

# Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission in Australia

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### Prayer:

*Keep me, O God, from pettiness; let me be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let me be done with fault-finding and self-seeking. May I put away all pretense and meet everyone face to face without self-pity and without prejudice. May I never be hasty in judgment and always generous. Let me take time for all things. Make me grow calm, serene and gentle. Teach me to put into action my better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that I may realize it is the little things of life that create differences and that in the big things of life we are one. And, O Lord God, let me not forget to be kind!*

*Lord of Heaven and Earth, we thank you for all Christian Charity and Not-For-Profit Organisations in Australia and overseas. We ask you Lord to bless all people working in these organisations. Give them your wisdom, provide all provisions, protect them in their daily activities, expose ungodly people working for them and purify their deeds and cover them with your blood.*

### Culture and recreation

#### Culture and arts

Promoting Australian Indigenous culture and customs. Example: a community radio station broadcasts all of its content in a particular Aboriginal language to promote the continued use of the language among its native speakers and their families.

**“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” Proverbs 19:17**

Media and communications - Production and dissemination of information and communications about culture or art; includes radio and TV stations, publishing of books, journals, newspapers and newsletters, film production and libraries. Example: a monthly newsletter that promotes local community events, local music and educational events.

**In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ Acts 20:35**

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Economic, social and community development Visual arts, architecture, ceramic art -Production, dissemination and display of visual arts and architecture; includes sculpture, photographic societies, painting, drawing, design centres and architectural associations. Example: an artist-run space held a show presenting contemporary art to the community.

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful” ... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Performing arts –Performing arts centres, companies and associations; includes theatre, dance, ballet, opera, orchestras, choirs and music ensembles. Example: a community group held dance and theatre performances over a weekend to celebrate local performing arts.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Historical, literary and humanistic societies -Promotion and appreciation of the humanities, preservation of historical and cultural artefacts and commemoration of historical events; includes historical societies, poetry and literary societies, language associations, reading promotion, war memorials and commemorative funds and associations. Example: a society that collects, preserves and displays documents and photos from the local council area held an exhibition in the local council chambers.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Museums - General and specialised museums covering art, history, sciences, technology and culture; includes museums that preserve and exhibit Australian heritage. Example: a museum that collects and displays to the public specialised clothing and textiles, with information regarding the significance of each of the pieces it displays.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:16

Zoos and aquariums. Example: a zoo breeds endangered species, and has educational information about the animals it displays to the public.

“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” Colossians 3:14

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## Sports

Sporting activities undertaken only as a means of furthering a charitable purpose –Includes providing opportunities for people with a disability to participate in sport that they would otherwise be unable to and using sport as a means to ensure young people (who would otherwise disengage from school) continue their schooling. Example: a school for young offenders who have disengaged from mainstream schooling ran an AFL training program with the local AFL club to increase engagement and attendance at school.

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2 Corinthians 9:10

Recreation and social activities undertaken only as a means of furthering a charitable purpose - Includes providing recreational activities to people with a disability who would otherwise be unable to participate in them and providing social activities to elderly people suffering from social isolation. Example: an organisation provides a social gathering for newly arrived refugees in a community to assist them to feel at home and to meet others in the community. Another organisation provides social activities for elderly people who live alone, to reduce their social isolation.

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

## Education and research

### Primary and secondary education

Primary and secondary education: Pre-school, primary and secondary education - Education at pre-school, primary and secondary levels; includes pre-school organisations other than day care. Example: a kindergarten provides education for three and four-year-olds.

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.” 1 Corinthians 13:4

### Higher education

Higher education - Higher learning, providing academic degrees; includes universities. Example: a university provides diploma and degree-level qualifications.

“All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.” Proverbs 21:26

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Vocational/technical schools - Technical and vocational training specifically geared towards gaining employment; includes trade schools. Example: a training organisation offers certificate courses in food handling, responsible sale of alcohol and hospitality.

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Adult/continuing education - Institutions engaged in providing education and training in addition to the formal educational system; includes schools of continuing studies, correspondence schools, night schools and sponsored literacy and reading programs. Example: a community centre runs an educational program to teach adults who disengaged from the school system at an early age to read and write.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

Less formal education aimed at the development of citizenship and core life skills. Example: an organisation runs educational programs in schools to teach children about the dangers of recreational drug use.

“Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.” Proverbs 21:13

Other support for education, such as the provision of scholarships and prizes. Example: a trust set up to annually give a scholarship for mathematical excellence.

