report "total income" on this line. This is the sum of the amounts reported on lines 1-8 of Form 1040, including the additional categories of income reported on lines 1-9 of Schedule 1 (Form 1040).

STEP 5: ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME

Line 10 (Form 1040). Total Adjustments to Income

You may deduct certain adjustments from total income (line 9) to compute your adjusted gross income. Report the adjustments on lines 10 through 22 of Form 1040 (Schedule 1). The total amount is subtracted from line 9 (Form 1040) to compute adjusted gross income that is reported on line 11.

KEY POINT *Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, beginning in 2018, reimbursements of moving expenses by an employer are taxable income and non-reimbursed moving expenses are no longer deductible, with exceptions for members of the military.*

The two most relevant adjustments for ministers are the deduction for one-half of the self-employment tax and payments to an individual retirement account (IRA). Both are summarized below.

Line 14 (Schedule 1). Deductible part of self-employment tax: Attach Schedule SE

KEY POINT *Every minister who pays self-employment taxes on ministerial income qualifies for this deduction. Some are not claiming it.*

All ministers are self-employed for Social Security with respect to their ministerial income. They can deduct part of their actual self-employment taxes as an adjustment on line 14 (Schedule 1) of Form 1040, whether or not they are able to itemize deductions on Schedule A.

Line 19 (Schedule 1). Payments to an individual retirement account (IRA)

An individual retirement account, or IRA, is a personal savings plan that allows you to set aside money for retirement, while offering you tax advantages. You can set up different kinds of IRAs with a variety of organizations, such as a bank or other financial institution, a mutual fund, or a life insurance company.

The original IRA is referred to as a “traditional IRA.” A traditional IRA is any IRA that is not a Roth IRA or a SIMPLE IRA. You may be able to deduct some or all of your contributions to a traditional IRA. You may also be eligible for a tax credit equal to a percentage of your contribution. Amounts in your traditional IRA, including earnings, generally are not taxed until distributed to you. IRAs cannot be owned jointly. However, any amounts remaining in your IRA upon your death can be paid to your beneficiary or beneficiaries.

Prior to 2020, if you were 70 ½ or older, you could not make a regular contribution to a traditional IRA. However, you could contribute to a Roth IRA and make rollover contributions to a Roth or traditional IRA regardless of your age. For 2020 and later, there is no age limit on making regular contributions to traditional or Roth IRAs.

To contribute to a traditional IRA, you (or your spouse if you file a joint return), must have taxable compensation, such as wages, salaries, commissions, tips, bonuses, or net income from self-employment. Compensation does not include earnings and profits from property, such as rental income, interest and dividend income, or any amount received as pension or annuity income, or as deferred compensation.

For 2020, if you file a joint return and your taxable compensation is less than that of your spouse, the most that can be contributed for the year to your IRA is the smaller of the following two amounts: (1) \$6,000 (\$7,000 if you are age 50 or older), or (2) the total compensation includible in the gross income of both you and your spouse for the year, reduced by your spouse’s IRA contribution for the year to a traditional IRA and any contributions for the year to a Roth IRA on behalf of your spouse. The maximum annual dollar contribution limit for IRA contributions remains at \$6,000 (\$7,000 if age 50 or older) for 2021.

All IRA contributions must be made by the due date of your tax return, not including extensions. This means that your 2020 IRA contributions must be made by April 15, 2021, even if you obtain an extension for filing this return.

Your allowable deduction may be reduced or eliminated, depending on your filing status, the amount of your income, and if you or your spouse are covered by an employer provided retirement plan. The deduction begins to decrease (phase out) when your income rises above a certain amount and is eliminated altogether when it reaches a higher amount. The amounts vary depending on your filing status, see IRS Publication 590-A. For 2020, if you were covered by an employer provided retirement plan, then the deduction for contributions to your IRA are completely phased out when adjusted gross income reaches \$124,000 (married filing jointly) or \$75,000 (single). For 2021, the limits are \$125,000 (married filing jointly) and \$76,000 (single).

If your spouse was covered by an employer retirement plan at any time during 2020 and you made contributions to your IRA, your allowable IRA deduction is completely phased out when adjusted gross income reaches \$206,000 (married filing jointly). For 2021, this limit is \$208,000 (married filing jointly).

The Form W-2 you receive from your church or other employer has a box used to show whether you were covered by a retirement plan during the year. The “Retirement Plan” box should have a mark in it if you were enrolled in the Pension Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) or your employer contributed to the Retirement Savings Plan. Employer retirement plans include 403(b)(9) tax-sheltered annuities.

Figure your deduction using the worksheets in the instructions to Form 1040 or in Publication 590-A.

Individuals who cannot claim a deduction for an IRA contribution still can make nondeductible IRA contributions, subject to the lesser of \$6,000 for 2020 and for 2021 or earned income limits. Earnings on these amounts continue to accumulate on a tax-deferred basis. When distributions are made from the IRA, special rules apply in figuring the tax on the distributions when both deductible and nondeductible contributions were made to the IRA. Form 8606 is used to designate a contribution as nondeductible and must be filed if the full amount of future withdrawals may be taxed. Withdrawals before age 59½ are subject to a 10 percent penalty tax that also applies to deductible IRA contributions.

Generally, the amounts an individual withdraws from an IRA or retirement plan before reaching age 59½ are called “early” or “premature” distributions. Individuals must pay an additional 10% early withdrawal tax unless an exception applies. However, the CARES Act (2020) temporarily waives the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty for coronavirus-related distributions (CRDs) made between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

Distributions from a traditional IRA are fully or partially taxable in the year of distribution. Use Form 8606 to figure the taxable portion of withdrawals. If you made only deductible contributions, distributions are fully taxable.

A Roth IRA differs from a traditional IRA in several respects. A Roth IRA does not permit a deduction at the time of contribution. Regardless of your age, you may be able to establish and make nondeductible contributions to a Roth IRA. However, you may be limited in the amount of nondeductible contributions you may make to your Roth IRA due to your adjusted gross income (AGI). For those filing as married filing jointly, no contribution may be made to a Roth IRA in 2020 if your AGI, as modified, is \$206,000 or above. For those filing as single, no contribution may be made to a Roth IRA if your AGI, as modified, is \$139,000 or above. For 2021, the Roth IRA contribution is phased out totally when AGI is \$208,000 for taxpayers married filing jointly and \$140,000 for singles and head of household filers.

You do not report Roth contributions on your tax return. To be a Roth IRA, the account or annuity must be designated as a Roth IRA when it is set up. Like a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA has limitations on the amount that can be contributed and the time of year that contributions can be made. You do not include in your gross income qualified distributions or distributions that are a return of your regular contributions from your Roth IRA. Refer to Publication 590-A and 590-B for additional information on Roth IRA(s).

In the past, if you were 70 ½ or older, you could not make a regular contribution to a traditional IRA. However, you could still contribute to a Roth IRA and make rollover contributions to a Roth or traditional IRA regardless of your age subject to the above described income limitations. Beginning in 2020, there is no age limit on making regular contributions to traditional or Roth IRAs.

Summarized below are a few important rules that pertain to IRAs.

- Taxpayers can make early withdrawals from an IRA to pay for qualified higher education expenses of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse, child or grandchild without triggering the 10 percent penalty that applies to early distributions from an IRA.
- Taxpayers can withdraw up to \$10,000 from their IRA prior to age 59½ for first-time home buyer expenses without triggering the 10 percent penalty that applies to premature distributions.
- Tax-free qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 may be made from an IRA to a church or other charity in 2020. A qualified charitable distribution is any distribution from an IRA directly by the IRA trustee to a charitable organization, including a church, that is made on or after the date the IRA owner attains age 70½.

Charitable contributions.

Distributions from employer-sponsored retirement plans, including SIMPLE IRA plans and simplified employee pension (SEP) plans, are not eligible for the tax-free qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000. Qualified Charitable Contributions cannot be made directly from the Retirement Saving Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) or any other defined contribution plan. To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA custodian to the eligible charity. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income, resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner. However, if the IRA owner excludes the distribution from income, no deduction, such as a charitable contribution deduction on Schedule A, may be taken for the distributed amount.

To report a qualified charitable distribution on your Form 1040 tax return, you generally report the full amount of the charitable distribution on the line for IRA distributions (line 4a, Form 1040). On the line for the taxable amount, enter zero if the full amount was a qualified charitable distribution. Enter "QCD" next to this line. See the Form 1040 instructions for additional information.

Not all charities are eligible. For example, donor-advised funds and supporting organizations are not eligible recipients.

Amounts transferred to a charity from an IRA are counted in determining whether the owner has met the IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD).

KEY POINT *The QCD does need a qualifying receipt from the recipient charity with the mandated "no goods or services" statement. A church may include the gift on the IRA owner's regular giving statement in an attempt to fulfill this requirement. Care should be taken to not take a deduction for the QCD if it is included on the regular giving statement. Best practice is for the recipient charity or church to issue a separate statement for the gift.*

Line 11 (Form 1040). Adjusted gross income

Adjusted gross income (AGI) is reported on line 11. AGI is calculated by subtracting adjustments to total income (line 10) from total income (line 9)

STEP 6: TAX COMPUTATION

Line 12 (Form 1040). Standard deduction or itemized deductions

On line 12 you enter either your itemized deductions from Schedule A or a standard deduction amount. Itemized deductions are discussed under Schedule A in this guide.

KEY POINT *Itemize your deductions on Schedule A only if they exceed the standard deduction for your filing status.*

For 2020, the standard deduction amounts are as follows:

Filing Status	Standard Deduction Amount
Single.....	\$12,400
Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er).....	\$24,800
Married filing separately	\$12,400
Head of household.....	\$18,650

You are allowed an additional standard deduction if you are 65 or older or blind at the end of the tax year. See IRS Publication 501 for additional information.

Line 13 (Form 1040). Qualified business income deduction

Ministers who have income from business activities (conducted other than in their capacity as an employee of the church) and report their income on Schedule C, may be entitled to a federal tax deduction of up to 20% of their qualified business income (QBI). This deduction is also referred to as the IRC Section 199A deduction. Refer to the IRS Form 8995 instructions for additional details on this deduction.

Line 16 (Form 1040). Compute tax

Most ministers can use the tax tables to determine their income taxes. Some higher income ministers must use the tax rate schedules (a spouse's income is considered in deciding whether or not to use the tax rate schedules).

STEP 7: CREDITS

A credit is a direct dollar-for-dollar reduction in your tax liability. It is much more valuable than deductions and exclusions, which merely reduce taxable income. On your 2020 Form 1040, nonrefundable credits (i.e., credits that do not generate a tax refund if the credit amount exceeds taxable income) are reported on lines 1-7 of Schedule 3, and the total amount for all credits is carried over to line 20 of Form 1040.

The most common credits for ministers are the child tax credit, the credit for child and dependent care expenses, and the retirement savings credit. Each of these is addressed below.

Lines 19 and 28 (Form 1040). Child tax credit and additional child tax credit

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 temporarily increased the child tax credit to \$2,000 per qualifying child beginning in 2018. The credit is further modified to temporarily provide for a \$500 nonrefundable credit for qualifying dependents other than qualifying children (such as aging parents). The provision generally retains the present-law definition of dependent. The maximum amount refundable may not exceed \$1,400 per qualifying child. In order to receive the child tax credit (i.e., both the refundable and non-refundable portion) a taxpayer must include a Social Security number for each qualifying child for whom the credit is claimed on the tax return. For these purposes, a Social Security number must be issued before the due date for the filing of the return for the taxable year. This requirement does not apply to a non-child dependent for whom the \$500 nonrefundable credit is claimed. If the child tax credit cannot be utilized against current taxes, a portion of the credit is refundable. This is referred to as the additional child tax credit.

A qualifying child is an individual who has not attained age 17 during the taxable year. The credit is subject to the adjusted gross income phaseout thresholds. The credit begins to phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$400,000 (in the case of married taxpayers filing a joint return) and \$200,000 (for all other taxpayers). These phaseout thresholds are not indexed for inflation.

The amount of the refundable portion of the child tax credit is based on a calculation of “earned income” that does not include housing allowance. Therefore, it is possible that having a portion of income designated as housing allowance may decrease the amount of the additional child tax

credit (the refundable portion). Ministers should prepare tax estimates using a variety of scenarios to determine their best tax advantage. This nuance is especially pertinent to ministers who have several children and a potential to receive a substantial additional child tax credit.

These provisions will expire for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, unless extended by Congress.

See IRS Publication 972 for additional information.

Line 20 (from Form 1040, Schedule 3, line 2). Credit for child and dependent care expenses: Attach Form 2441

Complete this line if you are eligible for a credit for child or dependent care expenses. See the instructions to Form 1040, Schedule 3, line 2, for details and conditions or the instructions for Form 2441, Child and Dependent Care Expenses.

See IRS Publication 503 for additional information.

Line 20 (from Form 1040, Schedule 3, line 4. Retirement savings contributions credit (“Saver’s Credit”): Attach Form 8880

If you make eligible contributions to certain eligible retirement plans, such as the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or to an individual retirement account (IRA), you may be able to take a tax credit. The amount of the Saver’s Credit you can get is generally based on the contributions you make and your credit rate. Refer to Publication 590-A or the instructions for Form 8880 for more information. If you are eligible for the credit, your credit rate can be as low as 10 percent or as high as 50 percent, depending on your adjusted gross income. The lower your income, the higher the credit rate; your credit rate also depends on your filing status. These two factors will determine the maximum credit you may be allowed to take. You are not eligible for the credit if your adjusted gross income exceeds a certain amount.

The credit is available with respect to elective deferrals to a 401(k) plan, a 403(b)(9) annuity, a SIMPLE or a simplified employee pension (SEP), contributions to a traditional or Roth IRA, and voluntary after-tax employee contributions to a 403(b)(9) annuity or qualified retirement plan. The amount of the credit for 2020 is described in the adjusted gross income table shown on the following page.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS CONTRIBUTION CREDIT

Adjusted Gross Income

Joint returns	Heads of household	Single filers	Amount of credit
\$1-\$39,000	\$1-\$29,250	\$1-\$19,500	50% of eligible contributions up to \$2,000 (\$1,000 maximum credit)
\$39,001-\$42,500	\$29,251-\$31,875	\$19,501-\$21,250	20% of eligible contributions up to \$2,000 (\$400 maximum credit)
\$42,501-\$65,000	\$31,876-\$48,750	\$21,251-\$32,500	10% of eligible contributions up to \$2,000 (\$200 maximum credit)
over \$65,000	over \$48,750	over \$32,500	0%

For married couples filing jointly, each spouse is eligible for the credit. For more information about this credit, see IRS Form 8880 and Publication 590-A.

