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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY
Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 161 OTTAWA AVE NW NO 301Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495032718

F Name and address of principal officer
ROBERT SIRICO
161 OTTAWA AVENUE NW SUITE 301
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

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 ▶

D Employer identification number
38-2926822

E Telephone number
(616) 454-3080

G Gross receipts \$ 8,765,412

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.ACTON.ORG

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1990

M State of legal domicile MI

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROMOTE A FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY CHARACTERIZED BY INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SUSTAINED BY RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES		
Revenue	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	14
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	42
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	30
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	133,239
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	Prior Year	Current Year
		5,699,792	8,115,474
		338,559	268,198
		19,426	11,460
		12,712	1,687
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶641,960	509,448	258,730
		0	0
		2,007,728	2,447,202
		0	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	2,563,020	3,578,874
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,080,196	6,284,806
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	990,293	2,112,013
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		7,759,757	9,846,634
		474,904	431,295
		7,284,853	9,415,339

Part II

Signature Block

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 of officer

2012-10-12

Date

ROBERT SIRICO PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

MARGARET W BISHOP

Date

Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions) P00295096

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

BEENE GARTER LLP
56 GRANDVILLE AVE SW SUITE 100
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495034036

EIN ▶ 38-1337372

Phone no ▶ (616) 235-5200

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2011)

