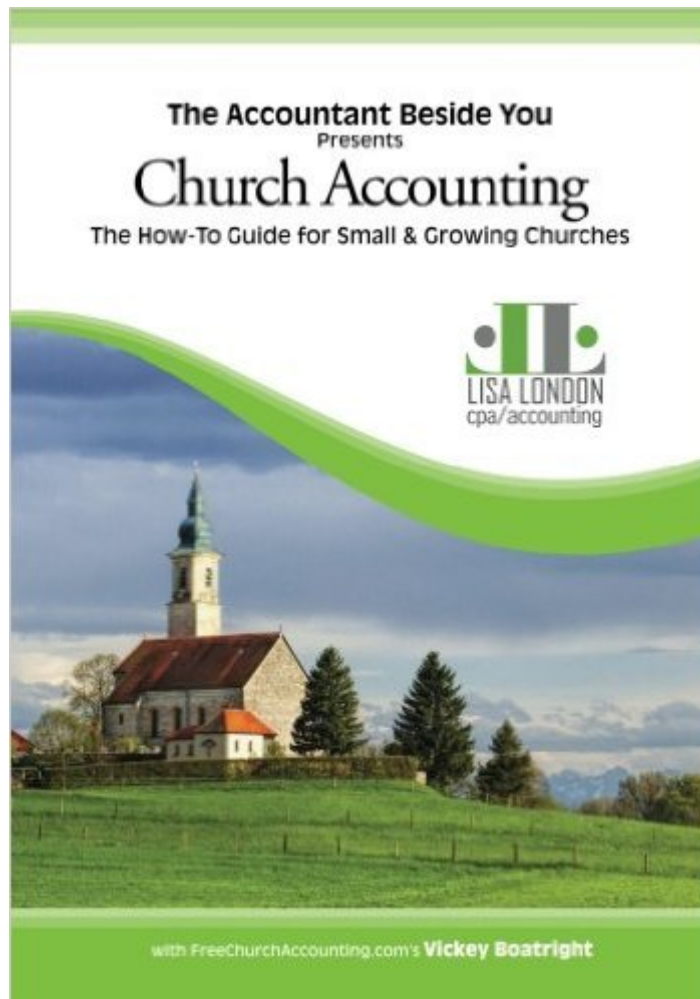


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# Church Accounting: The How To Guide For Small & Growing Churches (The Accountant Beside You)



## Synopsis

Accounting for churches is not the same as accounting for businesses. A church bookkeeper must be aware of the special tax codes that govern the church's unique tax standing. But it is often hard for overworked or volunteer administrators to know every aspect of tax code that affects their church's ability to accept donations, oversee a benevolence fund, file church payroll, and offer a compensation package for their minister. Lisa London, *The Accountant Beside You* who brought you *QuickBooks for Churches & Other Organizations* and *Using QuickBooks for Nonprofit Organizations, Associations & Clubs*, explains the specialized needs of church accounting in an easy-to-understand manner for church administrators and volunteers. A CPA with decades of experience working with businesses as well as churches and other nonprofits, Lisa explains complex concepts in a reader-friendly, engaging manner. She is joined by Vickey Boatright, an accountant who runs THE online site for free church accounting, [freechurchaccounting.com](http://freechurchaccounting.com). Together, Lisa and Vickey guide you through every essential aspect of church bookkeeping, including the specifics of small church accounting. Joining them is Terressa Pierce of [freechurchforms.com](http://freechurchforms.com) as she steps the reader through how to organize the church office. *Church Accounting: The How-To Guide for Small & Growing Churches* is a must-have reference for all the nuts and bolts of church accounting no matter what your accounting system. Lisa and Vickey help you set up accounting spreadsheets and explain the different types of accounting packages. Additionally, *The Accountant Beside You* will show you how to:

- calculate and file employee payroll without paying for an outside service
- design and implement a compensation package for your minister, including a housing allowance
- set up and administer a benevolence fund
- track church contributions
- acknowledge donations per IRS guidelines, including vehicle donations
- prepare for an annual audit
- budget and forecast to provide for future church growth
- reimburse employees' expenses per IRS guidelines
- set up proper internal controls to guard against fraud or error
- implement the basic steps of starting a church.

If you are already using QuickBooks, it is also a perfect compliment to *QuickBooks for Churches and Other Religious Organizations*. The *The Accountant Beside You* series of accounting books for churches and nonprofits have been sold in all 50 states and every inhabitable continent. Besides the detailed, step-by-step instructions provided in the guides, both ebook and print, Lisa London offers supplemental and often free information online at [accountantbesideyou.com](http://accountantbesideyou.com) and through her popular YouTube videos and webinars. Church accounting will be less worrisome with *The Accountant Beside You* every step of the way.

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I am a congregational president who REALLY needed an instructional book that could give me 1) an overview 2) as well as some pointers and how to do X. This book was perfect. It is practical, to the point, and doesn't waste you time with detail after detail so that you cannot find the forest for the trees. There is a clear path. This book is ideal for 1) the small or startup church or 2) the church that has been around for 50+ years and has picked up a bunch of bad habits. I will leave you to guess which is true in our case.

This book is a must have for all preachers and church staff. The information and format is helping and interesting all at the same time. This is by far the most informative book I've ran across. It should be standard reading material for the deacons, secretarys, preachers, and all the church volunteers. Thank you Lisa London, Vickey Boatright, and Terressa Pierce for your insight and the willingness to share it.

I give Church Accounting 5 out of 5 stars. It was very informative, easy to navigate, and easy enough for everyday people to understand. It was extremely helpful, I'd recomend it to anyone.

Excellent for any church. All of the nuts and bolts.

We bought this book along with the "Quickbooks for Churches" book. While some things pertained to bigger churches, this has helped us set up guideline in our finances.

A very professional guide. I was impressed. My wife is an experienced accountant, but had no experience with church-related finances. She seemed to find it helpful.

There is a tremendous amount of needed and otherwise useful information in this book. After reading through this book, Church accounting makes so much more sense now.

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