STEP 8: OTHER TAXES

Line 23 (from Form 1040 Schedule 2, line 10).

Other taxes

On the 2020 Form 1040, "other taxes" are reported on lines 4-10 of Schedule 2 and the total of all taxes is carried over to line 23 of Form 1040.

Report the following additional taxes on this line:

Self-employment tax

KEY POINT *All ordained ministers must pay self-employment taxes on compensation received from the exercise of their ministry, unless they have received IRS recognition of exempt status.*

Ministers are self-employed for Social Security purposes with respect to their ministerial income. They compute their self-employment taxes on Schedule SE and report the tax on line 4 of Form 1040 Schedule 2, and report this and other taxes line 23 of Form 1040.

STEP 9: PAYMENTS

On the 2020 Form 1040, amounts representing federal income tax withholding are reported on lines 25a through 25d. Estimated tax payments and tax overpayments applied from your 2019 return are reported on line 26. The two most important categories of tax "payments" are withheld taxes and estimated tax payments, as noted below.

Line 25a through 25d (Form 1040). Federal income tax withheld

Federal income tax may be withheld from several sources of income. For the first time, the Form 1040 separately reports withholding from these different potential sources.

Line 25a – Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2

Ministers' wages based on the performance of ministerial services are exempt from federal income tax withholding. As a result, only those ministers who have entered into a voluntary withholding arrangement with their church will have income taxes withheld. The church should report the amount of voluntarily withheld taxes on the minister's Form W-2.

KEY POINT *Ministers who enter into voluntary withholding arrangements will have federal and state income taxes withheld from their wages. However, a church does not withhold the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes, since ministers are self-employed for Social Security with respect to ministerial compensation. Ministers can request (on Form W-4 or through other written instructions) that their church withhold an additional amount of income taxes to cover their expected self-employment tax liability. These additional withholdings must be treated as income taxes withheld (on Form W-2 and Form 941) rather than the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes. They constitute a payment that can be applied to both income taxes and self-employment taxes. Ministers still must complete Schedule SE to report their self-employment tax liability.*

Line 25b – Federal income tax withheld from Forms 1099

Federal income tax may be withheld from pension payments or distributions reported on Form 1099-R or from social security payments reported on Form SSA-1099 or from other income reported on Form 1099-NEC. Other potential sources may be from interest and dividends reported on Form 1099-B.

Line 25c – Federal income tax withheld from other forms

Income tax withheld from gambling winnings reported on Form W-2G or Additional Medicare Tax as calculated on Form 8959 is included on this line.

Line 26 (Form 1040). Estimated tax payments

Compensation paid to ministers for ministerial duties is not subject to mandatory tax withholding. As a result, ministers must prepay their income tax and Social Security (self-employment) taxes by using the quarterly estimated tax procedure, unless they have entered into a voluntary withholding agreement with their employing church. The estimated tax procedure is summarized in Part 2 of this guide in the section “How do ministers pay their taxes?” The total amount of estimated tax payments made to the IRS is reported as a payment of taxes on line 26 of Form 1040. Additionally, any amount of an overpayments from 2019 applied to the 2020 estimated tax payments is included on this line.

Line 27 (Form 1040). Earned income credit

The earned income credit reduces tax you owe and may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax. A number of technical requirements must be met in order to qualify for this credit. Unfortunately, many taxpayers who qualify for the earned income credit do not claim it because it is so difficult to compute. In most cases, the amount of your earned income credit depends on: (1) whether you have no qualifying child, one qualifying child, two qualifying children, or three or more qualifying children; and (2) the amount of your earned income and modified adjusted gross income.

You may be able to claim the earned income credit for 2020 if you have non-retirement investment income of \$3,650 or less and (1) you do not have a qualifying child, you are at least age 25 but below age 65 by the end of the year, and you earned less than \$15,820 (\$21,710 if married filing jointly); (2) a qualifying child lived with you and you earned less than \$41,756 (\$47,646 if married filing jointly); (3) two qualifying children lived with you and you earned less than \$47,440 (\$53,330 if married filing jointly); or (4) three or more qualifying children lived with you and you earned less than \$50,954 (\$56,844 if married filing jointly). The maximum earned income credit for 2020 is (1) \$538 with no qualifying child; (2) \$3,584 with one qualifying child; (3) \$5,920 with two qualifying children; and (4) \$6,660 with three or more qualifying children.

You can compute the credit yourself or the IRS will compute it for you. To figure the amount of your earned income credit, you must use the EIC Worksheet and EIC Table in the instructions for Form 1040, line 27. Ministers may want to consider having the IRS compute the credit for them, especially due to confusion about how the housing allowance affects the credit. The credit is reported on line 27 of Form 1040.

KEY POINT *IRS Publication 596 explains the earned income credit. It states, in general: “The rental value of a home or a housing allowance provided to a minister as part of the minister’s pay generally isn’t subject to income tax but is included in net earnings from self-employment.” For that reason, it is included in earned income for the EIC, except for ministers who have opted out of self-employment taxes by filing a timely Form 4361 exemption application with the IRS.*

With respect to ministers who have filed a timely Form 4361, Publication 596 states:

Whether or not you have an approved Form 4361, amounts you received for performing ministerial duties as an employee count as earned income. This includes wages, salaries, tips, and other taxable employee compensation. If you have an approved Form 4361, a non-taxable housing allowance or the non-taxable rental value of a home isn’t earned income. Amounts you received for performing ministerial duties, but not as an employee, do not count as earned income. Examples include fees for performing marriages and honoraria for delivering speeches.

Affected ministers should consult their own tax advisor for guidance.

KEY POINT *The definition of “earned income” for the Earned Income Credit is not the same definition of “earned income” for the Additional Child Tax Credit discussed earlier in this publication.*

KEY POINT *Tax benefits may be affected by the housing allowance. Ministers should consider these various provisions and determine if the housing allowance is beneficial for them in light of how it affects the Earned Income Credit and the Additional Child Tax Credit.*

STEP 10: REFUND OR AMOUNT YOU OWE

After totaling your payments on Form 1040 line 33, you can calculate whether you owe the government, or a refund is due to you. If you owe a tax, be certain to enclose with your return a check in the amount you owe payable to the “United States Treasury” or by making the payment through your EFTPS account. Do not attach the check to your return. Include the check with a Form 1040-V. If you file your return electronically, the payment may be sent in separately using the Form 1040-V. Include your daytime phone number, your Social Security number, and write “Form 1040 for 2020” on the check. If you owe taxes, you also may have to pay an underpayment penalty (refer to line 38 of Form 1040). If you pay taxes after April 15, 2021, you may also owe late payment penalties.

If you have overpaid your taxes, you have two options: (1) request a full refund, or (2) apply the overpayment to your 2021 estimated tax on Form 1040 line 36.

STEP 11: SIGN HERE

You must sign and date the return at the bottom of page 2. If you are filing a joint return, your spouse must also sign the return. In the “your occupation” space, enter your occupation — *minister*.

If you or your spouse has been the victim of identity theft, the IRS will issue you an Identity Protection PIN that must also be entered in this section of the return.

Part 4. OTHER FORMS AND SCHEDULES

Schedule A

KEY POINT *If your itemized deductions exceed your standard deduction, you should report your itemized deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040). This section will summarize the itemized deductions.*

STEP 1: MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES (LINES 1-4)

You may deduct certain medical and dental expenses (for yourself, your spouse, and your dependents) if you itemize your deductions on Schedule A, but only to the extent that your expenses exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. You must reduce your medical expenses by the amounts of any reimbursements you receive for those expenses before applying the 7.5 percent test. Reimbursements include amounts you receive from insurance or other sources for your medical expenses (including Medicare). It does not matter if the reimbursement is paid to the patient, the doctor, or the hospital.

The following expenses ARE deductible as medical expenses:

- Fees for medical services
- Fees for hospital services
- Lodging at a hospital during medical treatment (subject to some limits)
- Medical and hospital insurance premiums that you pay and contributions you make under your employee health coverage (do not include amounts paid to health sharing arrangements)
- Special equipment
- Medicare A premiums you pay if you are exempt from Social Security and voluntarily elect to pay Medicare A premiums
- Medicare B premiums you pay
- Medicare D premiums you pay
- Medicare Supplement premiums you pay (or are deducted from your pension)
- Long-term care insurance premiums, subject to certain limitations on the amount that may be deducted
- Special items (false teeth, artificial limbs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, crutches, etc.)
- Transportation for necessary medical care. For 2020, the standard mileage rate for medical travel was 17 cents per mile (it decreases to 16 cents for 2021)
- Medicines and drugs requiring a prescription, and insulin
- The portion of a life-care fee or founder's fee paid either monthly or in a lump sum under an agreement with a retirement home that is allocable to medical care

- Wages of an attendant who provides medical care
- The cost of home improvements if the main reason is for medical care
- Program to stop smoking
- Exercise expenses (including the cost of equipment to use in the home) if required to treat an illness (including obesity) diagnosed by a physician, and the purpose of the expense is to treat a disease rather than to promote general health and the taxpayer would not have paid the expense but for this purpose

The following items are NOT deductible as medical expenses:

- The cost of diet food
- Funeral services
- Health club dues (except as noted above)
- Household help
- Life insurance
- Maternity clothes
- Nonprescription medicines and drugs
- Nursing care for a healthy baby
- Toothpaste, cosmetics, toiletries
- Trip for general improvement of health
- Most cosmetic surgery

STEP 2: TAXES YOU PAID (LINES 5-7)

Taxpayers may claim an itemized deduction of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 for married taxpayer filing a separate return) for the aggregate of:

- state and local property taxes, and
- state and local income taxes (or sales taxes in lieu income taxes) paid or accrued in the taxable year. The \$10,000 limitation applies through 2025.

At the election of the taxpayer, an itemized deduction may be taken for state and local general sales taxes in lieu of the itemized deduction for state and local income taxes. This provision was added to address the unequal treatment of taxpayers in the seven states that do not have an income tax. Taxpayers in these states cannot take advantage of the itemized deduction for state income taxes. Allowing them to deduct sales taxes helps offset this disadvantage.

Some states attempted to assist taxpayers in avoiding the above limitations by creating state-run charities that would grant "tax credits" in exchange for charitable contributions that would qualify for a tax deduction. The IRS issued regulations stating that to the extent a tax credit was granted, the charitable contribution would not be deductible.

STEP 3: INTEREST YOU PAID (LINES 8-10)

As a general matter, personal interest is not deductible. Qualified residence interest is not treated as personal interest and is allowed as an itemized deduction, subject to limitations. Qualified residence interest means interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on either acquisition indebtedness or home equity indebtedness. A qualified residence means the taxpayer's principal residence and one other residence of the taxpayer selected to be a qualified residence. A qualified residence can be a house, condominium, cooperative, mobile home, house trailer, or boat.

Acquisition indebtedness is indebtedness that is incurred in acquiring, constructing, or substantially improving a qualified residence of the taxpayer and which secures the residence. Note the following two rules:

1) Limit on loans taken out on or before December 15, 2017

For qualifying debt taken out on or before December 15, 2017, you can only deduct home mortgage interest on up to \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 if you are married filing separately) of that debt. The only exception is for loans taken out on or before October 13, 1987 (see IRS Publication 936 for more information about loans taken out on or before October 13, 1987).

See Publication 936 to figure your deduction if you have loans taken out on or before December 15, 2017, that exceed \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 if you are married filing separately).

Home equity indebtedness is indebtedness (other than acquisition indebtedness) secured by a qualified residence. In order for interest related to home equity indebtedness to be considered as a qualified residence interest, the proceeds must be used to buy, build or substantially to improve the residence that secures the loan.

2) Limit on loans taken out after December 15, 2017

For qualifying debt taken out after December 15, 2017, you can only deduct home mortgage interest on up to \$750,000 (\$375,000 if you are married filing separately) of that debt. If you also have qualifying debt subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation discussed above, the \$750,000 limit for debt taken out after December 15, 2017, is reduced by the amount of your qualifying debt subject to the \$1,000,000 limit. An exception exists for certain loans taken out after December 15, 2017, but before April 1, 2018. If the exception applies, your loan may be treated in the same manner as a loan taken out on or before December 15, 2017. See IRS Publication 936 for more information about this exception. See Publication 936 to figure your deduction if you have loans taken out after October 13, 1987, that exceed \$750,000 (\$375,000 if you are married filing separately).

The term "points" is sometimes used to describe certain charges paid by a borrower. They are also called loan origination fees, maximum loan charges, or premium charges. If the payment of any of these charges is only for the use of money, it ordinarily is interest paid in advance and must be deducted in installments over the life of the mortgage (not deducted in full in the year of payment). However, points are deductible in the year paid if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

- 1) Your loan is secured by your main home (your main home is the one you ordinarily live in most of the time).
- 2) Paying points is an established business practice in the area where the loan was made.
- 3) The points paid were not more than the points generally charged in that area.
- 4) You use the cash method of accounting. This means you report income in the year you receive it and deduct expenses in the year you pay them. Most individuals use this method.
- 5) The points were not paid in place of amounts that ordinarily are stated separately on the settlement statement, such as appraisal fees, inspection fees, title fees, attorney fees, and property taxes.
- 6) The funds you provided at or before closing, plus any points the seller paid, were at least as much as the points charged. The funds you provided are not required to have been applied to the points. They can include a down payment, an escrow deposit, earnest money, and other funds you paid at or before closing for any purpose. You cannot have borrowed these funds from your lender or mortgage broker.
- 7) You use your loan to buy or build your main home.
- 8) The points were computed as a percentage of the principal amount of the mortgage.
- 9) The amount is clearly shown on the settlement statement (such as the Settlement Statement, Form HUD-1) as points charged for the mortgage. The points may be shown as paid from either your funds or the seller's.

KEY POINT *Points are not currently deductible when paid in association with the refinancing of the home. These points must be amortized over the life of the new mortgage.*

Congress enacted legislation in 2019 that provides for the deductibility of mortgage insurance premiums (MIP) through 2020, and retroactively for tax years 2018 and 2019. Use Form 1098, Mortgage Interest Statement, to report MIP of \$600 or more, that you received during the calendar year in the course of your trade or business from an individual, including a sole proprietor.

STEP 4: GIFTS TO CHARITY (LINES 11-14)

Cash contributions to churches, schools, and most other public charities, that are U.S. organizations, are deductible up to 60 percent of adjusted gross income. Contributions of property are subject to different limitations. See IRS Publication 526. Contributions of cash or checks are reported on line 11, while contributions of noncash property are reported on line 12. If you cannot itemize deductions, a charitable contribution, up to \$300, is allowed on Form 1040, Line 10b.

