

Resources

Resources: Introduction

A number of books, manuals and bulletins are published on topics relevant to the church and the clergy. Many of these publications address tax and legal issues as these are topics of frequent change.

Listed below and on the following pages are the organizations that publish material on the subjects addressed in this manual. The resources available range from textbooks to monthly newsletters.

As some organizations publish several booklets on specific subjects, only the larger publications are specifically noted. Most organizations will send you a list of their publications, so the address is included. Your district and the Synod office may have copies of most of the publications listed, so you may contact them for recommendations.

List of Resources

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD				
1333 S. Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122-7295 Telephone: 314-996-(plus four digit extension) 314-965-9000 (operator assisted) 888-843-5267 (THE LCMS) International Center (Synod offices): Accounting Department Pam Palmer (ext. 1441) Email: pam.palmer@lcms.org Chris Wood (ext. 1108) Email: chris.wood@lcms.org	X	X	X	X
Communication Services (ext. 1202) Congregation information, public relations; official periodicals and publications of the Synod. <i>The Lutheran Witness</i> <i>Reporter</i>	X		X	X
Church Information Center (888-843-5267/THE LCMS) Resource linking service. Web page: lcms.org/cic Email: infocenter@lcms.org				X
Office of National Mission—Stewardship (ext. 1732) Devotions: “Simple Gifts” and other resources at lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry				X
Office of National Mission Recognized Service Organizations (ext. 1636) RSO Application Information for organizations interested in applying for Recognized Service Organization (RSO) status (can download at lcms.org/rsos)				X
School Ministry (ext. 1716)				X
Group Purchasing Agreements (ext. 1441) lcms.org/group-purchasing-agreement				X

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District offices: (Addresses/phone numbers listed in <i>The Lutheran Annual</i> or at lcms.org/districts) For links to additional church and school office administration resources, please visit the LCMS website at lcms.org/resources/church-and-school-administration .				
U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES uscis.gov/i-9central or uscis.gov/i-9-central/form-i-9-resources/handbook-for-employers-m-274 <i>Handbook for Employers, M-274</i> A publication to help employers understand The Homeland Security Act of 2002 and complete Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification				X
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE 101 Roper Creek Dr. Greenville, SC 29615 949-487-0900 christianleadershipalliance.org Christian Leadership Alliance (CLA) is an association that represents over 1200 different nonprofit ministries, churches, educational institutes and businesses. It is a resource for professional nonprofit leadership development.	X	X	X	X
CHURCH LAW & TAX Christianity Today, publisher churchlawandtax.com				
<i>Church and Clergy Tax Guide</i> Richard Hammar Provide comprehensive help understanding U.S. tax laws as they relate to pastors and churches.	X			
<i>Church Finance Update</i> Richard Hammar, senior editor A monthly review of financial, accounting and tax developments affecting churches and clergy.	X	X	X	X
<i>Church Law & Tax Update</i> A weekly newsletter with a review of legal and tax developments affecting ministers and churches.	X		X	X
<i>Pastor, Church & Law, Fifth Edition</i> A comprehensive study and analysis of laws and regulations that affect ministers and the church.	X	X	X	

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CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES				
1333 S. Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122 Telephone: 888-927-7526 concordiaplans.org				
Administrative Information for Treasurers and Business Managers	X		X	X
CRSP Employer Administrative Guide	X		X	X
Employer Guide to Personal Spending Accounts	X			X
HSA Reference Guide	X			X
HRA Resource Guide	X			X
Log into your online benefits portal at concordiaplans.org/myaccount to review a plethora of information.				X
CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE				
3558 S. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63118-3968 Telephone: 800-325-3040 cph.org		X		X
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE				
Phone 800-829-3676 for forms and publications or irs.gov	X			
Publication 15, <i>Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide</i>				
Publication 15-A, <i>Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide</i>				
Publication 463, <i>Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car Expenses</i>				
Publication 505, <i>Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax</i>				
Publication 510, <i>Excise Taxes</i>				
Publication 517, <i>Social Security and other information for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers</i>				
Publication 521, <i>Moving Expenses</i>				
Publication 525, <i>Taxable and Nontaxable Income</i>				
Publication 526, <i>Charitable Contributions</i>				
Publication 557, <i>Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization</i>				
Publication 560, <i>Retirement Plans for Small Businesses</i>				
Publication 561, <i>Determining Value of Donated Property</i>				
Publication 571, <i>Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans)</i>				
Publication 583, <i>Starting a Business and Keeping Records</i>				
Publication 590-A, <i>Contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)</i>				
Publication 590-B, <i>Distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)</i>				
Publication 598, <i>Tax on Unrelated Business Income of Exempt Organizations</i>				
Publication 915, <i>Social Security Benefits</i>				
Publication 969, <i>Health Savings Accounts and other Tax-Favored Health Plans</i>				
Publication 970, <i>Tax Benefits for Education</i>				
Publication 1544, <i>Reporting Cash Payments of Over \$10,000</i>				
Publication 1771, <i>Charitable Contributions Substantiation and Disclosure Requirements</i>				

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Publication 1828, <i>Tax Guide For Churches and Religious Organizations</i>				
Publication 3079, <i>Gaming Publication for Tax-Exempt Organizations and Gaming</i>				
Publication 4573, <i>Group Exemptions</i>				
LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND				X
PO Box 229009, St. Louis, MO 63122-9009				
Telephone: 800-843-5233				
<i>lcef.org</i>				
Journey of Discovery, a bible study program				X
Young Investors (Y.I.) Club, stewardship education for young people				X
Joyful Response, a free electronic offering and tuition payment system				X
Helping Hands in the Lending Process, a step-by-step guide for the loan process				X
Architectural Handbook, a facility planning guide for capital projects				X
Putting Energy into Stewardship (produced by the Environmental Protection Agency EPA)				X
LCMS FOUNDATION				
1333 South Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122-9008				
Telephone: 800-325-7912 or 314-965-9000				
<i>lcmsfoundation.org</i>				
Wills, trusts, gift-planning services.	X		X	X
Investment and endowment management for today, tomorrow and forever.		X	X	X