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## **IRS Publishes Tax Guide for Religious Organizations**

(Washington, DC) - The Islamic Institute praised the posting today by the IRS of a set of guidelines for mosques, churches, and other religious organizations in order to help them understand the tax laws to avoid losing their tax exempt status by engaging in activities that may violate the Internal Revenue Code.

The Institute took a lead role in calling for the publication of clearer rules for the activities of non-profit religious organizations. Many groups have unknowingly violated tax laws simply because they cannot penetrate and comprehend the complex and voluminous document that is the Internal Revenue Code.

The 28-page document, which can be found on the IRS website, discusses the laws regarding tax exempt status and what constitutes violations of that status, rules for the compensation of ministers or employees of the organizations, as well as rules governing charitable contributions.

The document can be accessed by following this link, and requires Adobe PDF Reader:  
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/pub1828.pdf>