The value of personal services is never deductible as a charitable contribution, but unreimbursed expenses incurred in performing services on behalf of a church or other charity may be. For example, if you drive to and from volunteer work on behalf of a charity, you may deduct the actual cost of gas and oil or you may claim the standard charitable mileage rate of 14 cents for each substantiated mile (for 2020 and 2021). Unreimbursed travel expenses incurred while away from home (whether within the United States or abroad) in the course of donated services to a tax-exempt religious or charitable organization are deductible as a charitable contribution. There are two ways to do this.

- 1) Individuals performing the charitable travel can keep track of their own travel expenses and then claim a charitable contribution for the total on Schedule A. (A letter acknowledging the individual's service and containing the "no goods or services" statement should be obtained from the charity.)
- 2) Or, these individuals could provide their church or charity with a travel report substantiating all travel expenses. In such a case, the church or charity could issue the individual a charitable contribution receipt for the total amount of the substantiated travel expenses. Travel expenses that can be receipted include airfare, lodging, meals and incidental expenses.

No charitable deduction is allowed for travel expenses incurred while away from home in performing services for a religious or charitable organization unless there is no significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation involved in the travel.

Example

Pastor J goes on a trip to Europe. She is in Europe for 10 days and conducts one-hour worship services on two of those days. Pastor J will not be able to claim a charitable contribution deduction for the travel expenses that she incurs in making this trip. The same rule would apply if Pastor J's spouse or children go along on the trip.

Charitable contributions must be claimed in the year they are delivered. One exception is a check that is mailed to a charity—it is deductible in the year the check is mailed (and postmarked), even if it is received early in the next year.

Charitable contributions generally are deductible only to the extent they exceed the value of any premium or benefit received by the donor in return for the contribution.

There are limits on the amount of a contribution that can be deducted. Generally, cash contributions to churches, schools, and other public charities are deductible up to a maximum of 60 percent of adjusted gross income. In some cases, contributions that exceed these limits can be carried over and claimed on future returns for up to five years. Some charitable contributions are limited to 20 percent or 30 percent of adjusted gross income, depending on the recipient and the form of the contribution.

Restricted contributions are those that are made to a church with the stipulation that they be used for a specified purpose. If the purpose is an approved project or program of the church, the designation will not affect the deductibility of the contribution. An example is a contribution to a church building fund. However, if a donor stipulates that a contribution be spent on a designated individual, no deduction is allowed unless the church exercises full administrative control over the donated funds to ensure that they are being spent in furtherance of the church's exempt purposes. Restricted contributions that ordinarily are not deductible include contributions to church benevolence or scholarship funds that designate a specific recipient. Contributions to benevolence or scholarship funds ordinarily are deductible if the donor does not earmark a specific recipient.

Contributions to a church or missions board that specify a particular missionary may be tax-deductible if the church or missions board exercises full administrative and accounting control over the contributions and ensures that they are spent in furtherance of the church's mission. Direct contributions to missionaries, or any other individual, are not tax-deductible, even if they are used for religious or charitable purposes.

Charitable contributions must be properly substantiated. Individual cash contributions of less than \$250 may be substantiated by a canceled check or a receipt from the charity. Special rules govern the substantiation of individual contributions of cash or property of \$250 or more. The donor must substantiate these contributions with a qualifying receipt from the charity including a listing of the contributions and a statement that there were no goods or services provided in exchange for the contributions. These rules are further explained in the supplement to this guide entitled *Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches*.

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It is the responsibility of the donor to confirm that all donations claimed are supported by qualifying receipts. The consequence of failure is a loss of any contribution not supported by a qualifying receipt. This error cannot be corrected if discovered after the tax return is filed. Some churches and charities fail to issue qualifying receipts, so donors must be vigilant in meeting this requirement, since this is not an error that can be corrected.

If you contribute property that you value at \$500 or more, you must include a completed Form 8283 with your Form 1040. Complete only section A if the value claimed is \$500 or more but less than \$5,000. If you claim a deduction of more than \$5,000 for a contribution of noncash property (other than publicly traded securities), then you must obtain a qualified appraisal of the property and include a qualified appraisal summary (Section B of Form 8283) with your Form 1040. Only one appraisal is required for a group of similar items contributed in the same tax year, if it includes all the required information for each item.

Special rules apply to donations of cars, boats, and planes. A donation is not allowed if the value of the items is \$500 or more unless the donor has received Form 1098-C. See the instructions to IRS Form 1098-C for details.

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The Tax Court ruled that a donor who contributed property worth more than \$10,000 to a church was not eligible for a charitable contribution deduction, even though there was no dispute as to the value of the property, because he failed to attach a qualified appraisal summary (Form 8283) to the tax return on which the contribution was claimed.

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In the CARES Act of 2020 Congress enacted a provision in the legislation that allows non-itemizers an above-the-line "qualified charitable deduction" of up to \$300 for charitable contributions.

STEP 5: CASUALTY AND THEFT LOSSES (LINE 15)

You can only deduct personal casualty and theft losses attributable to a federally declared disaster to the extent that:

- 1) The amount of each separate casualty or theft loss is more than \$100, and
- 2) The total amount of all losses during the year (reduced by the \$100 limit discussed above) is more than 10% of the amount on Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11. See the Instructions for Form 4684 and Pub. 547 for more information.

Taxpayers may claim a personal casualty loss (subject to the limitations described above) only if the loss was attributable to a disaster declared by the President under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. This limitation is effective for losses incurred in taxable years 2018 through 2025.

NOTE: Job expenses and most other miscellaneous deductions

Employee business expenses that are either unreimbursed or reimbursed by an employer under a non-accountable arrangement, are no longer deductible by an employee. This provision of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is effective for taxable years 2018 through 2025 unless extended by Congress.

The elimination of an itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee business expenses, hit some clergy hard. If a church reimburses employees business expenses under an accountable expense reimbursement arrangement, the reimbursements will not be taxable. To be accountable, a church's reimbursement arrangement must comply with all four of the following rules:

- 1) Expenses must have a business connection — that is, the reimbursed expenses must represent expenses incurred by an employee while performing services for the employer.
- 2) Employees are only reimbursed for expenses for which they provide an adequate accounting within a reasonable period of time (not more than 60 days after an expense is incurred).

- 3) Employees must return any excess reimbursement or allowance within a reasonable period of time (not more than 120 days after an excess reimbursement is paid).
- 4) The income tax regulations caution that in order for an employer's reimbursement arrangement to be accountable, it must meet a "reimbursement requirement" in addition to the three requirements summarized above. The reimbursement requirement means that an employer's reimbursements of an employee's business expenses come out of the employer's funds and not by reducing the employee's salary

Accountable expense reimbursement plans are preferable for the employee. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated "all miscellaneous itemized deductions that are subject to the two percent floor under present law" (including unreimbursed employee business expenses, and employee expenses reimbursed under a non-accountable plan). This encouraged many churches to move to accountable expense reimbursement plans, since section 62(a)(2)(A) of the tax code, which excludes from tax employer reimbursements of employee business expenses under an accountable plan (defined above), has not been modified.

Schedule B

Schedule B is used to report taxable interest income and dividend income of more than \$1,500.

STEP 1: INTEREST INCOME (LINES 1-4)

List (on line 1) the name of each institution or individual that paid you taxable interest if you received more than \$1,500 of taxable interest in 2020. Be sure the interest you report on line 1 corresponds to any Form 1099-INT you received from such institutions. Do not include tax-exempt interest. Taxable interest income is carried over to line 2b of Form 1040.

STEP 2: DIVIDEND INCOME (LINES 5-6)

List (on line 5) the name of each institution that paid you dividends if you received more than \$1,500 in dividends in 2020. Be sure the dividends you report on line 5 correspond to any Form 1099-DIV you received from such institutions. Dividend income is carried over to line 3b of Form 1040.

STEP 3: FOREIGN ACCOUNTS AND FOREIGN TRUSTS (LINES 7-8)

Be sure to complete this part of the schedule if you had more than \$1,500 of either taxable interest or dividends.

KEY POINT

If you have foreign bank accounts, you may be subject to additional filings. This can also occur if your church has foreign bank accounts and you have signature authority on the accounts. In many cases, foreign bank account reporting is overlooked by taxpayers. Failure to comply can create substantial penalties. See the Schedule B Instructions for further information.

Schedule C

KEY POINT *Most ministers who serve local churches or church agencies are employees for federal income tax purposes with respect to their church salary. They report their church salary on line 1 of Form 1040 and receive a Form W-2 from the church. They do not report their salary as self-employment earnings on Schedule C.*

KEY POINT *Use Schedule C to report income and expenses from ministerial activities you conduct other than in your capacity as a church employee. Examples would be fees for guest speaking in other churches, and fees received directly from church members for performing personal services, such as weddings and funerals.*

KEY POINT *The IRS has discontinued the simplified Schedule C-EZ. Persons who used Schedule C-EZ in the past will now use Schedule C.*

STEP 1: INTRODUCTION

Complete the first several questions on Schedule C. Ministers should list code 541990 on line B, since this is the code the IRS uses in a clergy tax illustration in Publication 517. Some ministers who report their church compensation as self-employed point to this code as proof that ministers serving local churches can report as self-employed. This is not so. This code applies to the incidental self-employment activities of ministers who report their church salaries as employees. It also applies to those few ministers who are self-employed, such as traveling evangelists.

STEP 2: INCOME (LINES 1-7)

Report on line 1 your gross income from your self-employment activity.

STEP 3: EXPENSES (LINES 8-27)

CAUTION. Many ministers continue to report their income taxes as self-employed. One perceived advantage of doing so is the ability to deduct business expenses on Schedule C by ministers who do not have enough itemized deductions to use Schedule A. This advantage is often illusory. Most “self-employed” ministers, if audited by the IRS, would be reclassified as employees and their Schedule C deductions disallowed. This could result in substantial additional taxes, penalties, and interest. The best way for ministers to handle their business expenses is through an accountable expense reimbursement arrangement.

Report any business expenses associated with your self-employment earnings on lines 8 through 27. For example, if you incur transportation, travel, or other expenses in the course of performing self-employment activities, you deduct these expenses on lines 8 through 27 of Schedule C. Self-employed persons can deduct only 50 percent of business meals and meals associated with entertainment.

KEY POINT

Deductions are not allowed for expenses with respect to entertainment, amusement, or recreation. Some questions arose related to the deductibility of expenses of business meals with an entertainment component. To clarify the application of this rule, the IRS issued regulations clarifying that taxpayers may deduct 50 percent of an otherwise allowable business meal expense if (1) the expense is an ordinary and necessary expense paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business; (2) the expense is not lavish or extravagant under the circumstances; (3) the taxpayer, or an employee of the taxpayer, is present at the furnishing of the food or beverages; (4) the food and beverages are provided to a current or potential business customer, client, consultant, or similar business contact; and (5) in the case of food and beverages provided during or at an entertainment activity, the food and beverages are purchased separately from the entertainment, or the cost of the food and beverages is stated separately from the cost of the entertainment on one or more bills, invoices, or receipts. The entertainment disallowance rule may not be circumvented through inflating the amount charged for food and beverages. Note that this clarification does not benefit employees whose business expenses are not reimbursed by their employer, since such expenses are nondeductible. Ministers may be required to reduce the expenses deducted on Schedule C, if a portion of the income is excluded from income as a housing allowance. The rules under IRC Section 265 state that expenses associated with tax-free income may not be deducted. Therefore, expenses on Schedule C may have to be allocated between taxable and non-taxable income. (Many refer to this rule as the Deason Rule.)

Report self-employment income from Schedule C on Schedule 1, line 3 (Form 1040) and carry over this and other items of additional income reported on Schedule 1 to line 8 of Form 1040.

Schedule SE

KEY POINT *Use Schedule SE to report Social Security taxes on any income you earned as a minister if you have not applied for and received IRS approval of an exemption application (Form 4361). Remember, ministers (except for some chaplains) are self-employed for Social Security with respect to their ministerial services. They pay self-employment taxes, and not Social Security and Medicare ("FICA") taxes, with respect to compensation from such services.*

KEY POINT *Ministers who have received IRS approval of an application for exemption from self-employment taxes (Form 4361) do not pay self-employment taxes on compensation received for their ministerial services. These ministers should enter "Exempt – Form 4361" on Form 1040, Schedule 2, line 4. They do not use Schedule SE.*

STEP 1: PART I (LINE 2)

Complete part I "Self-Employment Tax" on page 1 of the schedule rather than Part II.

Ministers report their net self-employment earnings on line 2 of Part I. This amount is computed as follows:

Add the following to the church salary reported on Form W-2 in Box 1:

- other items of church income (including taxable fringe benefits)
- fees you receive for marriages, baptisms, funerals, masses, etc.
- self-employment earnings from outside businesses
- annual rental value of a manse, including utilities paid by church (unless you are retired)
- a housing allowance (unless you are retired)
- business expense reimbursements (under a non-accountable plan)
- the value of meals served on the church's premises for the convenience of the employer
- any amount a church pays toward your income tax or self-employment tax

And then deduct the following:

- most income tax exclusions other than meals or lodging furnished for the employer's convenience, and the foreign earned income exclusion
- annual fair rental value of a manse provided to you after you retire
- housing allowance provided to you after you retire
- salary reduction contributions (elective deferrals) to a tax-sheltered annuity plan (403(b) plan) if included in your gross income above
- pension payments or retirement allowances you receive for your past ministerial services
- unreimbursed employee business expenses (net of reimbursements & after 50% reduction in meal expenses.
- business expenses that were not deducted on Schedule C due to the allocation of a portion of the business expenses to the tax-free housing allowance pursuant to the requirements of IRC Section 265(a)(1), better known as the "Deason Rule"

STEP 2: PART I (LINE 4)

Ministers (and other taxpayers who are self-employed for Social Security) can reduce their taxable earnings by 7.65 percent, which is half the Social Security and Medicare tax paid by employers and employees. To do this, multiply net earnings from self-employment times 0.9235 on line 4. Self-employment taxes are paid on the reduced amount.

STEP 3: PART I (LINE 12)

The self-employment tax for 2020 is computed on this line. The self-employment tax rate for 2020 is 15.3 percent, which consists of the following two components:

- 1) a Medicare hospital insurance tax of 2.9 percent, and
- 2) an old-age, survivor and disability (Social Security) tax of 12.4 percent.

For 2020, the 2.9 percent Medicare tax applied to all net earnings from self-employment regardless of amount. For 2020, the 12.4 percent Social Security tax applied to only the first \$137,700 of net self-employment earnings. (For 2021, the maximum earnings subject to Social Security tax is \$142,800).