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

## Research

Medical research - Research in the medical field; includes research on specific diseases, disorders or medical disciplines. Example: an organisation funds research into a potential new treatment for heart disease.

“Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?” James 2:5

Science and technology - Research in the physical and life sciences and engineering and technology. Example: an organisation funds research into why a particular species of frog is disappearing from a number of its former habitats.

“My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.” James 2:1

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Social sciences and policy studies - Research and analysis in the social sciences and policy area. Example: an organisation undertakes research into unemployment levels in a particular area to determine whether they can be reduced.

“Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.” 1 Corinthians 13:8

## Health

### Hospital services and rehabilitation activities

Hospitals - Primarily inpatient medical care and treatment. Example: a hospital provides an emergency department, operating rooms for surgery, wards and consulting suites.

“Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.” Proverbs 14:31

Science and technology - Research in the physical and life sciences and engineering and technology. Example: an organisation funds research into why a particular species of frog is disappearing from a number of its former habitats.

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.” Proverbs 3:27

Rehabilitation - Inpatient health care and rehabilitative therapy to individuals suffering from physical impairments due to injury, genetic defect or disease and requiring extensive physiotherapy or similar forms of care. Example: an organisation provides rehabilitative services to people who have lost mobility after suffering from a stroke.

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:8

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## Aged care activities

Nursing homes - Inpatient convalescent care and residential care, as well as primary health care services; includes homes for the frail elderly and nursing homes for those with significant disabilities. Example: an organisation provides residential care for elderly people who cannot live independently.

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.” 2 Peter 1:5-7

## Mental health and crisis intervention

Psychiatric hospitals - Inpatient care and treatment for the mentally ill.

Example: a residential unit provides treatment for people with severe mental illness.

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5

Crisis intervention - Outpatient services and counselling in acute mental health situations; includes suicide prevention and support to victims of assault and abuse. Example: an organisation provides counselling to support people who are experiencing domestic abuse.

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5

## Other health service delivery

Public health and wellness education - Public health promotion and health education; includes sanitation screening for potential health hazards, first aid training and services, nutrition services and family planning services. Example: an organisation provides seminars in primary schools to teach children about germs and the importance of washing their hands. Another organisation raises awareness of the symptoms of heart disease and how to keep your heart healthy.

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”Philippians 4:19

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Health treatment, primarily outpatient – Organisations that provide primarily outpatient health services. Example: an organisation that runs health clinics and provides vaccination services for people who live in remote areas.

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11

Rehabilitative medical services - Outpatient therapeutic care. Example: an organisation provides podiatry services to people who have experienced foot injuries who otherwise would not be able to access these services.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

Emergency medical services - Services to persons in need of immediate care; includes paramedical emergency care, shock/trauma programs and ambulance services. Example: an ambulance service provides emergency and routine transport services to people who need hospital care.

“So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.” 2 Corinthians 8:11

Hospice services. Example: an organisation provides end-of-life palliative care to the terminally ill.

“And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:2

Alcohol and drug rehabilitation services. Example: an organisation provides residential treatment to people with a drug addiction to assist them to overcome their addiction.

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Romans 12:1

## Social services

Child welfare, child services and day care - Includes adoption services, child development centres, foster care, infant day care centres and nurseries. Example: an organisation provides day care services for children.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:17

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Youth services and youth welfare - Includes delinquency prevention services, teen pregnancy prevention, drop-out prevention, youth centres and clubs and job programs for youth. Example: a youth centre provides a range of services for young people in their local area including counselling, homework help, and school holiday programs.

“and he said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.’ Acts 10:31

Family services - Includes family life/parent education, single parent agencies and services and family violence shelters and services. Example: an organisation provides a support group for single parents to assist them with parenting alone.

“But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?” 1 John 3:17

Services for people with a disability - Includes homes, other than nursing homes, transport facilities, recreation, and other specialised services. Example: an organisation provides a range of transport options for people with disabilities and their carers.

“Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you” Isaiah 46:4

Services for the elderly - Organisations providing geriatric care; includes in-home services, homemaker services, transport facilities, recreation, meal programs and other services geared towards senior citizens. Example: an organisation runs a food delivery service to provide meals to people with a disability and to elderly people who can no longer cook for themselves.

“You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.” Leviticus 19:32

Self-help and other personal social welfare services - Programs and services for self-help and personal development; includes support groups, personal counselling and credit counselling/money management services. Example: an organisation provides financial literacy training to people experiencing financial need that have had problems with servicing consumer credit debt.

