

**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION  
CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY  
OR TERMINATION NOTICE**

*(Section 257.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code)*



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NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS  
*(Make necessary corrections to the printed name and mailing address)*

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APN(s)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY *(if other than mailing address)*

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Dear Claimant:

Your organization was allowed the Religious Exemption for 2025 on all or a portion of its property. The Religious Exemption is available only to property which is **owned** by a church and **used exclusively for religious worship** (church), or religious worship including a school. Property used for school purposes only, where there are no church services, does not qualify for the Religious Exemption but may qualify for the Welfare Exemption. Leased real property is not eligible for the Religious Exemption unless the owner of the leased property is also a religious organization and conducts religious worship activities (church services and/or school purposes) on the property, in which case both the owner and the operator must file for the Religious Exemption. Leased personal property is eligible for the Religious Exemption if the personal property is used exclusively for religious purposes. Under a one-time filing rule or requirement, the Religious Exemption will remain in effect until the property is sold or all or a part of the property is used for activities that are outside the scope of the Religious Exemption.

If, as of January 1, 2026, you still own the property and the activities conducted on the property have not changed since January 1, 2025, answer the question on page 2 of this form "yes" and sign and return this form to the Assessor. The Assessor will continue the exemption. If you do not return this form, it may result in an onsite inspection to verify that the property continues to be used for exempt activities.

If, as of January 1, 2026, you no longer owned the property or activities other than religious worship or religious worship including a school were taking place on the property, answer the question on page 2 of this form "no" and sign and return this form to the Assessor within 30 days, so that the exemption can be modified or terminated. If you do not notify the Assessor when the property is no longer eligible for the exemption, it will result in an escape assessment plus interest and may result in a penalty of up to \$250.

The following activities are outside the scope of the Religious Exemption (those activities which are within the scope of either the Church Exemption or the Welfare Exemption are indicated in parentheses):

- a. No activity (no exemption)
- b. Parsonage, living quarters (welfare)
- c. Thrift store (welfare)
- d. Bingo (welfare)
- e. Other (non-church or non-school) religious or charitable activities of another organization on your church-owned property
- f. Real property owned by a non-church entity but leased to and used exclusively by a church for religious services (church)

If you wish to claim either the Church Exemption or the Welfare Exemption, contact the Assessor **immediately**: the deadline for timely filing for the Church Exemption or Welfare Exemption is February 15. Section 270, Revenue and Taxation Code, provides for late filing of the Church and Welfare Exemptions.



ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION

If this card is submitted with an electronic signature, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all information herein, including any accompanying statements or materials, is true, correct, and complete to the best of the taxpayer's knowledge and belief.

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RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION  
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OR TERMINATION NOTICE (CARD)

(Section 257.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code)

To all persons who have received a Religious Exemption for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

If you do not return this card, it does not of itself constitute a waiver of exemption as called for by the California Constitution, but may result in onsite inspection to verify exempt activity.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY (if other than mailing address)

QUESTION: Will the property to which the exemption applies in the 2025-2026 fiscal year continue to be used exclusively for religious purposes in the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  YES  NO

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME/TITLE/DATE

TELEPHONE NUMBER (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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