Form 8959, Additional Medicare Tax

An additional Medicare tax is calculated on wages or self-employment income of higher income taxpayers. This additional tax of 0.9 percent on wages received in excess of certain amounts must be calculated. This additional tax applies to ministers subject to self-employment tax. Unlike other Social Security and Medicare taxes, this additional tax is on the combined wages of a taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse, in the case of a joint return. The threshold amount is \$250,000 in the case of a joint return or surviving spouse, and \$200,000 for single persons. The \$250,000 and \$200,000 amounts are not adjusted for inflation and remain the same for 2021.

Ministers who are a part of a two-earner family may be subject to this additional tax and should plan accordingly. Each working spouse may have wages and self-employment income of less than \$250,000, but when added together, the total exceeds the threshold. This additional tax should be considered in preparing estimated tax payments or withholding instructions.

Form 2106

KEY POINT

In the past Form 2106 was used by employees to compute employee business expenses claimed on Schedule A. For most taxpayers this form is now obsolete because of the suspension of an itemized deduction for employee business expenses on Schedule A. Form 2106 is now used only by Armed Forces reservists, qualified performing artists, fee-basis state or local government officials, and employees with impairment-related work expenses.

Part 5. RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

This letter provides information for retired ministers and ministers receiving pension or disability benefits. Please read and keep this letter with your 2020 tax papers should the IRS select your return for audit and require you to substantiate your exclusion. Do not file this letter with your return.



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

January 2021

Dear Minister,

If you are retired or disabled, all or part of the Benefits Plan pension, disability, or retirement savings benefits that you received in 2020 may be excludable as housing allowance from your gross income for federal income tax purposes, subject to certain provisions established by federal tax laws. (Surviving spouses, qualified domestic partners and retired lay employees do not qualify for this exclusion; members should plan for this contingency.)

If you are eligible for an exclusion, as defined above, and own or rent your home, the tax laws limit the exclusion to the smaller of:

- a) the amount designated in advance by the Board of Pensions as a housing allowance;
- b) the actual amount spent by you for housing-related expenses (housing, utilities, maintenance, repairs); or
- c) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and utilities.

If you are eligible for an exclusion and live rent free in a church-owned manse, the IRS limits the exclusion to the smaller of a) or b), above.

You should maintain records to substantiate the exclusion you claim.

The IRS requires that the housing allowance exclusion be designated in advance of the tax reporting year for which it applies. To satisfy this requirement, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, acting “ad interim” for The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at its September 19, 2019, meeting designated for the calendar year 2020 that 100 percent of pension, disability, and Retirement Savings Plan benefits distributed by the Board of Pensions to eligible ministers and commissioned ruling elders would constitute a housing allowance, provided that such allowance did not exceed the home’s fair rental value, including furnishings and appurtenances, such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities and any other applicable tax law limits.

Refer to this year’s *Tax Guide for Ministers*, published by the Board of Pensions and also available through Benefits Connect on pensions.org; talk with your tax adviser or refer to IRS Publication 517, *Social Security and Other Information for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers*, for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Fallon Jr.".

Michael F. Fallon Jr.
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Part 6. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMPLES AND FORMS

EXAMPLE ONE: ACTIVE MINISTER

Note: This example is based on an illustrated example contained at the end of IRS Publication 517. Because the 2020 version of IRS Publication 517 was not available as of the date of printing, this example may be somewhat different than the example in the IRS Publication.

Rev. John Michaels is the minister of the First United Church. He is married and has one child. The child is considered a qualifying child for the child tax credit. Mrs. Michaels is not employed outside the home. Rev. Michaels is a common-law employee of the church, and he has not applied for an exemption from SE tax. The church paid Rev. Michaels a salary of \$45,000. In addition, as a self-employed person, he earned \$4,000 during the year for weddings, baptisms, and honoraria. He made estimated tax payments during the year totaling \$12,000. He taught a course at the local community college, for which he was paid \$3,400. None of the wages paid to Rev. Michaels during 2020 were related to a coronavirus leave of absence under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Rev. Michaels owns a home next to the church. He makes a \$1,125 per month mortgage payment of principal and interest only. His utility bills and other housing-related expenses for the year totaled \$1,450, and the real estate taxes on his home amounted to \$1,750 for the year. The church paid him \$1,400 per month as his manse allowance. The home's fair rental value is \$1,380 per month (including furnishings and utilities). Additionally, Rev. Michaels made cash charitable contributions of \$6,000 to Section 501(c)(3) public charities in 2020. Rev. Michaels has chosen not to defer payment of his self-employment taxes under special 2020 coronavirus relief legislation. Rev. Michaels received a coronavirus economic impact payment (stimulus check) in the amount of \$2,900 and therefore does not qualify for a recovery rebate credit.

The parts of Rev. and Mrs. Michaels' income tax return are explained in the order they are completed. They are illustrated in the order that Rev. Michaels will assemble the return to send it to the IRS.

Form W-2 from Church

The church completed Form W-2 for Rev. Michaels as follows:

Box 1.	The church entered Rev. Michaels' \$45,000 salary.
Box 2.	The church left this box blank because Rev. Michaels did not request federal income tax withholding.
Boxes 3 through 6.	Rev. Michaels is considered a self-employed person for purposes of Social Security and Medicare tax withholding, so the church left these boxes blank.
Box 14.	The church entered Rev. Michaels' total manse allowance for the year and identified it.

TurboTax® tips: Listed below are tips for ministers who use TurboTax to complete their returns. We have listed our recommended responses to some of the questions asked by the software when entering your Form W-2 from your church. These tips should not be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of the TurboTax software.

- 1) **"Do any of these apply to this W-2?"**
Be sure to check the box that says, "Religious employment – This income was for religious employment (clergy, nonclergy, religious sect)."
- 2) **"About your religious employment."**
Please note that ministers fall under the category of clergy employment.
- 3) **"Tell us about your clergy housing." TurboTax then asks for the Manse or Housing Allowance, as well as the amount of qualifying expenses.**
The amount you should enter for qualifying expenses is the lesser of your actual housing expenses, the annual fair rental value of your home (including furnishings and utilities), or the amount of your pay that was designated as ministerial housing allowance by your Church.
- 4) **"How would you like us to calculate clergy self-employment tax?"**
Please note that self-employment tax should be paid on wages and housing allowance. See Schedule SE TurboTax Tip for additional information.

Form W-2 from College

The community college gave Rev. Michaels a Form W-2 that showed the following:

Box 1.	The college entered Rev. Michaels' \$3,400 salary.
Box 2.	The college withheld \$272 in federal income tax on Rev. Michaels' behalf.
Boxes 3 and 5.	As an employee of the college, Rev. Michaels is subject to Social Security and Medicare withholding on his full salary from the college.
Box 4.	The college withheld \$210.80 in Social Security taxes.
Box 6.	The college withheld \$49.30 in Medicare taxes.

Schedule C (Form 1040)

Note that the IRS no longer uses a Schedule C-EZ. Therefore, Schedule C is used.

Some of Rev. Michaels' entries on Schedule C are explained here.

Line 1.	Rev. Michaels reports the \$4,000 from weddings, baptisms, and honoraria.
Lines 2. through 7	Rev. Michaels fills out these lines to report his gross income reported on line 7. Rev. Michaels did not have any returns or allowances, cost of goods sold, or other income for the year. Therefore, the amount reported on line 7 is \$4,000.
Lines 8 –27a.	Rev. Michaels reports his expenses related to the line 1 amount. The total consisted of \$87 for marriage and family booklets and \$251 for 437 miles of business use of his car, mainly in connection with honoraria. Rev. Michaels used the standard mileage rate to figure his car expense. He multiplied the standard mileage rate of 57.5 cents by 437 miles for a total of \$251. These expenses total \$338 (\$251 + \$87).
Line 9.	Rev. Michaels reports his car expenses on this line. However, he cannot deduct the part of his expenses allocable to his tax-free manse allowance. He attaches the required statement, Attachment 1 (shown later) to his return showing that 25% (or \$63) of his car expenses are not deductible because they are allocable to that tax-free allowance. He subtracts the \$63 from the \$251 and enters the \$188 difference on line 9. Rev. Michaels also reports information regarding his vehicle on Part IV of Schedule C.

Line 27a.	Rev. Michaels reports \$87 for marriage and family booklets. However, he cannot deduct the part of his expenses allocable to his tax-free manse allowance. He attaches the required statement, Attachment 1 (shown later) to his return showing that 25% (or \$22) of his expenses are not deductible because they are allocable to that tax-free allowance. He subtracts the \$22 from the \$87 and enters the \$65 difference on line 27a. He also reports a description of the expense in Part V of Schedule C.
Line 28.	Rev. Michaels enters his total expenses, less the 25% allocable to his tax-free manse allowance, of \$253 (\$188 + \$65) on line 28.
Lines 29. through 31	He enters his tentative profit of \$3,747 (\$4,000 - \$253) on line 29, less any expenses for business use of home on line 31. Rev. Michaels did not have any expenses for business use of home; therefore his net income is \$3,747. Net income on Schedule C is also reported on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3.
Lines 43. through 47b.	Rev. Michaels fills out these lines to report information about his car.
Line 48.	Rev. Michaels reports the total other expenses included on line 27a.

TurboTax® tips: TurboTax does not appear to calculate the nondeductible portion of the expenses which should be allocated to the tax-free portion of the housing allowance. The taxpayer will need to adjust the expenses (as shown in Attachment 1) and input the reduced figure into the software.

Schedule SE (Form 1040)

After Rev. Michaels prepares Schedule C, he fills out Schedule SE (Form 1040). Rev. Michaels is a minister, so his salary from the church is not considered church employee income. Additionally, Rev. Michaels did not apply for an exemption from self-employment tax by filing Form 4361 and therefore leaves the first box on Schedule SE unchecked. He fills out the following lines in Part I.

Line 2. Rev. Michaels attaches a statement (see Attachment 2, later) that explains how he figures the amount (\$63,826) he enters here. The calculation in Attachment 2 includes unreimbursed business expenses from his work for the church. Although unreimbursed business expenses are clearly no longer deductible on Schedule A as itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes, there is still some ambiguity as of the date of this writing as to whether these expenses remain deductible for self-employment tax purposes. Although not abundantly clear, language in IRS Publication 517 appears to allow a deduction of these expenses for self-employment tax purposes against wages earned by a minister as a common-law employee of a church. Based on the commentary in Chapter 9 and the underlying rulings discussed therein, the author has prepared this example assuming these expenses are deductible against self-employment earnings. Ministers should consult with their personal tax advisors regarding the deductibility of these expenses for purposes of self-employment tax on their 2020 Form 1040, in light of the developing nature of guidance in this area as of the date of this writing. Rev. Michaels records show that he drove 2,465 miles. He multiplies miles driven by the mileage rate of 57.5 cents. The combined result is \$1,417. Additionally, Rev. Michaels paid for \$219 of professional publications and booklets in connection with his work for the church. The total unreimbursed business expenses were \$1,636. After including the \$85 of Schedule C expenses allocable to tax-free income, the total deductions against self-employment income is \$1,721.

Line 4a through Line 6. He multiplies \$63,826 by .9235 to get his net earnings from self-employment (\$58,943). This amount is then carried through to line 6 since Rev. Michaels does not have any other adjustments.

Line 10. The amount on line 6 is less than \$137,700, so Rev. Michaels multiplies the amount on line 6 (\$58,943) by 0.124 to get the Social Security portion of the self-employment tax of \$7,309.

Line 11. He multiplies the amount on line 6 by 0.029 to calculate the Medicare portion of the self-employment tax of \$1,709.

Line 12. He adds the Social Security tax from line 10 and the Medicare tax on line 11 to determine his total self-employment tax of \$9,018. Rev. Michaels enters that amount here and on Schedule 2 (Form 1040), line 4 and 10.

Line 13. Rev. Michaels multiplies the amount on line 12 by 0.50 to get his deduction for the employer-equivalent portion of self-employment tax of \$4,509. He enters that amount here and on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 14.

TurboTax® tips: The software asks about self-employment tax on clergy wages. The taxpayer should check the box to pay self-employment tax on wages and housing allowance (assuming, as shown in this example, that the minister has not applied for exemption from the SE tax). Please note that the software does not appear to automatically reduce self-employment wages by the business expenses allocated to tax free income. The taxpayer will need to adjust net self-employment income (as shown in Attachment 2) and input the reduced figure into the software. This can be done by going into the “Business Taxes” section, and selecting “Self-Employment Tax.” Choose “Make Adjustments,” and enter in the “Ministerial Business Expenses” item the additional expenses that were not deducted elsewhere on the return (\$1,721 in this example – see Attachment 2).

Qualified Business Income Deduction (Form 8995)

Ministers who have net profit reported on Schedule C for ministerial services and who have 2020 taxable income of less than \$163,300 (\$326,600 if married filing jointly) before the application of a qualified business income deduction may be eligible for the qualified business income deduction.

After Rev. Michaels prepares Schedule SE, he fills out Form 8995.

Line 1i, Column (c). Rev. Michaels reports the net profit or (loss) from Schedule C, line 31 (\$3,747) less the portion of the deduction for self-employment taxes allocable to this net profit ($\$3,747 \times 0.9235 \times 0.153 \times 0.5 = \265) which results in \$3,482 ($\$3,747 - \265) on line 1i, Column (c). Since there are no other amounts listed on lines 1ii through line 1v, he also reports the amount on line 2.

Line 4. Rev. Michaels adds the total qualified business income or (loss) reported on line 2 (\$3,482) to any qualified business net losses carried forward from the prior year. Since there are no qualified business net losses carried forward from the prior year, he enters the amount on line 4.

Line 5. Rev. Michaels multiplies line 4 by 20% and enters the resulting amount (\$696) on line 5. Since there are no other amounts reported on lines 6-9, he also reports the amount on line 10.

Line 11. Rev. Michaels adds the total taxable income before qualified business income deduction (\$22,778) on line 11. This amount is equal to the total wages, salaries, and Schedule C income less the deductible amount of self-employment tax and standard deduction ($\$48,640 + \$3,747 - \$4,509 - 300$, the special charitable contribution deduction on Form 1040 line 10b, - \$24,800, the standard deduction from line 9 of Form 1040). Since there are no other amounts reported on line 12, he also reports the amount on line 13.

Line 15 Rev. Michaels multiplies line 13 by 20% (\$4,556), which he reports on line 14. He then reports the lesser of line 10 or line 14 on line 15 (\$696). Rev. Michaels also enters this amount on Form 1040, line 13.

Form 1040, Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Schedule 2 (Form 1040)

After Rev. Michaels prepares the above schedules, he fills out Form 1040, along with Schedules 1 through 2 to the extent required. He files a joint return with his wife. First he fills out Form 1040, Page 1 and completes the appropriate lines for his filing status and exemptions. Then, he fills out the rest of the forms as follows:

Form 1040, Line 1.