“God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.” Psalm 68:6

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Supporting disadvantaged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians - Includes advancing economic opportunities in remote communities, and reducing general disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Example: an organisation provides assistance to a remote Aboriginal community so that they are able to access electricity and clean drinking water.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”  
Matthew 7:7

Promoting greater understanding and respect between groups of individuals within Australia – Includes cultural exchange groups, cultural awareness groups, groups organised to eliminate discrimination, promoting conflict resolution, promoting equality and diversity. Example: an organisation promotes gender equality and respect for all people, regardless of their gender.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:15-16

## Emergency and relief

### Disasters

Disaster/emergency prevention and control - Organisations that work to prevent, predict, control and alleviate the effects of disasters, to educate or otherwise prepare individuals to cope with the effects of disasters, or to provide relief to disaster victims; includes volunteer fire departments, life boat services etc Example: an organisation provides temporary accommodation and food for people who have had to evacuate their homes due to a bushfire.

“And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, ‘LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!’” 2 Chronicles 14:11

### Income support and maintenance

Income support and maintenance - Organisations providing cash assistance and other forms of direct services to people who are in financial need to assist them to meet their living expenses. Example: an organisation that gives vouchers to people in financial need so that they can purchase groceries.

“And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.” Psalm 37:40

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Material assistance - Organisations providing food, clothing, transport, and other forms of assistance; includes food banks and clothing distribution centres. Example: an organisation provides food parcels to people who are experiencing financial need and basic necessities for newly arrived refugees.

“But I am poor and needy; yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.” Psalm 40:17

## Environment

### Environmental activities

Pollution abatement and control - Organisations that promote clean air, clean water, reducing and preventing noise pollution, radiation control, treatment of hazardous wastes and toxic substances, solid waste management and recycling programs. Example: an organisation undertakes activities to reduce levels of pollution being discharged into the river from local farms.

“The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.” Psalm 24:1-2

Natural resources conservation and protection - Conservation and preservation of natural resources, including land, water, energy and plant resources for the general use and enjoyment of the public. Example: an organisation runs public awareness campaigns about how to conserve electricity.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27 :1

Environmental beautification and open spaces - Botanical gardens, arboreta, horticultural programs and landscape services; organisations promoting anti-litter campaigns; programs to preserve the parks, green spaces and open spaces in urban or rural areas; and city and highway beautification programs. Example: an organisation undertakes projects to clear noxious weeds from areas of native bush in national parks.

Psalm 23

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## Animal protection

Animal protection and welfare - Includes animal shelters and humane societies. Example: an organisation provides shelter accommodation for lost and surrendered dogs and cats and finds new homes for them. Wildlife preservation and protection - Includes sanctuaries and refuges. Example: an organisation provides a sanctuary for injured native animals that are unable to fend for themselves in the wild.

“The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them.” Psalm 89:11

Veterinary services - Animal hospitals and services providing care to farm and household animals and pets. Example: an organisation provides free and low-cost veterinary services for the pets of people who are in financial need and therefore unable to afford to pay market rates for veterinary care.

“For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race”. James 3:7

## Development and housing

### Economic, social and community development

Economic development - Organisations that advance industry and commerce for the public benefit. Example: an organisation undertakes activities to advance agriculture in Australia through improvements to farming methods and research into pest management.

“For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.” Psalm 27:5

Social development - Organisations working towards improving the institutional infrastructure and capacity to alleviate social problems. Example: an organisation invests in critical infrastructure projects such as building bridges and roads to connect remote communities, which in turn improves health, education, and economic opportunities for the people of these communities.

“Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.” Psalm 31:19-20

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## Housing activities

Housing associations – Includes development, construction, management, leasing, financing and rehabilitation of housing Example: an organisation provides low-cost rental housing for people who are unable to afford to pay market rent.

“Those who go to God Most High for safety will be protected by the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God and I trust you.” God will save you from hidden traps and from deadly diseases. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you can hide. His truth will be your shield and protection.” Psalm 91:1-4

Housing assistance - Organisations providing housing search, and assistance to people who face barriers to obtaining housing. Example: an organisation that helps people experiencing homelessness find long-term accommodation.

“Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:6-8

## Employment and training

Job training programs - Organisations providing and supporting apprenticeship programs, internships, on-the-job training and other training programs. Example: an organisation assists long-term unemployed people to create a resumé, apply for jobs, and prepare for interviews.

