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Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

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Internal Revenue Service Part I Reporting Issuer 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) Issuer's name John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield Fund 26-0414772 3 Name of contact for additional information 4 Telephone No. of contact 5 Email address of contact John Hancock Investments https://www.jhinvestments.com/ContactUs.aspx 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact 601 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210 8 Date of action 9 Classification and description 10/31/2013 Regulated Investment Company (RIC) Closed End Fund 10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(s) 12 Ticker symbol 13 Account number(s) HTY 41013P749 Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional guestions. Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ► As summarized on the attached statement, John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield Fund made three distributions to shareholders that represented in part non-taxable returns of capital. Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ► The return of capital portion in each distribution reduced the shareholder's tax basis in his or her shares held. Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates The tax basis of the shareholder's shares is decreased by the per share amount of each non-taxable return of capital multiplied by the number of shares held by the shareholder at the time of the corresponding distribution.

Part II **Organizational Action** (continued) List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ Pursuant to IRC Sec. 301(c)(1), the portion of a distribution which is a dividend (as defined in IRC Sec. 316), is includable in gross income. Pursuant to IRC Sec. 301(c)(2), the portion of a distribution which is not a dividend, shall be applied against and reduce the adjusted tax basis of the stock Can any resulting loss be recognized? ► No loss is recognized on the return of capital distribution. The reduction in shareholder basis may affect the amount of gain or loss realized on the sale of the shares. Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ This organizational action is reportable with respect to the taxable year ended October 31, 2013. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Sign Here Signature ► Date ▶ Print your name ► A signed copy is maintained by the issuer Title ▶ Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Check if Paid self-employed **Preparer** Firm's EIN ▶ Firm's name **Use Only** Phone no. Firm's address ▶

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John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield Fund 26-0414772 Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2013

Supplemental Attachment to Form 8937

					Per Share		
					Per Share	Nontaxable	Per Share Taxable
Cusip	Ticker	Record Date	Ex Date	Payable Date	Distribution	Return of Capital	Dividend
41013P749	HTY	3/11/2013	3/7/2013	3/28/2013	0.320000	0.163793	0.156207
41013P749	HTY	6/13/2013	6/11/2013	6/28/2013	0.320000	0.163793	0.156207
41013P749	HTY	9/13/2013	9/11/2013	9/30/2013	0.320000	0.163793	0.156207