Rev. Michaels reports \$48,640. This amount is the total of his \$45,000 church salary, \$3,400 college salary, and \$240, the excess of the amount designated and paid to him as a manse allowance over the lesser of his actual expenses and the fair rental value of his home (including furnishings and utilities). The two salaries were reported to him in box 1 of the Forms W-2 he received.

Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Line 3.

He reports his net profit of \$3,747 from Schedule C, line 31. Since no other amounts are reported on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Lines 1-8, he also reports this amount on Line 9, and carries the figure to Form 1040, line 8.

Form 1040, Line 9.

Rev. Michaels adds Form 1040 line 1 and the amount reported on Form 1040 line 8, and enters the total (\$52,387) on line 9.

Form 1040 Line 10a and 10b.

Because Rev. Michaels has reported deductible self-employment tax on Schedule 1 (Form 1040) Line 14, Rev. Michaels goes to Schedule 1 (Form 1040) and completes Part II of the form. Since there are no other amounts listed on lines 10-21, Rev. Michaels reports \$4,509 on Line 22 and enters this amount on Form 1040, Line 10a. Additionally, in 2020, a maximum \$300 charitable contribution deduction is allowed on Form 1040, line 10b for qualifying charitable contributions. Since Rev. Michaels made cash contributions of \$6,000 to a qualifying 501(c)(3) public charity, he enters the maximum contribution deduction of \$300 on line 10b. Line 10a and line 10b are added and reported on line 10c (\$4,809). Line 10c is subtracted from line 9 and the result (\$47,578) is entered on Form 1040 Line 11. This is his adjusted gross income.

Form 1040, Line 12.

He enters the standard deduction for married couples filing jointly (\$24,800) on Line 12.

Form 1040, Line 13.

Rev. Michaels adds the qualified business income deduction on Form 8995 line 15, and enters the total on (\$696) on line 13.

Form 1040, Line 14.

Rev. Michaels adds the amounts on Form 1040, Line 12 and Line 13, and enters the total (\$25,496) on line 14.

Form 1040, Line 15.

Subtract line 14 from line 11. This is their taxable income.

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 16.

Rev. Michaels uses the tax tables in the 2020 Form 1040 instructions to determine his applicable tax and enters the amount (\$2,254) on the space provided on Line 16.

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 19.

The Michaels can take the child tax credit for their daughter, Jennifer. Rev. Michaels figures the credit by completing the Child Tax Credit Worksheet (not shown) contained in the Form 1040 general instructions. He enters the \$2,000 credit. Since there is no amount listed for Schedule 3, line 7 Rev. Michaels enters \$2,000 on line 19 and line 21. (Note: The Michaels are not required to attach Schedule 8812 to claim the child tax credit since they are not eligible for the additional child tax credit and their daughter does not have an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). The IRS issues ITINs to foreign nationals and others who have federal tax reporting or filing requirements and do not qualify for social security numbers (SSNs). Since Jennifer has a SSN, she is not required to obtain an ITIN and therefore Schedule 8812 is not applicable.)

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 23 and Schedule 2 (Form 1040).

Rev. Michaels completes Schedule 2 (Form 1040). Since the only amount reported on Schedule 2 (Form 1040) is his self-employment tax from Schedule SE, he reports the amount (\$9,018) on Schedule 2 (Form 1040), Line 10, and on Form 1040, Page 2, line 23.

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 24.

He adds the amount reported on line 22 and the self employment taxes reported on line 23. This represents his total tax obligation.

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 25a and 25d.

He enters the federal income tax shown in box 2 of his Form W-2 from the college.

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 26.

Rev. Michaels enters the \$12,000 estimated tax payments he made for the year on line 26.


Form 1040, Page 2, Line 33.

He adds the amount reported on line 25d and line 26 to show the total tax payments made on line 33 (\$12,272).

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 34.

Rev. Michaels totals his overpayment by subtracting line 24 from line 33 (\$3,000).

Active Minister: Form W-2s from Church and from College


a Employee's social security number 011-00-1111		OMB No. 1545-0008		Safe, accurate, FAST! Use				Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/efile			
b Employer identification number (EIN) 00-0246810				1 Wages, tips, other compensation 45,000.00		2 Federal income tax withheld					
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code First United Church 1042 Main Street Hometown, Texas 77099				3 Social security wages		4 Social security tax withheld					
				5 Medicare wages and tips		6 Medicare tax withheld					
				7 Social security tips		8 Allocated tips					
d Control number				9		10 Dependent care benefits					
e Employee's first name and initial Last name Suff. John E. Michaels 1040 Main Street Hometown, Texas 77099				11 Nonqualified plans		12a See instructions for box 12					
				13 Statutory employee Retirement plan Third-party sick pay <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		12b					
				14 Other Parsonage Allowance \$16,800		12c					
						12d					
f Employee's address and ZIP code											
15 State Employer's state ID number		16 State wages, tips, etc.		17 State income tax		18 Local wages, tips, etc.		19 Local income tax		20 Locality name	

Form **W-2** Wage and Tax Statement

2020

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

Copy B—To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return.
This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

a Employee's social security number 011-00-1111		OMB No. 1545-0008		Safe, accurate, FAST! Use				Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/efile			
b Employer identification number (EIN) 00-1357913				1 Wages, tips, other compensation 3,400.00		2 Federal income tax withheld 272.00					
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code Hometown College 40 Honor Road Hometown, Texas 77099				3 Social security wages 3,400.00		4 Social security tax withheld 210.80					
				5 Medicare wages and tips 3,400.00		6 Medicare tax withheld 49.30					
				7 Social security tips		8 Allocated tips					
d Control number				9		10 Dependent care benefits					
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				13 Statutory employee Retirement plan Third-party sick pay <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		12b					
				14 Other		12c					
						12d					
f Employee's address and ZIP code											
15 State Employer's state ID number		16 State wages, tips, etc.		17 State income tax		18 Local wages, tips, etc.		19 Local income tax		20 Locality name	

Form **W-2** Wage and Tax Statement

2020

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Active Minister: Schedule C (Form 1040)

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship)

► Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleC for instructions and the latest information.

► Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships generally must file Form 1065.

OMB No. 1545-0074

2020
Attachment
Sequence No. **09**

Name of proprietor John E. Michaels		Social security number (SSN) 011-00-1111
A Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions) Minister		B Enter code from instructions ► 5 4 1 9 9 0
C Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank.		D Employer ID number (EIN) (see instr.)
E Business address (including suite or room no.) ► 1042 Main Street City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code Hometown, Texas 77099		
F Accounting method: (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ►		
G Did you "materially participate" in the operation of this business during 2020? If "No," see instructions for limit on losses		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
H If you started or acquired this business during 2020, check here		<input type="checkbox"/>
I Did you make any payments in 2020 that would require you to file Form(s) 1099? See instructions		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
J If "Yes," did you or will you file required Form(s) 1099?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part I Income

1 Gross receipts or sales. See instructions for line 1 and check the box if this income was reported to you on Form W-2 and the "Statutory employee" box on that form was checked	► <input type="checkbox"/>	1	4,000
2 Returns and allowances		2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1		3	4,000
4 Cost of goods sold (from line 42)		4	
5 Gross profit. Subtract line 4 from line 3		5	4,000
6 Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund (see instructions)		6	
7 Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6	►	7	4,000

Part II Expenses. Enter expenses for business use of your home **only** on line 30.

8 Advertising	8		18 Office expense (see instructions)	18	
9 Car and truck expenses (see instructions).	9	188	19 Pension and profit-sharing plans	19	
10 Commissions and fees	10		20 Rent or lease (see instructions):		
11 Contract labor (see instructions)	11		a Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	20a	
12 Depletion	12		b Other business property	20b	
13 Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction (not included in Part III) (see instructions).	13		21 Repairs and maintenance	21	
14 Employee benefit programs (other than on line 19)	14		22 Supplies (not included in Part III)	22	
15 Insurance (other than health)	15		23 Taxes and licenses	23	
16 Interest (see instructions):			24 Travel and meals:		
a Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	16a		a Travel	24a	
b Other	16b		b Deductible meals (see instructions)	24b	
17 Legal and professional services	17		25 Utilities	25	
			26 Wages (less employment credits)	26	
			27a Other expenses (from line 48)	27a	65 *
			b Reserved for future use	27b	
28 Total expenses before expenses for business use of home. Add lines 8 through 27a	28	253			
29 Tentative profit or (loss). Subtract line 28 from line 7	29	3,747			
30 Expenses for business use of your home. Do not report these expenses elsewhere. Attach Form 8829 unless using the simplified method. See instructions. Simplified method filers only: Enter the total square footage of (a) your home: _____ and (b) the part of your home used for business: _____. Use the Simplified Method Worksheet in the instructions to figure the amount to enter on line 30	30	0			
31 Net profit or (loss). Subtract line 30 from line 29. • If a profit, enter on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3 , and on Schedule SE, line 2 . (If you checked the box on line 1, see instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3 . • If a loss, you must go to line 32.	31	3,747			
32 If you have a loss, check the box that describes your investment in this activity. See instructions. • If you checked 32a, enter the loss on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3 , and on Schedule SE, line 2 . (If you checked the box on line 1, see the line 31 instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3 . • If you checked 32b, you must attach Form 6198 . Your loss may be limited.					

32a ☐ All investment is at risk.
32b ☐ Some investment is not at risk.

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* See statement attached.

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Part III Cost of Goods Sold (see instructions)

33	Method(s) used to value closing inventory: a <input type="checkbox"/> Cost b <input type="checkbox"/> Lower of cost or market c <input type="checkbox"/> Other (attach explanation)
34	Was there any change in determining quantities, costs, or valuations between opening and closing inventory? If "Yes," attach explanation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
35	Inventory at beginning of year. If different from last year's closing inventory, attach explanation 35
36	Purchases less cost of items withdrawn for personal use 36
37	Cost of labor. Do not include any amounts paid to yourself 37
38	Materials and supplies 38
39	Other costs 39
40	Add lines 35 through 39 40
41	Inventory at end of year 41
42	Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 41 from line 40. Enter the result here and on line 4 42

Part IV Information on Your Vehicle. Complete this part **only** if you are claiming car or truck expenses on line 9 and are not required to file Form 4562 for this business. See the instructions for line 13 to find out if you must file Form 4562.

43	When did you place your vehicle in service for business purposes? (month/day/year) ▶ <u>7</u> / <u>15</u> / <u>13</u>
44	Of the total number of miles you drove your vehicle during 2020, enter the number of miles you used your vehicle for:
a	Business <u>437</u>
b	Commuting (see instructions) <u>0</u>
c	Other <u>7,478</u>
45	Was your vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
46	Do you (or your spouse) have another vehicle available for personal use? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
47a	Do you have evidence to support your deduction? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," is the evidence written? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part V Other Expenses. List below business expenses not included on lines 8–26 or line 30.

Marriage and family booklets	65
48	Total other expenses. Enter here and on line 27a 48 65

Schedule C (Form 1040) 2020

Active Minister: Attachments for Schedule C (form 1040)

Attachment 1. Computation of expenses, allocable to tax-free ministerial income, that are nondeductible.

		Taxable	Tax-Free	Total
Salary as a minister		\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000
Parsonage allowance:				
Amount designated and paid by church (\$1,400 x 12)	\$ 16,800			
Actual expenses				
(Mortgage \$1,125 x 12, Utilities/other \$1,450, Real estate taxes \$1,750)	16,700			
Fair rental value of home (including furnishings and utilities) (\$1,380 x 12)	16,560			
Taxable portion of allowance				
(excess of amount designated & paid over lesser of actual expenses or fair rental value)	<u>\$ 240</u>	240		240
Tax-free portion of allowance (lesser of amount designated, actual expenses or fair rental value)			16,560	16,560
Gross income from weddings, baptisms, and honoraria		<u>4,000</u>		<u>4,000</u>
Ministerial Income		<u>\$ 49,240</u>	<u>\$ 16,560</u>	<u>\$ 65,800</u>
% of nondeductible expenses: \$16,560/\$65,800 = 25%				

Schedule C Deduction Computation

Marriage and family booklets	\$ 87
Minus: Nondeductible part of marriage and family booklets (25% x \$87)	<u>\$ (22)</u>
Total marriage and family booklets (Line 27a)	<u>\$ 65</u>
Business use of car:	
437 miles x 57.5¢	\$ 251
Minus: Nondeductible part of business use of car (25% x \$251)	<u>\$ (63)</u>
Total business use of car (Line 9)	<u>\$ 188</u>
Schedule C deductions (line 28)	<u>\$ 253</u>

SCHEDULE SE
(Form 1040)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Self-Employment Tax**► Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleSE for instructions and the latest information.
► Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.

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Name of person with self-employment income (as shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR)

John E. Michaels

Social security number of person
with self-employment income ►

011-00-1111

Part I Self-Employment Tax**Note:** If your only income subject to self-employment tax is **church employee income**, see instructions for how to report your income and the definition of church employee income.

- A**
- If you are a minister, member of a religious order, or Christian Science practitioner
- and**
- you filed Form 4361, but you had \$400 or more of
- other**
- net earnings from self-employment, check here and continue with Part I
- ☐

Skip lines 1a and 1b if you use the farm optional method in Part II. See instructions.

1a Net farm profit or (loss) from Schedule F, line 34, and farm partnerships, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A	1a	
b If you received social security retirement or disability benefits, enter the amount of Conservation Reserve Program payments included on Schedule F, line 4b, or listed on Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 20, code AH	1b ()

Skip line 2 if you use the nonfarm optional method in Part II. See instructions.

