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General Council on Finance and Administration
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Conference Newsletter Notice

A tax message from GCFA:

The IRS recently issued **new rules for group tax exemption rulings** — the first major update in more than four decades. These changes don't affect day-to-day operations or tax-exempt status for United Methodist churches, but they do require the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church to send this **annual notice to all UMC churches** with the included link to an IRS document that explains our tax-exempt status.

Churches (and other core UMC entities like conferences and general agencies) that need to prove their tax-exempt status can still rely on letters from GCFA documenting their inclusion in the UMC group ruling. They can request a new letter at **umgroupruling.org**. GCFA will continue to provide information there and in annual messages like this one.

Churches do not have to do anything new. Some church-related organizations (such as foundations, camps, and other affiliated entities) that are included in the group ruling will be contacted directly by GCFA. If the related organization files a Form 990, 990 EZ, or 990-N, GCFA will need to collect additional information every year to follow the updated rules. GCFA is contacting those groups with more information.