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Form 990

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

## A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008 and ending 06-30-2009

- B Check if applicable
- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Termination
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization Massachusetts Bible Society	D Employer identification number 04-2104698
Doing Business As	
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 199 Herrick Road	
Room/suite	
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Newton Center, MA 02459	

E Telephone number  
(617) 969-9404

G Gross receipts \$ 4,010,006

F Name and address of Principal Officer  
Anne Robertson  
199 Herrick Road  
Newton Center, MA 02459

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
(If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)

H(c) Group Exemption Number ►

I Tax-exempt status  501(c) (3) ► (Insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

J Web site: ► www.massbible.org

K Type of organization  Corporation  trust  association  other ►

L Year of Formation 1809 M State of legal domicile MA

## Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	Promote Bible literacy, understanding and dialogue	
2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	19
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	19
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	5
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	19
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	23,543	28,368
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	606,799	-1,435,529
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	168,205	16,942
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	798,547	-1,390,219

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	560,743	53,158
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	201,766	201,642
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b	(Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 20,479)		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	152,618	246,808
18	Total expenses—add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	915,127	501,608
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-116,580	-1,891,827

20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	5,384,577	3,350,549
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	228,899	41,167
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	5,155,678	3,309,382

## Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here	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		
	*****	2010-05-12	Date
	Signature of officer		
	Anne Robertson Executive Director		
	Type or print name and title		

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► Kristin Labonte	Date 2010-05-12	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst )
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► Kevin P Martin & Associates PC 10 Forbes West	Braintree, MA 02184	EIN ►	Phone no ► (781) 380-3520

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions) . . . . .  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See the instructions.)**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

To promote biblical literacy, understanding and dialogue that is grounded in scholarship, socially relevant and respectful of the many voices within the Bible and all those who turn to the Bible in faith

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses  
Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

**4a** (Code) (Expenses \$ 231,244 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 16,942 )

Resource Services - provides direct book sales, book tables at events and makes reading recommendations to enrich the study of the Bible

**4b** (Code) (Expenses \$ 73,191 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 53,158 )

Grants and Education - provides gifts of bibles to prisons, hospitals, homeless programs, churches and those who have need In addition, the division provides educational services through lectures, special events and website interaction

**4c** (Code) (Expenses \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

including grants of \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses \$ 304,435 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

- 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A
- 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?
- 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
- 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I
- 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II
- 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III
- 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV
- 10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V
- 11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable
- 12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII
- 13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?
  - b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I
- 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II
- 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III
- 17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I
- 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II
- 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III
- 20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
- 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II
- 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III
- 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J
- 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25
  - b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
  - c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?
  - d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?
- 25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
- 25b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
- 26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II
- 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	Yes	
<b>2</b>	Yes	
<b>3</b>		No
<b>4</b>		No
<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		No
<b>10</b>		No
<b>11</b>	Yes	
<b>12</b>	Yes	
<b>13</b>		No
<b>14a</b>		No
<b>14b</b>		No
<b>15</b>		No
<b>16</b>		No
<b>17</b>		No
<b>18</b>		No
<b>19</b>		No
<b>20</b>		No
<b>21</b>	Yes	
<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>		No
<b>24a</b>		No
<b>24b</b>		
<b>24c</b>		
<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>		No
<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>		No

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (Continued)**

- 28** During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee
- a** Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
  - b** Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
  - c** Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- 29** Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M
- 30** Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M
- 31** Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I
- 32** Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II
- 33** Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I
- 34** Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1
- 35** Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2
- 36** 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2
- 37** Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>28a</b>		No
<b>28b</b>		No
<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>		No
<b>35</b>		No
<b>36</b>		No
<b>37</b>		No

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	3
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	5
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b	Yes
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	No
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b	
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts</b> .	4b	
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c	
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
<b>7</b>	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>	7a	No
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7a	
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
<b>7g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	No
<b>7h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	No
<b>8</b>	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	No
<b>9</b>	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>	9a	
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	No
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	No
<b>10</b>	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter	10a	
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
<b>11</b>	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations</i> Enter	11a	
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
<b>12a</b>	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**
**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

- |   | Yes | No  |
|---|-----|-----|
| 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .   | 1a  | 19  |
| b Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .   | 1b  | 19  |
| 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . .   | 2   | No  |
| 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . . | 3   | No  |
| 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .   | 4   | No  |
| 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .   | 5   | No  |
| 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .   | 6   | No  |
| 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .  | 7a  | No  |
| b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .   | 7b  | No  |
| 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following  |     |     |
| a the governing body? . . . . .   | 8a  | Yes |
| b each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .   | 8b  | Yes |
| 9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .  | 9a  | No  |
| b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization? . . . . .  | 9b  |     |
| 10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 . . . . .      | 10  | Yes |
| 11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .     | 11  | No  |