2 Net profit or (loss) from Schedule C, line 31; and Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A (other than farming). See instructions for other income to report or if you are a minister or member of a religious order	2	63,826 *
3 Combine lines 1a, 1b, and 2	3	63,826
4a If line 3 is more than zero, multiply line 3 by 92.35% (0.9235). Otherwise, enter amount from line 3	4a	58,943

Note: If line 4a is less than \$400 due to Conservation Reserve Program payments on line 1b, see instructions.

b If you elect one or both of the optional methods, enter the total of lines 15 and 17 here	4b	
c Combine lines 4a and 4b. If less than \$400, stop ; you don't owe self-employment tax. Exception: If less than \$400 and you had church employee income , enter -0- and continue	4c	58,943

5a Enter your church employee income from Form W-2. See instructions for definition of church employee income	5a	0
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b Multiply line 5a by 92.35% (0.9235). If less than \$100, enter -0-	5b	0
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6 Add lines 4c and 5b	6	58,943
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7 Maximum amount of combined wages and self-employment earnings subject to social security tax or the 6.2% portion of the 7.65% railroad retirement (tier 1) tax for 2020	7	137,700
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8a Total social security wages and tips (total of boxes 3 and 7 on Form(s) W-2) and railroad retirement (tier 1) compensation. If \$137,700 or more, skip lines 8b through 10, and go to line 11	8a	
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b Unreported tips subject to social security tax from Form 4137, line 10	8b	
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c Wages subject to social security tax from Form 8919, line 10	8c	
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d Add lines 8a, 8b, and 8c	8d	0
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9 Subtract line 8d from line 7. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on line 10 and go to line 11	9	137,700
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10 Multiply the smaller of line 6 or line 9 by 12.4% (0.124)	10	7,309
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11 Multiply line 6 by 2.9% (0.029)	11	1,709
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12 Self-employment tax. Add lines 10 and 11. Enter here and on Schedule 2 (Form 1040), line 4	12	9,018
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13 Deduction for one-half of self-employment tax. Multiply line 12 by 50% (0.50). Enter here and on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 14	13	4,509
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Part II Optional Methods To Figure Net Earnings (see instructions)**Farm Optional Method.** You may use this method **only** if (a) your gross farm income¹ wasn't more than \$8,460, or (b) your net farm profits² were less than \$6,107.

14 Maximum income for optional methods	14	5,640
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15 Enter the smaller of: two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of gross farm income ¹ (not less than zero) or \$5,640. Also, include this amount on line 4b above	15	
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Nonfarm Optional Method. You may use this method **only** if (a) your net nonfarm profits³ were less than \$6,107 and also less than 72.189% of your gross nonfarm income,⁴ and (b) you had net earnings from self-employment of at least \$400 in 2 of the prior 3 years. **Caution:** You may use this method no more than five times.

16 Subtract line 15 from line 14	16	
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17 Enter the smaller of: two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of gross nonfarm income ⁴ (not less than zero) or the amount on line 16. Also, include this amount on line 4b above	17	
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¹ From Sch. F, line 9; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code B.³ From Sch. C, line 31; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A.² From Sch. F, line 34; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A—minus the amount you would have entered on line 1b had you not used the optional method.⁴ From Sch. C, line 7; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code C.**For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see your tax return instructions.**

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Schedule SE (Form 1040) 2020

* See statement attached.

Part III Maximum Deferral of Self-Employment Tax Payments

If line 4c is zero, skip lines 18 through 20, and enter -0- on line 21.

18	Enter the portion of line 3 that can be attributed to March 27, 2020, through December 31, 2020	18	
19	If line 18 is more than zero, multiply line 18 by 92.35% (0.9235); otherwise, enter the amount from line 18	19	
20	Enter the portion of lines 15 and 17 that can be attributed to March 27, 2020, through December 31, 2020	20	
21	Combine lines 19 and 20	21	

If line 5b is zero, skip line 22 and enter -0- on line 23.

22	Enter the portion of line 5a that can be attributed to March 27, 2020, through December 31, 2020	22	
23	Multiply line 22 by 92.35% (0.9235)	23	
24	Add lines 21 and 23	24	
25	Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 24	25	
26	Multiply line 25 by 6.2% (0.062). Enter here and see the instructions for line 12e of Schedule 3 (Form 1040)	26	

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Active Minister: Attachments for Schedule SE (form 1040)

Attachment 2. Attachment to Schedule SE (Form 1040)

Church wages		\$ 45,000	
Parsonage allowance		16,800	
Net profit from Schedule C		<u>3,747</u>	
		65,547	
Less:			
Schedule C expenses allocable to tax-free income	\$ 85		
Ministerial employee unreimbursed business expenses			
Car expenses for church business:			
2,465 miles x 57.5¢		1,417	
Publications and booklets		<u>219</u>	<u>(1,721)</u>
Net Self-Employment Income			
Schedule SE, line 2			<u>\$ 63,826</u>

Active Minister: Qualified Business Income Deduction (Form 8995)

Form 8995 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Qualified Business Income Deduction Simplified Computation ► Attach to your tax return. ► Go to www.irs.gov/Form8995 for instructions and the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-2294 2020 Attachment Sequence No. 55	
Name(s) shown on return John E. Michaels		Your taxpayer identification number 011-00-1111	
<p>Note. You can claim the qualified business income deduction only if you have qualified business income from a qualified trade or business, real estate investment trust dividends, publicly traded partnership income, or a domestic production activities deduction passed through from an agricultural or horticultural cooperative. See instructions.</p> <p>Use this form if your taxable income, before your qualified business income deduction, is at or below \$163,300 (\$326,600 if married filing jointly), and you aren't a patron of an agricultural or horticultural cooperative.</p>			
1	(a) Trade, business, or aggregation name	(b) Taxpayer identification number	(c) Qualified business income or (loss)
i	Minister	011-00-1111	3,482
ii			
iii			
iv			
v			
2	Total qualified business income or (loss). Combine lines 1i through 1v, column (c)		3,482
3	Qualified business net (loss) carryforward from the prior year		()
4	Total qualified business income. Combine lines 2 and 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		3,482
5	Qualified business income component. Multiply line 4 by 20% (0.20)		696
6	Qualified REIT dividends and publicly traded partnership (PTP) income or (loss) (see instructions)		()
7	Qualified REIT dividends and qualified PTP (loss) carryforward from the prior year		()
8	Total qualified REIT dividends and PTP income. Combine lines 6 and 7. If zero or less, enter -0-		()
9	REIT and PTP component. Multiply line 8 by 20% (0.20)		0
10	Qualified business income deduction before the income limitation. Add lines 5 and 9		696
11	Taxable income before qualified business income deduction		22,778
12	Net capital gain (see instructions)		0
13	Subtract line 12 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-		22,778
14	Income limitation. Multiply line 13 by 20% (0.20)		4,556
15	Qualified business income deduction. Enter the lesser of line 10 or line 14. Also enter this amount on the applicable line of your return ►		696
16	Total qualified business (loss) carryforward. Combine lines 2 and 3. If greater than zero, enter -0-		0
17	Total qualified REIT dividends and PTP (loss) carryforward. Combine lines 6 and 7. If greater than zero, enter -0-		0

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Form **8995** (2020)

Form **1040** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99) **2020** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Filing Status ☐ Single ☒ Married filing jointly ☐ Married filing separately (MFS) ☐ Head of household (HOH) ☐ Qualifying widow(er) (QW)
 Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QW box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent ▶

Your first name and middle initial John E.		Last name Michaels		Your social security number 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1	
If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial Susan R.		Last name Michaels		Spouse's social security number 0 1 1 0 0 2 2 2 2	
Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. 1040 Main Street				Apt. no.	
City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. Hometown			State Texas		ZIP code 77099
Foreign country name		Foreign province/state/county		Foreign postal code	
Presidential Election Campaign Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse					

At any time during 2020, did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Standard Deduction **Someone can claim:** ☐ You as a dependent ☐ Your spouse as a dependent
☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):		(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if qualifies for (see instructions):	
(1) First name	Last name			Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
Jennifer	Michaels	0 1 1 0 0 3 3 3 3	Daughter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attach Sch. B if required.	1 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2	Excess allowance \$240	1	48,640
	2a Tax-exempt interest	2a	2b Taxable interest	2b
	3a Qualified dividends	3a	3b Ordinary dividends	3b
	4a IRA distributions	4a	4b Taxable amount	4b
Standard Deduction for— • Single or Married filing separately, \$12,400 • Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$24,800 • Head of household, \$18,650 • If you checked any box under Standard Deduction , see instructions.	5a Pensions and annuities	5a	5b Taxable amount	5b
	6a Social security benefits	6a	6b Taxable amount	6b
	7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	
	8 Other income from Schedule 1, line 9		8	3,747
	9 Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income		9	52,387
	10 Adjustments to income:			
	a From Schedule 1, line 22	10a 4,509		
	b Charitable contributions if you take the standard deduction. See instructions	10b 300		
	c Add lines 10a and 10b. These are your total adjustments to income		10c	4,809
	11 Subtract line 10c from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income		11	47,578
12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)		12	24,800	
13 Qualified business income deduction. Attach Form 8995 or Form 8995-A		13	696	
14 Add lines 12 and 13		14	25,496	
15 Taxable income. Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-		15	22,082	

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16	Tax (see instructions). Check if any from Form(s): 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 8814 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4972 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	16	2,254
17	Amount from Schedule 2, line 3	17	
18	Add lines 16 and 17	18	2,254
19	Child tax credit or credit for other dependents	19	2,000
20	Amount from Schedule 3, line 7	20	
21	Add lines 19 and 20	21	2,000
22	Subtract line 21 from line 18. If zero or less, enter -0-	22	254
23	Other taxes, including self-employment tax, from Schedule 2, line 10	23	9,018
24	Add lines 22 and 23. This is your total tax	24	9,272
25	Federal income tax withheld from:		
a	Form(s) W-2	25a	272
b	Form(s) 1099	25b	
c	Other forms (see instructions)	25c	
d	Add lines 25a through 25c	25d	272
26		26	12,000
27	Earned income credit (EIC)	27	
28	Additional child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812	28	
29	American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 8	29	
30	Recovery rebate credit. See instructions	30	
31	Amount from Schedule 3, line 13	31	
32	Add lines 27 through 31. These are your total other payments and refundable credits	32	
33	Add lines 25d, 26, and 32. These are your total payments	33	12,272
Refund	34 If line 33 is more than line 24, subtract line 24 from line 33. This is the amount you overpaid	34	3,000
	35a Amount of line 34 you want refunded to you . If Form 8888 is attached, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	35a	
Direct deposit?	b Routing number	c Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings	
See instructions.	d Account number		
	36 Amount of line 34 you want applied to your 2021 estimated tax	36	3,000
Amount You Owe	37 Subtract line 33 from line 24. This is the amount you owe now	37	
For details on how to pay, see instructions.	Note: Schedule H and Schedule SE filers, line 37 may not represent all of the taxes you owe for 2020. See Schedule 3, line 12e, and its instructions for details.		
	38 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions)	38	
Third Party Designee	Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Complete below. <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Designee's name	Phone no.	Personal identification number (PIN)
Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	Your signature <i>John Michaels</i>	Date 3/15/21	Your occupation Minister
Joint return? See instructions. Keep a copy for your records.	Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. <i>Susan Michaels</i>	Date 3/15/21	Spouse's occupation Homemaker
	Phone no.	Email address	If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst.)
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date PTIN Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed
	Firm's name	Phone no.	
	Firm's address	Firm's EIN	

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SCHEDULE 1
(Form 1040)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Additional Income and Adjustments to Income**▶ **Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.**

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2020Attachment
Sequence No. **01**

Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR

John E. Michaels

Your social security number

011-00-1111

Part I Additional Income

1	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes	1	
2a	Alimony received	2a	
b	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions) ▶ _____		
3	Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C	3	3,747
4	Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797	4	
5	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E	5	
6	Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F	6	
7	Unemployment compensation	7	
8	Other income. List type and amount ▶ _____	8	
9	Combine lines 1 through 8. Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 8	9	3,747

Part II Adjustments to Income

10	Educator expenses	10	
11	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106	11	
12	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889	12	
13	Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces. Attach Form 3903	13	
14	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	14	4,509
15	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans	15	
16	Self-employed health insurance deduction	16	
17	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	17	
18a	Alimony paid	18a	
b	Recipient's SSN ▶ _____		
c	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions) ▶ _____		
19	IRA deduction	19	
20	Student loan interest deduction	20	
21	Tuition and fees deduction. Attach Form 8917	21	
22	Add lines 10 through 21. These are your adjustments to income . Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 10a	22	4,509

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Schedule 1 (Form 1040) 2020

SCHEDULE 2
(Form 1040)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Additional Taxes**

▶ Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.

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2020Attachment
Sequence No. **02**

Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR

John E. Michaels

Your social security number

011-00-1111

Part I Tax

1	Alternative minimum tax. Attach Form 6251	1	
2	Excess advance premium tax credit repayment. Attach Form 8962	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 17 . . .	3	

Part II Other Taxes

4	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	4	9,018
5	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a <input type="checkbox"/> 4137 b <input type="checkbox"/> 8919	5	
6	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, and other tax-favored accounts. Attach Form 5329 if required	6	
7a	Household employment taxes. Attach Schedule H	7a	
b	Repayment of first-time homebuyer credit from Form 5405. Attach Form 5405 if required	7b	
8	Taxes from: a <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8959 b <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8960 c <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions; enter code(s) _____	8	
9	Section 965 net tax liability installment from Form 965-A	9	
10	Add lines 4 through 8. These are your total other taxes . Enter here and on Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 23, or Form 1040-NR, line 23b	10	9,018

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Schedule 2 (Form 1040) 2020

EXAMPLE TWO: RETIRED MINISTER

Rev. William K. Green is a retired minister. He is 69 years old. He is married to Sarah J. Green. She is 65 years old and is also retired. For 2020, Rev. Green received \$15,000 in pension income, all of which was designated in advance by the Board of Pensions as a housing allowance. Rev. Green had housing expenses of \$13,000. The home's fair rental value is \$1,200 per month (including furnishings and utilities). Housing allowances for retired ministers are not taxable in computing federal income tax to the extent that they do not exceed the lesser of actual housing expenses or the annual fair rental value of the home (including furnishings and utilities). Retirement benefits, whether or not designated in advance as a housing allowance, are not subject to self-employment taxes.

Rev. Green received \$12,000 of Social Security benefits in 2020, and his wife received \$6,000. None of this income is taxable, however, because the Green's income is not enough to expose their Social Security benefits to tax.

In 2020, Rev. Green received \$2,000 from occasional guest preaching engagements. He incurred \$586 in expenses as a result of these activities (\$436 of travel expenses, and \$150 of meal expenses). Note that Rev. Green will pay self-employment tax on this income (see Schedule SE), since it represents compensation from active ministry. Rev. Green made cash contributions of \$3,500 to qualifying 501(c)(3) public charities during 2020. Rev. Green has chosen not to defer payment of his self-employment taxes under special 2020 coronavirus relief legislation. Rev. Green received a coronavirus economic impact payment (stimulus check) in the amount of \$2,400 and therefore does not qualify for a recovery rebate credit.

The parts of Rev. and Mrs. Green's income tax return are explained in the order they are completed. They are illustrated in the order that the Rev. Green will assemble the return to send it to the IRS.

Form 1099-R from the Board of Pensions

The Board of Pensions completed Form 1099-R for Rev. Green as follows:

Box 1.	The \$15,000 pension income Rev. Green receives from the Board of Pensions.
Box 2b.	Taxable amount not determined. The Board of Pensions designated in advance 100% of pension income as a housing allowance. It is not taxable to the extent that it does not exceed the lesser of actual housing expenses or the annual fair rental value of the home (including furnishings and utilities).
Box 7.	Rev. Green's pension income is a normal distribution.

