

UNITED METHODIST TAX EXEMPT STATUS

United Methodist Tax Exempt Status: The most common question I receive around this issue relates to a corporate donor willing to donate goods or money to support some local church's ministry.

The donor, usually sophisticated, requests a copy of the determination letter, and the local church leaders are at a loss to understand what is needed. The answer is simple. To obtain a copy of the group letter ruling, a letter that will serve the donor's purpose, the local church leaders need only request it through the General Council on Finance & Administration's (GCFA) website. This ensures that the local church is recognized by GCFA, something that should happen for every local church anyway, and allows GCFA to provide the resource the local church needs.

Currently, this website is found at www.umc.org/gcfa and the link to the request for the group letter ruling is prominently displayed on the opening page.