**Section B. Policies**

- |  | Yes | No  |
|--|-----|-----|
| 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13 . . . . .   | 12a | No  |
| b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .  | 12b |     |
| c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . . .   | 12c |     |
| 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .  | 13  | No  |
| 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .   | 14  | No  |
| 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision   |     |     |
| a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? . . . . .  | 15a | Yes |
| b Other officers or key employees of the organization? . . . . .   | 15b | Yes |
| Describe the process in Schedule O   |     |     |
| 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .  | 16a | No  |
| b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . . | 16b |     |

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MA
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply  
 own website  another's website  upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization  
 Frank Stevens  
 199 herrick road  
 newton center, MA 02459  
 (617) 969-9404

## **Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

**Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

\* List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations) and key employees regardless of amount of compensation, and current key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

\* List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

\* List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

\* List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee.

**Part VII Continued**

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ►0

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<b>3</b>	No
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<b>4</b>	No
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	<b>5</b>	No

## **Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Part  
VIII

## Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	28,368				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	<b>h Total (Add lines 1a-1f)</b> . . . . .		28,368				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code						
			<b>2a</b>				
			<b>b</b>				
			<b>c</b>				
			<b>d</b>				
			<b>e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b> . . . . .		\$					
Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts) . . . . .						
			86,499			86,499	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .						
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less rental expenses						
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)						
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .							
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
	3,796,120						
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5,318,148						
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	-1,522,028						
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			-1,522,028			-1,522,028	
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 . . . . .	<b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .							
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000	<b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>	99,019					
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>	82,077					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .			16,942	16,942			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11a</b>							
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue _____							
<b>e Total. Add lines 11a-11d</b> . . . . .		\$					
<b>12 Total Revenue.</b> Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e . . . . .			-1,390,219	16,942	0	-1,435,529	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses****Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.****All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A) Total expenses</b>	<b>(B) Program service expenses</b>	<b>(C) Management and general expenses</b>	<b>(D) Fundraising expenses</b>
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	53,158	53,158		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	153,489	93,628	52,187	7,674
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	36,599	22,325		1,831
<b>8</b> Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	3,044	1,857	1,035	152
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	8,510	5,191	2,893	426
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	10,334		10,334	
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17 . . .				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .	25,312		25,312	
<b>g</b> Other . . . . .	30,598	22,830	7,768	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	4,243	2,588	1,655	
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	48,719	17,829	20,494	10,396
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	46,255	28,216	18,039	
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions and meetings . . . . .	4,526	2,761	1,765	
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	21,394	13,050	8,344	
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	9,054	5,523	3,531	
<b>24</b> Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below )				
<b>a</b> EDUCATION EXPENSE	20,989	20,989		
<b>b</b> Program supplies	8,920	8,920		
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				
<b>e</b>				
<b>f</b> All other expenses	16,464	5,570	10,894	
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	501,608	304,435	176,694	20,479
<b>26</b> <b>Joint Costs.</b> Check <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>			
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	72,811	1 71,143
2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	3	2 2,298,254
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	3	
4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	873	4 3,049
5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i> . . . . .	5	
6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i> . . . . .	6	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	7	
8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	14,822	8
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	5,434	9 3,651
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	10a 31,651	
b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i> . . . . .	10b 24,345	5,206 10c 7,306
11	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	5,252,740	11 950,802
12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i> . . . . .	12	
13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i> . . . . .	13	
14	Intangible assets . . . . .	32,688	14 16,344
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i> . . . . .	15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	5,384,577	16 3,350,549
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	28,899	17 32,165
18	Grants payable . . . . .	200,000	18
19	Deferred revenue . . . . .	19	9,002
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	20	
21	Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i> . . . . .	21	
22	Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i> . . . . .	22	
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	23	
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable . . . . .	24	
25	Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i> . . . . .	25	
26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	228,899	26 41,167
<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
27	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	5,155,678	27 3,309,382
28	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	28	
29	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	29	
<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	30	
31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .	31	
32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .	32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	5,155,678	33 3,309,382
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	5,384,577	34 3,350,549
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>			

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accrual
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . .	2a	No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . .	2b	Yes
c If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . . .	2c	Yes
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . . . .	3a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? . . . . .	3b	