Schedule C (Form 1040)

Note that the IRS no longer uses a Schedule C-EZ. Therefore, Schedule C is used.

Some of Rev. Green's entries on Schedule C are explained here:

Line 1.	Rev. Green reports the \$2,000 from occasional guest preaching engagements.
Lines 2 through 7.	Rev. Green fills out these lines to report his gross income reported on line 7. Rev. Green did not have any returns or allowances, cost of goods sold, or other income for the year. Therefore, the amount reported on line 7 is \$2,000.
Line 9.	Rev. Green reports his car expenses on this line. Rev. Green incurred 758 miles of business use of his car, in connection with guest preaching. Rev. Green used the standard mileage rate to figure his car expense. He multiplied the standard mileage rate of 57.5 cents by 758 miles for a total of \$436. However, he cannot deduct the part of his expenses allocable to his tax-free manse allowance. He attaches the required statement, Attachment 1 (shown later) to his return showing that 76% (or \$331) of his expenses are not deductible because they are allocable to that tax-free allowance. He subtracts the \$331 from the \$436 and enters the \$105 difference on line 9.
Lines 24b.	Rev. Green also incurred \$75 (\$150 x 50% nondeductible) in business meal expenses (non-entertainment related) in connection with guest preaching engagements. However, he cannot deduct the part of his expenses allocable to his tax-free manse allowance. He attaches the required statement, Attachment 1 (shown later) to his return showing that 76% (or \$57) of his business meal expenses are not deductible because they are allocable to that tax-free allowance. He subtracts the \$57 from the \$75 and enters the \$18 difference on line 24b.
Line 28.	Rev. Green enters his total expenses, less the 76% allocable to his tax-free manse allowance, of \$123 (\$105 + \$18) on line 28.
Lines 29 through 31.	He enters his tentative profit of \$1,877 (\$2,000 - \$123) on line 29 and 31 (since Rev. Green did not have any expenses for the business use of his home). The net income from Schedule C is also reported on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3.
Lines 43 through 47b.	Rev. Green fills out these lines to report information about his car.

TurboTax® tips: Listed below are tips for ministers who use Turbo Tax to complete their returns. These tips should not be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of the TurboTax software.

TurboTax does not appear to calculate the nondeductible portion of the expenses which should be allocated to the tax-free portion of the housing allowance. The taxpayer will need to adjust the expenses (as shown in Attachment 1) and input the reduced figure into the software.

Schedule SE (Form 1040)

After Rev. Green prepares Schedule C he fills out Schedule SE (Form 1040). Ministers are not church employees under this definition. Additionally, Rev. Green did not apply for an exemption from self-employment tax by filing Form 4361 and therefore leaves the first box on Schedule SE unchecked. He fills out the following lines in Part I.

Line 2.	Rev. Green attaches a statement (see Attachment 2, later) that calculates his net profit of \$1,489 and he enters that amount here.
Line 4a. through 6	He multiplies the \$1,489 by 0.9235 to get his net earnings from self-employment (\$1,375). This amount is then carried through to line 6.
Line 10.	The amount on line 6 is less than \$137,700, so Rev. Green multiplies the amount on line 6 (\$1,375) by 0.124 to get his self-employment Social Security tax of \$171.
Line 12.	He adds the Social Security tax from line 10 and the Medicare tax on line 11 to determine his total self-employment tax of \$211. Rev. Green enters that amount here and on Schedule 2 (Form 1040), line 4 and 10.
Line 11.	He multiplies the amount on line 6 by 0.029 to calculate the Medicare portion of the self-employment tax of \$1,709.
Line 13.	Rev. Green multiplies the amount on line 12 by 0.50 to get his deduction for the employer-equivalent portion of self-employment tax of \$106. He enters that amount here and on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 14.

TurboTax® tips: The software does not appear to reduce self-employment wages by the business expenses allocated to tax free income. The taxpayer will need to adjust net self-employment income (as shown in Attachment 2) and input the reduced figure into the software.

Qualified Business Income Deduction (Form 8995)

Ministers who have net profit reported on Schedule C for ministerial services and who have 2020 taxable income less than \$163,300 (\$326,600 if married filing jointly) before the application of a qualified business income deduction may be eligible for such a deduction. However, since the Greens' taxable income before the application of a qualified business income deduction is \$0 (see completion of Form 1040 section below), the Greens are not eligible for such a deduction in 2020.

Form 1040, Schedule 1 (Form 1040), and Schedule 2 (Form 1040)

After Rev. Green prepares Schedule C, and Schedule SE, he fills out Form 1040, along with Schedules 1 through 2 to the extent required. Rev. Green files a joint return with his wife. First he fills out Form 1040, Page 1 and completes the appropriate lines for his filing status, including checking the appropriate boxes indicating that he and his wife were born before January 2, 1956. Then, he fills out the rest of the form as follows:

Form 1040, Line 5a.

Rev. Green reports his total pension income of \$15,000 on line 5a. He reports the taxable amount (\$2,000) as computed on Attachment 1 (shown later) on line 5b.

Form 1040, Line 6a and 6b.

Since none of Rev. Green's Social Security benefits are taxable, he does not report any amounts on line 6b.

Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Line 9.

He reports his net profit of \$1,877 from Schedule C, line 31 on Schedule 1, line 3. Since no other amounts are reported on Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Lines 1-8, he also reports this amount on Line 9, and carries the figure to the blank space on Form 1040, line 8.

Form 1040, Line 9.

Rev. Green adds the amount reported on Form 1040 line 5b and the amount reported on the Form 1040, line 8, and enters the total (\$3,877) on line 9.

Form 1040, Line 10a and Line 10b.

Because Rev. Green has reported deductible self-employment tax of \$106 on Schedule 1 (Form 1040) Line 14, Rev. Green goes to Schedule 1 (Form 1040) and completes the bottom section of the form. Since there are no other amounts listed on lines 10-21, Rev. Green reports \$106 on Line 22 and carries this amount to line 10a of Form 1040. Additionally, in 2020, a maximum \$300 charitable contribution deduction is allowed on Form 1040, line 10b for qualifying charitable contributions. Since Rev. Green made cash contributions of \$3,500 to qualifying 501(c)(3) public charities, he enters the maximum contribution deduction of \$300 on line 10b. Line 10a and line 10b are added and reported on line 10c (\$406). Line 10c is subtracted from Line 9, and the result (\$3,471) is entered on Form 1040, line 11. This is his adjusted gross income.

Form 1040, Line 12.

Rev. Green enters his standard deduction of \$27,400 (which takes into consideration the fact he and his wife were born before January 2, 1955) on line 12. Since there is no amount listed for qualified business income deduction on line 13, Rev Green reports \$27,400 on line 14.

Form 1040, Line 15.

Rev. Green has no taxable income.

Form 1040, Page 2, Line 23 and Schedule 2 (Form 1040).

Rev. Green completes Schedule 2 (Form 1040). Since the only amount reported on Schedule 2 (Form 1040) is his self-employment tax from Schedule SE, he reports the amount (\$211) on Schedule 2 (Form 1040), Line 10, and on Form 1040, line 23.

Form 1040, Line 25b.

Rev. Green did not have any income tax withheld from his pension.

Form 1040, Line 37.

Amount Rev. Green owes to the IRS.

Retired Minister: Form 1099-R from the Board of Pensions

☐ CORRECTED (if checked)

PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and phone no. The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2000 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-3298 1-800-773-7752			1 Gross distribution \$ 15,000.00 2a Taxable amount \$		OMB No. 1545-0119 2020 Form 1099-R		Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.		
PAYER'S TIN 23-1352040		RECIPIENT'S TIN 202-20-2002		3 Capital gain (included in box 2a) \$		4 Federal income tax withheld \$		Copy B Report this income on your federal tax return. If this form shows federal income tax withheld in box 4, attach this copy to your return. This information is being furnished to the IRS.	
RECIPIENT'S name William K. Green Street address (including apt. no.) 787 Adams Street City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Anytown, NY 10002				5 Employee contributions/ Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums \$		6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities \$			
				7 Distribution code(s) 7		8 Other \$ %			
				9a Your percentage of total distribution %		9b Total employee contributions \$			
10 Amount allocable to IRR within 5 years \$		11 1st year of desig. Roth contrib.		12 FATCA filing requirement <input type="checkbox"/>		14 State tax withheld \$		15 State/Payer's state no.	
16 State distribution \$		17 Local tax withheld \$		18 Name of locality		19 Local distribution \$			
Account number (see instructions)		13 Date of payment		17 Local tax withheld \$		18 Name of locality		19 Local distribution \$	

Form **1099-R**

www.irs.gov/Form1099R

Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

Retired Minister: Schedule C (Form 1040)

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship)

Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleC for instructions and the latest information.

Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships generally must file Form 1065.

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Attachment
Sequence No. **09**

Name of proprietor William K. Green		Social security number (SSN) 202-20-2002
A Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions) Minister		B Enter code from instructions 5 4 1 9 9 0
C Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank.		D Employer ID number (EIN) (see instr.)
E Business address (including suite or room no.) 87 Adams Street City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code Anytown, New York 10002		
F Accounting method: (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		
G Did you "materially participate" in the operation of this business during 2020? If "No," see instructions for limit on losses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
H If you started or acquired this business during 2020, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
I Did you make any payments in 2020 that would require you to file Form(s) 1099? See instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
J If "Yes," did you or will you file required Form(s) 1099? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Part I Income

1 Gross receipts or sales. See instructions for line 1 and check the box if this income was reported to you on Form W-2 and the "Statutory employee" box on that form was checked <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2,000
2 Returns and allowances	2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,000
4 Cost of goods sold (from line 42)	4	
5 Gross profit. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	2,000
6 Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund (see instructions)	6	
7 Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6	7	2,000

Part II Expenses. Enter expenses for business use of your home **only** on line 30.

8 Advertising	8	18 Office expense (see instructions)	18	
9 Car and truck expenses (see instructions)	9	19 Pension and profit-sharing plans	19	
10 Commissions and fees	10	*20 Rent or lease (see instructions):	20a	
11 Contract labor (see instructions)	11	a Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	20b	
12 Depletion	12	b Other business property	21	
13 Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction (not included in Part III) (see instructions)	13	21 Repairs and maintenance	22	
14 Employee benefit programs (other than on line 19)	14	22 Supplies (not included in Part III)	23	
15 Insurance (other than health)	15	23 Taxes and licenses	24	
16 Interest (see instructions):	16a	24 Travel and meals:	24a	
a Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	16b	a Travel	24b	18 *
b Other	17	b Deductible meals (see instructions)	25	
17 Legal and professional services		25 Utilities	26	
28 Total expenses before expenses for business use of home. Add lines 8 through 27a		26 Wages (less employment credits)	27a	
29 Tentative profit or (loss). Subtract line 28 from line 7		27a Other expenses (from line 48)	27b	
30 Expenses for business use of your home. Do not report these expenses elsewhere. Attach Form 8829 unless using the simplified method. See instructions. Simplified method filers only: Enter the total square footage of (a) your home: _____ and (b) the part of your home used for business: _____. Use the Simplified Method Worksheet in the instructions to figure the amount to enter on line 30		b Reserved for future use	28	123
31 Net profit or (loss). Subtract line 30 from line 29. • If a profit, enter on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3 , and on Schedule SE, line 2 . (If you checked the box on line 1, see instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3 . • If a loss, you must go to line 32.			29	1,877
32 If you have a loss, check the box that describes your investment in this activity. See instructions. • If you checked 32a, enter the loss on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3 , and on Schedule SE, line 2 . (If you checked the box on line 1, see the line 31 instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3 . • If you checked 32b, you must attach Form 6198 . Your loss may be limited.			30	0
			31	1,877

32a ☐ All investment is at risk.
32b ☐ Some investment is not at risk.

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Schedule C (Form 1040) 2020

* See statement attached.

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Part III Cost of Goods Sold (see instructions)

33 Method(s) used to value closing inventory: **a** ☐ Cost **b** ☐ Lower of cost or market **c** ☐ Other (attach explanation)

34 Was there any change in determining quantities, costs, or valuations between opening and closing inventory? If "Yes," attach explanation ☐ Yes ☐ No

35 Inventory at beginning of year. If different from last year's closing inventory, attach explanation	35	
36 Purchases less cost of items withdrawn for personal use	36	
37 Cost of labor. Do not include any amounts paid to yourself	37	
38 Materials and supplies	38	
39 Other costs	39	
40 Add lines 35 through 39	40	
41 Inventory at end of year	41	
42 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 41 from line 40. Enter the result here and on line 4	42	

Part IV Information on Your Vehicle. Complete this part **only** if you are claiming car or truck expenses on line 9 and are not required to file Form 4562 for this business. See the instructions for line 13 to find out if you must file Form 4562.

43 When did you place your vehicle in service for business purposes? (month/day/year) ► 7 / 15 / 13

44 Of the total number of miles you drove your vehicle during 2020, enter the number of miles you used your vehicle for:

a Business 758 **b** Commuting (see instructions) 0 **c** Other 12,682

45 Was your vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? ☒ Yes ☐ No

46 Do you (or your spouse) have another vehicle available for personal use?. ☒ Yes ☐ No

47a Do you have evidence to support your deduction? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part V Other Expenses. List below business expenses not included on lines 8–26 or line 30.

Retired Minister: Attachment for Schedule C (Form 1040)

Attachment 1. Computation of expenses, allocable to tax-free ministerial income, that are nondeductible.

% of Nondeductible Expenses				
		<u>Taxable</u>	<u>Tax-Free</u>	<u>Total</u>
Parsonage allowance:				
Ministerial retirement benefits designated as housing allowance	\$ 15,000			
Actual expenses	\$ 13,000			
Fair rental value of home (including furnishings and utilities) (\$1,200 x 12)	\$ 14,400			
Taxable portion of allowance (excess of amount designated & paid over lesser of actual expenses or fair rental value)	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Tax-free portion of allowance (lesser of amount designated, actual expenses or fair rental value)			13,000	13,000
Gross income from occasional guest preaching engagements		2,000		2,000
Ministerial Income		<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,000</u>
% of nondeductible expenses: \$13,000/\$17,000 = 76%				

Schedule C Deduction Computation		
Business use of car:		
758 miles x 57.5¢		\$ 436
Minus: Nondeductible part of business use of car (76% x \$436)		<u>\$ (331)</u>
Total business use of car (Line)		<u>\$ 105</u>
Meal expenses (\$150 less 50% reduction)		\$ 75
Minus: Nondeductible part of meals & entertainment (76% x \$75)		<u>\$ (57)</u>
Total meal expenses (Line)		<u>\$ 18</u>
Schedule C deductions, line 28		<u>\$ 123</u>
None of the other deductions claimed in the return are allocable to tax-free income.		