“You have been my refuge, a tower of strength against the enemy. I would like to be a guest in your tent forever and to take refuge under the protection of your wings. Selah O God, you have heard my vows. You have given me the inheritance that belongs to those who fear your name.” Psalm 61:3-5

Vocational counselling and guidance – Includes career counselling and guidance, testing and related services. Example: an organisation provides services to young people who have disengaged from school to explore career, education, or training options.

“Everyone’s eyes are on you, as you give them their food in due time. You open your hand and keep on satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all of his ways and graciously loving in all of his activities. The Lord remains near to all who call out to him, to everyone who calls out to him sincerely. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him, hearing their cry and saving them”. Psalm 145:15-19

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Vocational rehabilitation and sheltered workshops - Organisations that promote self-sufficiency and income generation through job training and employment. Example: an organisation works with businesses and people with a disability to provide those workers with employment.

“Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken. Psalm 55:22”

## Law and advocacy

### Advocacy and civic activities

Advocacy organisations - Organisations that protect the rights and promote the interests of specific groups of people, e.g., people with a disability, the elderly, children and women.

Example: an organisation undertakes activities to raise awareness of human trafficking and generate debate about how the community could act to end human trafficking.

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" Luke 14:13-14

Civil rights associations - Organisations that work to protect or preserve individual civil liberties and human rights. Example: an organisation promotes the right to freedom of speech and draws public attention to instances where this freedom is being curtailed.

“But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.” Hosea 12:6

Advancing public debate – Organisations that promote public debate about a law, or change to a law, that would hinder or promote a charity’s charitable purpose. Example: an organisation promotes a change to a State law relating to public transport fines to recognise a wider group of people (people experiencing financial need) who can apply to have the fine waived on the basis of ‘special circumstances’.

“Evildoers do not understand what is right, but those who seek the LORD understand it fully.” Proverbs 28:5

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## Law and legal services

Legal services - Includes advice and assistance in dispute resolution and court-related matters.

Example: a community legal centre provides free or low-cost legal advice to people in financial need who need to interact with the criminal justice system, either due to being arrested for a crime or being a victim of crime.

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” Amos 5:24

## Philanthropic intermediaries and voluntarism promotion.

### Grant-making activities

Grant-making foundations - Private foundations; including corporate foundations and community foundations. Example: a private ancillary fund makes grants to charitable organisations that are endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor”. Romans 12:10

### Other philanthropic intermediaries and voluntarism promotion.

Volunteerism promotion and support. Example: a community volunteering organisation recruits and trains volunteers and then places them with partner charities.

“Besides, God will give you his constantly overflowing kindness. Then, when you always have everything you need, you can do more and more good things.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

Fundraising organisations. Example: an organisation holds a number of dinners during the year, for which it charges a large sum per person, on the basis that all proceeds are donated to partner charities.

“And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.” James 2:16-17

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## International

### International activities

International development assistance - Programs and projects that promote social and economic development abroad. Example: an organisation works with a community in a remote village in a developing country to establish a system for obtaining clean drinking water. Another organisation works with a local partner organisation to provide micro loans to people in developing countries so that they are able to establish small businesses to support themselves and their families.

International disaster and relief organisations - Organisations that collect, channel and provide humanitarian assistance to other countries during times of disaster or emergency. Example: an organisation collects donations of clothing, blankets, and basic necessities and sends them to an overseas country that has been affected by a natural disaster

**“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.” Proverbs 19:17**

International human rights and peace organisations - Organisations which promote and monitor human rights internationally. Example: an organisation provides funding for legal representation to citizens in overseas countries who are political dissidents and have been imprisoned to stop their views being heard, but who cannot afford to fund a legal challenge against their imprisonment.

**“Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.”  
Psalm 41:1**

## Religion

### Religious activities

Congregations - Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, shrines, monasteries, seminaries and similar organisations promoting religious beliefs and administering religious services and rituals. Example: a church provides weekly services on a Sunday and Sunday school classes for the children in its parish.

Associations of congregations - Associations and auxiliaries of religious congregations and organisations supporting and promoting religious beliefs, services and rituals. Example: an organisation provides administrative support and guidance to a number of small congregations in a particular area, including providing bibles and hymn books, providing pamphlets regarding particular aspects of the faith, and helping the congregations to comply with their legal obligations.

**“I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”  
Acts 20:35**