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2008**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)  
nonexempt charitable trusts.****Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.****Open to Public  
Inspection****Name of the organization**  
Massachusetts Bible Society**Employer identification number**

04-2104698

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only one organization)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E )
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H )
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II )
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
- 8  A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
- 9  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **Section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III )
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **Section 509(a)(4)**. (See instructions )
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **Section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f  If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g  Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
- (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h  Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

<b>(i) Name of Supported Organization</b>	<b>(ii) EIN</b>	<b>(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))</b>	<b>(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?</b>		<b>(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?</b>		<b>(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?</b>		<b>(vii) Amount of support?</b>
			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>Total</b>									

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)
**Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	44,948	40,031	28,574	23,543	28,368	165,464
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add line 1-3	44,948	40,031	28,574	23,543	28,368	165,464
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6 Public Support</b> subtract line 5 from line 4						165,464

**Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	44,948	206,077	28,574	23,543	28,368	165,464
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	129,929	206,077	467,580	154,819	86,499	1,044,904
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )						
<b>11 Total Support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						1,210,368
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions )					<b>12</b>	1,523,714

**13 First Five Years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	<b>14</b>	<b>13.670 %</b>
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	<b>15</b>	<b>14.300 %</b>
<b>16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
<b>b 33 1/3% Test - 2007.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
<b>17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
<b>b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
<b>18 Private Foundation.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total</b> Add lines 1-5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
<b>c</b> Total of lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public Support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

**Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total Support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
<b>14 First Five Years</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>						►

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>

**Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>
<b>19a</b> <b>33 1/3% Tests - 2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
<b>b</b> <b>33 1/3% Tests - 2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
<b>20</b> <b>Private Foundation</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	►

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)**Facts and Circumstances Test**

THE ORGANIZATION MEETS THE 10% FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TEST DUE TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS 1) THE PUBLIC SUPPORT PERCENTAGE EXCEEDS 10%, 2) THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM A NUMBER OF VARIOUS DONORS REPRESENTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS OPPOSED TO JUST A FEW (FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE TAX YEAR 2008, DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM 129 SEPARATE DONORS), 3) THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1809 AND OVER THE YEARS THE ENDOWMENT FUND HAS GROWN CAUSING THE INVESTMENT INCOME TO CONSISTITUTE A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF SUPPORT, 4)THE ORGANIZATION HAS A SUSTAINED SOLICITATION PROGRAM TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL DONATIONS THROUGH GRANT PROPOSALS, MASS MAILINGS, AND VIA THE INTERNET WITH SOLICITATION TARGETING INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS AS WELL AS TO SECURE BEQUESTS AND 5)THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO FULFILL THE MISSION OF PROMOTING BIBLE LITERACY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH PROVIDING BIBLES TO prisons, hospitals, homeless programs, churches, and many others who have need (DURING THE TAX YEAR 2008, THE ORGANIZATION GRANTED 7,002 BIBLES TO ORGANIZATION ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS )

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Inspection**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**  
Massachusetts Bible Society**Employer identification number**

04-2104698

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate Contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate Grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
- Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)  Preservation of an historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of certified historic structure  
 Preservation of open space

- 2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ►

- 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

- 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

 Yes  No

- 6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ►

- 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ► \$

- 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

 Yes  No

- 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

- b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

- 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)**

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a**  Public exhibition  
**b**  Scholarly research  
**c**  Preservation for future generations

- d**  Loan or exchange programs  
**e**  Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Investment earnings or losses . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

**a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ►

**b** Permanent endowment ►

**c** Term endowment ►

**3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

**(i)** unrelated organizations . . . . .

**(ii)** related organizations . . . . .

**b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
3a(i)	
3a(ii)	
3b	

**4** Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .	30,209	22,903	7,306	
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .	1,442	1,442	0	
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .				7,306

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ►		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ►		

**Part IX Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	►

**Part X Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ►	

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	-1,390,219
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	501,608
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,891,827
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	45,531
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	45,531
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-1,846,296

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	131,809
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	131,809
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	-1,522,028
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-1,522,028
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	-1,390,219

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,978,105
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	1,476,497
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,476,497
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	501,608
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	501,608

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	The Society has elected to defer the application of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, (FIN 48) as permitted by FSP FIN 48-3, until the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. FIN 48 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a more than likely or not threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in the tax return. The Society regularly assesses the potential settlement outcomes resulting from income tax examinations. The Society does not anticipate that the provisions of FIN 48 will have any significant impact on its financial statements. However, additional disclosures may be required of situations, if any, where the Society's tax positions are considered uncertain. Currently, the FASB is deliberating the manner and extent to which not-for-profit organizations such as the Society will need to apply the provisions of FIN 48.
Part XII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		Net REALIZED LOSS on investments -1522028
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		UNREALIZED/REALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS 1476497

## **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the U.S.**

2008

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**Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.**

Name of the organization  
Massachusetts Bible Society

**Employer identification number**

## **Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . .  Yes  No

**2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 if additional space is needed.

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations . . . . .

- 3 Enter total number of other organizations .

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

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**See Additional Data Table**

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 Grants are offered for the sole purpose of reaching out to those without easy access to the Bible, such as prisons, hospitals, homeless programs, churches, and many others who have need by providing Bibles in a variety of languages and translations, as well as cassette, Braille, & large print formats. Applicants for a grant must indicate the financial needs of those being served, that the Bibles will be given free of charge and not sold, and that the focus of the project or program is others and not, for example, the replacement of pew Bibles and other normal needs of a congregation. We do provide the latter for congregations when special circumstances warrant, as in the case of a catastrophic event that has destroyed church property and the church is financially unable to replace pew Bibles themselves. Preference is given to outreach projects with an ongoing leader/teacher presence.

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

► **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Employer identification number

04-2104698

<b>Name of the organization</b> Massachusetts Bible Society	<b>Employer identification number</b>
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 3	Changes in Program Services	DURING THE YEAR THE SOCIETY CEASED IT'S DIRECT BOOK SELLING OPERATIONS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		A copy of the 990 will be reviewed by staff and the board Treasurer before it is filed

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		Compensation of the organization's executive director is determined by the Executive Committee subject to budget approval by Trustees. Compensation of the organization's key employees is determined by the Executive Director subject to budget approval by Trustees

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		The organization's governing documents and financial statements are available upon request

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 2C		There has been no change from the prior year in the methods used by the committee responsible for the oversight of the audit of the financial statements or the selection of an independent accountant

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B Line 12a	WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT HAVE A WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IN EFFECT AS OF JUNE 30, 2009, HOWEVER SINCE JUNE 30, 2009, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY HAS BEEN ADOPTED

Form 4562

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceDepreciation and Amortization  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

2008

Attachment  
Sequence No 67

► See separate instructions. ► Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return Massachusetts Bible Society	Business or activity to which this form relates Form 990 Page 10	Identifying number 04-2104698
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**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses . . . . .	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions) . . . . .	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions) . . . . .	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions . . . . .	5	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
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7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29 . . . . .	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7 . . . . .	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 5 or line 8 . . . . .	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562 . . . . .	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions) . . . . .	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11 . . . . .	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ► 13	13	

**Note:** Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions) . . . . .	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election . . . . .	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS) . . . . .	16	5,050

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)****Section A**

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008 . . . . .	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ►		

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

<b>Part IV Summary (See instructions)</b>						
21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28 . . . . .					21	
22 Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instr . . . . .					22	5,050
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs . . . . .			23			

**Part V**

**Listed Property** (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

**Note:** For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

**Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution:** See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

**24a** Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?  Yes  No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written?  Yes  No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation/deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)					25			

**26** Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use

	%							
	%							
	%							

**27** Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use

	%			S/L -				
	%			S/L -				
	%			S/L -				

**28** Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1

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**29** Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1

29

**Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles**

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person

If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1	(b) Vehicle 2	(c) Vehicle 3	(d) Vehicle 4	(e) Vehicle 5	(f) Vehicle 6
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year						
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven						
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32						
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?						
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?						

**Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees**

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		

**Note:** If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

**Part VI Amortization**

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) A amortization for this year
42 A amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					

43 A amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year

43

16,344

44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report

44

16,344

# Additional Data

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 04-2104698  
**Name:** Massachusetts Bible Society

## Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Mark Arnold , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Lyn Brakeman , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
John Buehrens , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Mark Burrows , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Walter Cuenin , President	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Charles Dickinson III , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Anne Deenan , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Christianne Humphrey , Vice-President	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Renee Keels , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Angela Markert , Treasurer	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Stephen Butler Murray , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Robert Constantine Newma , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Kenneth Scott , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Stephen Silver , Secretary	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Frances taylor , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Celia Sirois , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Preeti Pabreja Wesley , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Charles Wibitalske , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Anita Farber-Robertson , director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Anne Robertson , Executive Director	40 00			X			83,859	0	7,836
Sean Michael Collyott , Resource Director	40 00			X			39,704	0	0
Frank Stevens , Controller	12 50			X			18,695	0	0