

3 THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR YOUR TAXES

As a member of the clergy, your income tax requirements look a little different than most people's. To help you understand some of the major differences, we put together a quick list to make tax time a little easier.

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YOUR WAGES ON YOUR W-2

WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND

The wages on your W-2 are subject to ordinary income tax and self-employment tax.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

As a member of the clergy, you'll receive a W-2, but Social Security and Medicare taxes aren't withheld. However, you'll still need to pay Social Security and Medicare by filing Form 1040 (Schedule SE), Self-Employment Tax.

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YOUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE

WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND

Housing allowance are subject to self-employment tax only

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

Make sure to have enough house expenses to offset your housing allowance. If you don't have enough expenses, your excess allowance is considered income and is subject to ordinary income tax.

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EMPLOYEE-RELATED EXPENSES

WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND

As of 2018, out-of-pocket employee expenses are no longer deductible.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

You're probably better off claiming the standard deduction. For single filers, that's \$12,200, and for those who are married and filing jointly, that's \$24,400.

If you have additional questions about your taxes or other financial needs, reach out to Melanie Jobgen.

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