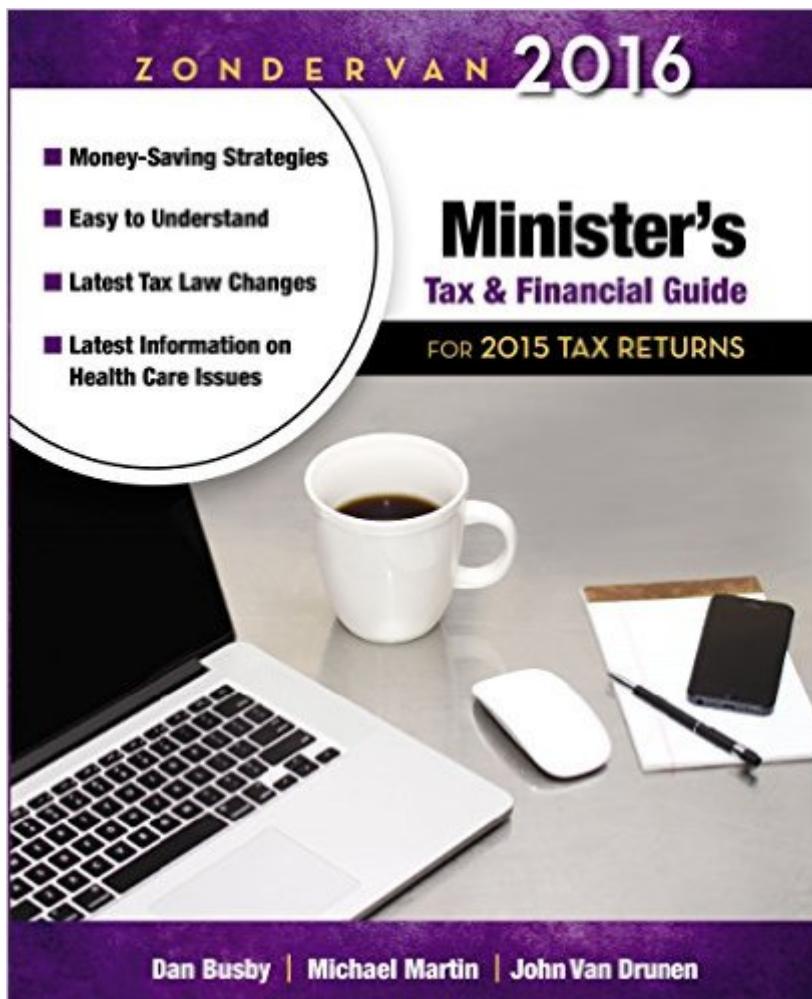


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# Zondervan 2016 Minister's Tax And Financial Guide: For 2015 Tax Returns (Zondervan Minister's Tax And Financial Guide)



## **Synopsis**

For years, ministers have trusted the Zondervan Minister's TaxÂ and Financial Guide to save them time and money. This easy-to-understand workbook simplifies the tax code and offers dozens of tips to reduce your tax bill. Â For 2016, the guide includes a line-by-line explanation of the 1040 Form as well as information on recent changes in the tax code. The authors also explain the easy steps you can take now to minimize next year's tax bill. Â This 2016 edition includes sound retirement planning helps, compensation planning guidance, and ways to maximize business expense reimbursements. Zondervan Minister's Tax & Financial Guide is also useful to church treasurers, business administrators, and tax preparers who assist ministers.

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## **Customer Reviews**

When an accountant can write easy-to-understand prose about tax issues for non-accountants, you've stumbled upon a phenomenon. Maybe even a miracle. The work that Dan Busby and friends have invested in this annually updated publication deserves the gratitude of ministers like this reviewer who simply want to get it right when tax time rolls around. Since good intentions do not register on the IRS' seismograph, getting it right is all that matters. As a long-time purchaser of the annual Zondervan Minister's Tax & Financial Guide, my educated guess is that far fewer ministers are having unwanted conversations with the IRS than would be the case if this book did not exist. The 2016 edition provides an introduction, a word on recent developments in tax law, a line-by-line approach to IRS Form 1040, and then seven nicely-subsectioned and bullet-pointed

chapters under the following titles: 'Taxes for Ministers' Compensation Planning' 'The Pay Package' 'Housing Exclusion' 'Business Expenses' 'Retirement and Social Security' 'Paying Your Taxes'. Two sample returns follow and illustrate the principles the work has explained. The chapter titles signal that this is more than a 'how-to-file-your-taxes' guide. Planning that will eliminate problems before they occur if undertaken by the minister and his employer comprise the bulk of the book's handily formatted 182 pages. I find that the highly-subtitled and bullet-pointed approach, with ample white space in the margins for note-taking, makes the book accessible both as a read-through and as a reference work. The tone is pitched to a reader who is generally unfamiliar with accounting and tax law but able to follow careful instruction in order to learn and do.

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