Retired Minister: Schedule SE (Form 1040)

SCHEDULE SE
(Form 1040)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Self-Employment Tax**► Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleSE for instructions and the latest information.
► Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.

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Attachment
Sequence No. **17**

Name of person with self-employment income (as shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR)

William K. Green

Social security number of person
with self-employment income ►

202-20-2002

Part I Self-Employment Tax**Note:** If your only income subject to self-employment tax is **church employee income**, see instructions for how to report your income and the definition of church employee income.

- A**
- If you are a minister, member of a religious order, or Christian Science practitioner
- and**
- you filed Form 4361, but you had \$400 or more of
- other**
- net earnings from self-employment, check here and continue with Part I
- ☐

Skip lines 1a and 1b if you use the farm optional method in Part II. See instructions.

1a Net farm profit or (loss) from Schedule F, line 34, and farm partnerships, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A **1a****b** If you received social security retirement or disability benefits, enter the amount of Conservation Reserve Program payments included on Schedule F, line 4b, or listed on Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 20, code AH **1b** ()

Skip line 2 if you use the nonfarm optional method in Part II. See instructions.

2 Net profit or (loss) from Schedule C, line 31; and Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A (other than farming). See instructions for other income to report or if you are a minister or member of a religious order **2** 1,489 ***3** Combine lines 1a, 1b, and 2 **3** 1,489**4a** If line 3 is more than zero, multiply line 3 by 92.35% (0.9235). Otherwise, enter amount from line 3 **4a** 1,375**Note:** If line 4a is less than \$400 due to Conservation Reserve Program payments on line 1b, see instructions.**b** If you elect one or both of the optional methods, enter the total of lines 15 and 17 here **4b****c** Combine lines 4a and 4b. If less than \$400, **stop**; you don't owe self-employment tax. **Exception:** If less than \$400 and you had **church employee income**, enter -0- and continue **4c** 1,375**5a** Enter your **church employee income** from Form W-2. See instructions for definition of church employee income **5a** 0**b** Multiply line 5a by 92.35% (0.9235). If less than \$100, enter -0- **5b** 0**6** Add lines 4c and 5b **6** 1,375**7** Maximum amount of combined wages and self-employment earnings subject to social security tax or the 6.2% portion of the 7.65% railroad retirement (tier 1) tax for 2020 **7** 137,700**8a** Total social security wages and tips (total of boxes 3 and 7 on Form(s) W-2) and railroad retirement (tier 1) compensation. If \$137,700 or more, skip lines 8b through 10, and go to line 11 **8a****b** Unreported tips subject to social security tax from Form 4137, line 10 **8b****c** Wages subject to social security tax from Form 8919, line 10 **8c****d** Add lines 8a, 8b, and 8c **8d** 0**9** Subtract line 8d from line 7. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on line 10 and go to line 11 **9** 137,700**10** Multiply the **smaller** of line 6 or line 9 by 12.4% (0.124) **10** 171**11** Multiply line 6 by 2.9% (0.029) **11** 40**12** **Self-employment tax.** Add lines 10 and 11. Enter here and on **Schedule 2 (Form 1040), line 4** **12** 211**13** **Deduction for one-half of self-employment tax.**Multiply line 12 by 50% (0.50). Enter here and on **Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 14** **13** 106**Part II Optional Methods To Figure Net Earnings** (see instructions)**Farm Optional Method.** You may use this method **only** if (a) your gross farm income¹ wasn't more than \$8,460, or (b) your net farm profits² were less than \$6,107.**14** Maximum income for optional methods **14** 5,640**15** Enter the **smaller** of: two-thirds (²/₃) of gross farm income¹ (not less than zero) or \$5,640. Also, include this amount on line 4b above **15****Nonfarm Optional Method.** You may use this method **only** if (a) your net nonfarm profits³ were less than \$6,107 and also less than 72.189% of your gross nonfarm income,⁴ and (b) you had net earnings from self-employment of at least \$400 in 2 of the prior 3 years. **Caution:** You may use this method no more than five times.**16** Subtract line 15 from line 14 **16****17** Enter the **smaller** of: two-thirds (²/₃) of gross nonfarm income⁴ (not less than zero) or the amount on line 16. Also, include this amount on line 4b above **17**¹ From Sch. F, line 9; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code B.² From Sch. F, line 34; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A—minus the amount you would have entered on line 1b had you not used the optional method.³ From Sch. C, line 31; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A.⁴ From Sch. C, line 7; and Sch. K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code C.**For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see your tax return instructions.**

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Schedule SE (Form 1040) 2020

* See statement attached.

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Part III Maximum Deferral of Self-Employment Tax Payments

If line 4c is zero, skip lines 18 through 20, and enter -0- on line 21.

18	Enter the portion of line 3 that can be attributed to March 27, 2020, through December 31, 2020 . . .	18	
19	If line 18 is more than zero, multiply line 18 by 92.35% (0.9235); otherwise, enter the amount from line 18 . . .	19	
20	Enter the portion of lines 15 and 17 that can be attributed to March 27, 2020, through December 31, 2020 . . .	20	
21	Combine lines 19 and 20 . . .	21	
If line 5b is zero, skip line 22 and enter -0- on line 23.			
22	Enter the portion of line 5a that can be attributed to March 27, 2020, through December 31, 2020 . . .	22	
23	Multiply line 22 by 92.35% (0.9235) . . .	23	
24	Add lines 21 and 23 . . .	24	
25	Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 24 . . .	25	
26	Multiply line 25 by 6.2% (0.062). Enter here and see the instructions for line 12e of Schedule 3 (Form 1040) . . .	26	

Schedule SE (Form 1040) 2020

Attachment 2. Computation of Net Earnings from Self-Employment

Computation for Schedule SE (Form 1040)			
Gross income from Schedule C		\$	2,000
Less:			
Unadjusted Schedule C business use of car expenses	(436)		
Unadjusted Schedule C meal expenses	(75)		(511)
Net Self-Employment Income			
Schedule SE, Section A, line 2		\$	1,489

Form 1040	Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99) U.S. Individual Income Tax Return	2020	OMB No. 1545-0074	IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.
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Filing Status ☐ Single ☒ Married filing jointly ☐ Married filing separately (MFS) ☐ Head of household (HOH) ☐ Qualifying widow(er) (QW)
 Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QW box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent ▶

Your first name and middle initial William K.	Last name Green	Your social security number 2 0 4 2 0 2 0 0 2
If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial Sarah J.	Last name Green	Spouse's social security number 3 0 4 3 0 3 0 0 3
Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. 787 Adams Street		Presidential Election Campaign Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse
City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. Anytown		
State New York	ZIP code 10002	
Foreign country name	Foreign province/state/county	Foreign postal code

At any time during 2020, did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Standard Deduction **Someone can claim:** ☐ You as a dependent ☐ Your spouse as a dependent
☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: ☒ ☐ ☒ ☐ Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):

If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	(1) First name Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if qualifies for (see instructions): Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Attach Sch. B if required. Standard Deduction for— • Single or Married filing separately, \$12,400 • Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$24,800 • Head of household, \$18,650 • If you checked any box under <i>Standard Deduction</i> , see instructions.	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> 1 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2 2a Tax-exempt interest 3a Qualified dividends 4a IRA distributions 5a Pensions and annuities 6a Social security benefits 7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here 8 Other income from Schedule 1, line 9 9 Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income 10 Adjustments to income: a From Schedule 1, line 22 b Charitable contributions if you take the standard deduction. See instructions c Add lines 10a and 10b. These are your total adjustments to income 11 Subtract line 10c from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income 12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A) 13 Qualified business income deduction. Attach Form 8995 or Form 8995-A 14 Add lines 12 and 13 15 Taxable income. Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0- </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%;">1</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>4b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5b</td><td>2,000</td></tr> <tr><td>6b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>1,877</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>3,877</td></tr> <tr><td>10a</td><td>106</td></tr> <tr><td>10b</td><td>300</td></tr> <tr><td>10c</td><td>406</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>3,471</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>27,400</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>27,400</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>0</td></tr> </table> </td> </tr> </table>	1 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2 2a Tax-exempt interest 3a Qualified dividends 4a IRA distributions 5a Pensions and annuities 6a Social security benefits 7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here 8 Other income from Schedule 1, line 9 9 Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income 10 Adjustments to income: a From Schedule 1, line 22 b Charitable contributions if you take the standard deduction. See instructions c Add lines 10a and 10b. These are your total adjustments to income 11 Subtract line 10c from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income 12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A) 13 Qualified business income deduction. Attach Form 8995 or Form 8995-A 14 Add lines 12 and 13 15 Taxable income. Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%;">1</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>4b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5b</td><td>2,000</td></tr> <tr><td>6b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>1,877</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>3,877</td></tr> <tr><td>10a</td><td>106</td></tr> <tr><td>10b</td><td>300</td></tr> <tr><td>10c</td><td>406</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>3,471</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>27,400</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>27,400</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	1		2b		3b		4b		5b	2,000	6b		7		8	1,877	9	3,877	10a	106	10b	300	10c	406	11	3,471	12	27,400	13		14	27,400	15	0
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16	Tax (see instructions). Check if any from Form(s): 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 8814 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4972 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	16	
17	Amount from Schedule 2, line 3	17	
18	Add lines 16 and 17	18	
19	Child tax credit or credit for other dependents	19	
20	Amount from Schedule 3, line 7	20	
21	Add lines 19 and 20	21	
22	Subtract line 21 from line 18. If zero or less, enter -0-	22	
23	Other taxes, including self-employment tax, from Schedule 2, line 10	23	211
24	Add lines 22 and 23. This is your total tax	24	211
25	Federal income tax withheld from:		
a	Form(s) W-2	25a	
b	Form(s) 1099	25b	
c	Other forms (see instructions)	25c	
d	Add lines 25a through 25c	25d	0
26		26	0
27	Earned income credit (EIC)	27	
28	Additional child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812	28	
29	American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 8	29	
30	Recovery rebate credit. See instructions	30	
31	Amount from Schedule 3, line 13	31	
32	Add lines 27 through 31. These are your total other payments and refundable credits	32	0
33	Add lines 25d, 26, and 32. These are your total payments	33	0
Refund	34 If line 33 is more than line 24, subtract line 24 from line 33. This is the amount you overpaid	34	
	35a Amount of line 34 you want refunded to you . If Form 8888 is attached, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	35a	
Direct deposit? See instructions.	b Routing number <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table> c Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings		
	d Account number <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 200px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table>		
	36 Amount of line 34 you want applied to your 2021 estimated tax	36	
Amount You Owe	37 Subtract line 33 from line 24. This is the amount you owe now	37	211
For details on how to pay, see instructions.	Note: Schedule H and Schedule SE filers, line 37 may not represent all of the taxes you owe for 2020. See Schedule 3, line 12e, and its instructions for details.		
	38 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions)	38	
Third Party Designee	Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Complete below. <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Designee's name <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table>	Phone no. <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table>	Personal identification number (PIN) <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table>
Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	Your signature <i>William Green</i>	Date 3/15/21	Your occupation Retired Minister
Joint return? See instructions. Keep a copy for your records.	Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. <i>Sarah Green</i>	Date 3/15/21	Spouse's occupation Retired
	Phone no. <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table>	Email address <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></table>	
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	Firm's name	Phone no.	PTIN
	Firm's address	Firm's EIN	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed

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SCHEDULE 1
(Form 1040)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Additional Income and Adjustments to Income**

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2020Attachment
Sequence No. **01**

Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR

William K. Green

Your social security number

202-20-2002

Part I Additional Income

1	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes	1	
2a	Alimony received	2a	
b	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions) ▶ _____		
3	Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C	3	1,877
4	Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797	4	
5	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E	5	
6	Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F	6	
7	Unemployment compensation	7	
8	Other income. List type and amount ▶ _____	8	
9	Combine lines 1 through 8. Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 8	9	1,877

Part II Adjustments to Income

10	Educator expenses	10	
11	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106	11	
12	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889	12	
13	Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces. Attach Form 3903	13	
14	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	14	106
15	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans	15	
16	Self-employed health insurance deduction	16	
17	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	17	
18a	Alimony paid	18a	
b	Recipient's SSN ▶ _____		
c	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions) ▶ _____		
19	IRA deduction	19	
20	Student loan interest deduction	20	
21	Tuition and fees deduction. Attach Form 8917	21	
22	Add lines 10 through 21. These are your adjustments to income . Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 10a	22	106

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Retired Minister: Schedule 2 (Form 1040)

SCHEDULE 2 (Form 1040)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Additional Taxes

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Attachment
Sequence No. **02**

Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR

William K. Green

Your social security number

202-20-2002

Part I Tax

1	Alternative minimum tax. Attach Form 6251	1	
2	Excess advance premium tax credit repayment. Attach Form 8962	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 17 . .	3	

Part II Other Taxes

4	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	4	211
5	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a <input type="checkbox"/> 4137 b <input type="checkbox"/> 8919 .	5	
6	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, and other tax-favored accounts. Attach Form 5329 if required	6	
7a	Household employment taxes. Attach Schedule H	7a	
b	Repayment of first-time homebuyer credit from Form 5405. Attach Form 5405 if required	7b	
8	Taxes from: a <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8959 b <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8960 c <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions; enter code(s) _____	8	
9	Section 965 net tax liability installment from Form 965-A . . .	9	
10	Add lines 4 through 8. These are your total other taxes . Enter here and on Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 23, or Form 1040-NR, line 23b	10	211

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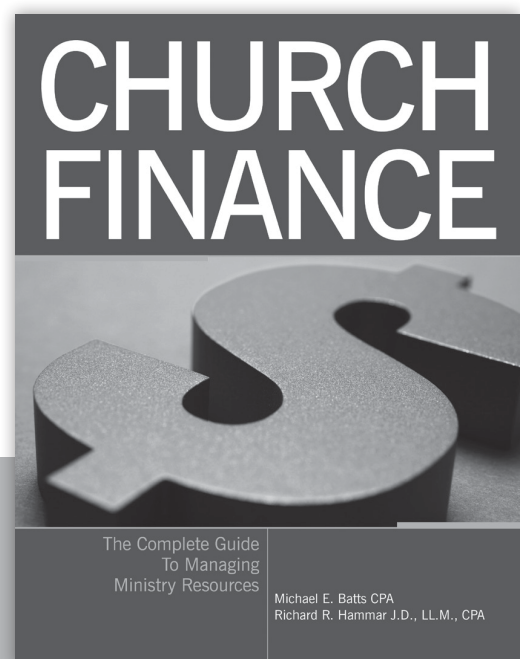
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