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

MISSION OF THE ACTON INSTITUTE IS TO PROMOTE A FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY CHARACTERIZED BY INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SUSTAINED BY RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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 \$ 2,803,183 including grants of \$ 183,805) (Revenue \$ 278,177)
	EDUCATION ACTON'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS AN OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND WORKS TO PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF MARKET PRINCIPLES AND TO ENCOURAGE THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM THAT CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. THE INSTITUTE SPONSORS CONFERENCES AIMED AT EDUCATING RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF THE OUTREACH AREA. THE INSTITUTE SPONSORED SIX DOMESTIC STUDENT CONFERENCES FOR FUTURE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND OTHER SHAPERS OF THE MORAL CULTURE. THE CONFERENCES INCLUDED THE ACTON UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS AN ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FOUR-DAY EXPLORATION OF THE INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF A FREE SOCIETY. MANY STUDENTS SELECTED TO ATTEND OUR CONFERENCES RECEIVE A FULL OR PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, WHICH COVER ROOM & BOARD EXPENSES AS WELL AS CONFERENCE FEES. IN 2011, MORE THAN 625 STUDENTS FROM 69 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ATTENDED, AND LIMITED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS WERE PROVIDED IN CASES OF NEED. EXPENSES WERE ALSO INCURRED FOR A DISCOVERY PROCESS TO IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE CLERGY, STUDENTS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND SEMINARY FACULTY MEMBERS WHO ASSIST US IN FURTHERING OUR PROGRAMS. WE BEGAN AN ACTIVE NETWORKING EFFORT TO BUILD STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH EVANGELICAL CHURCHES, NONPROFITS, AND SEMINARIES. NEW STAFF WAS HIRED TO ASSIST WITH THIS EFFORT. THE PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE BUSINESS ETHICS MODEL OF ENTREPRENEURIAL STEWARDSHIP, ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING BUSINESS LEADERS IN THE ACTIVE INTEGRATION OF INTEGRITY WITH THEIR PROFESSION INTERNATIONALLY. WE HELD TWO CONFERENCES ON VARIOUS TOPICS INCLUDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION, POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND CO-SPONSORED A STUDENT CONFERENCE IN AUSTRIA. OUR ROME OFFICE ALSO HELD REGULAR SMALL LECTURES AT THE OFFICE.
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 598,014 including grants of \$ 58,888) (Revenue \$ 8,358)
	RESEARCH THE INSTITUTE'S ACADEMIC INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY ITS RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. THE WORK PRODUCED BY RESEARCH INCLUDES THE DISCIPLINES OF PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS, THEOLOGY, AND HISTORY, AMONG OTHERS, AND IT INCLUDES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOTH IN-HOUSE RESEARCH FELLOWS AND OF INVITED SCHOLARS. ADDITIONALLY, THE INVESTIGATIONS PRODUCED AT THE ACTON INSTITUTE ARE DELIVERED WIDELY AT CONFERENCES WITH THE GOAL OF REACHING THE SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES BOOKS, JOURNALS, MONOGRAPHS AND OCCASIONAL PAPERS. THE JOURNAL OF MARKETS & MORALITY IS A SEMI-ANNUAL REFEREED JOURNAL THAT PROVIDES A FORUM FOR SCHOLARS TO ENGAGE IN ISSUES CONCERNING THE MORALITY OF THE MARKETPLACE. THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL THOUGHT SERIES EXAMINES, IN EACH VOLUME, A KEY ECONOMIC ISSUE FACING THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. THE ETHICS AND ECONOMICS SERIES PRODUCES BOOKS THAT INTEGRATE NATURAL LAW THEORY AND ECONOMIC THOUGHT. THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT ALSO MANAGES ACTON'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS. THE ANNUAL NOVAK AWARD RECIPIENT WAS PRESENTED WITH A PRIZE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND REWARD NEW RESEARCH INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION, ECONOMIC FREEDOM, AND THE FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY. FELLOWSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, IN THE FORM OF ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAVEL GRANTS, TO PROMISING SEMINARIANS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE ADVANCING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ECONOMIC LIBERTY AND RELIGIOUS VALUES.
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,019,759 including grants of \$ 16,037) (Revenue \$ 890)
	MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT PROMOTES ACTON'S MESSAGE THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIA PRODUCTS AND OUTLETS, IN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF A HIGHLY SELECTIVE AWARD. THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR FEATURE LENGTH FILMS CONTINUED ACROSS THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONALLY, INCLUDING TRANSLATION INTO SEVERAL LANGUAGES. THE FILMS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN INTELLECTUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY PERSUASIVE PLATFORM FOR ACTON THEMES. "CALL OF THE ENTREPRENEUR" AND "BIRTH OF FREEDOM" WERE ALSO SOLD WIDELY THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS. TWO MULTI-PART VIDEO CURRICULA "EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP" AND "THE BIRTH OF FREEDOM CURRICULUM" WERE RELEASED THROUGH ZONDERVAN AND DISTRIBUTED IN RETAIL OUTLETS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS ONLINE. WORK PROGRESSED THROUGH 2011 ON THE PRODUCTION OF A DOCUMENTARY, CURRICULUM AND A RELATED WEBSITE ABOUT ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD (POVERTY CURE). THE PROJECT SEEKS TO BUILD A NETWORK OF LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS PROMOTING A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND SOCIETY. THE MEDIA PROJECTS WILL ENCOURAGE SOLUTIONS THAT CREATE OPPORTUNITY AND UNLEASH THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT. THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT MANAGES THE GROWING FAMILY OF ACTON WEBSITES, BLOG, AND SOCIAL MEDIA WHICH USE LEADING TECHNOLOGY TO INTEGRATE TEXT, AUDIO, AND VIDEO CONTENT IN EASILY ACCESSIBLE FORMATS AND VENUES TO PROMOTE ACTON'S MESSAGE TO WEB USERS.
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 819,820 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 43,349)
	GENERAL EDUCATION THE INSTITUTE SEEKS TO REACH OUT TO BUSINESS LEADERS, POLICY MAKERS, AND RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUPS THROUGH LECTURES AND VARIOUS WRITINGS. THE 2011 ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD TO PROMOTE OUTREACH AND TO THANK SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTE. THE DINNER AND PROGRAM FESTIVITIES INCLUDED AN ADDRESS BY A PROMINENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE INSTITUTE AND ITS SUPPORTERS. THERE WERE OVER 500 IN ATTENDANCE AND ADMISSION WAS CHARGED TO DEFRAY EXPENSES INCURRED. THE ACTON LECTURE SERIES HOSTED EIGHT LOCAL LUNCHEONS DURING THE YEAR, WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 70 INDIVIDUALS PER LECTURE. THE INSTITUTE ALSO SPONSORED SEVERAL OTHER LUNCHEONS AND DINNER EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. ACTON INSTITUTE ALSO OPERATES A BOOKSTORE TO PROMOTE AND SELL ITS OWN PUBLICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO OUTSIDE PUBLICATIONS, RELATED TO OUR MISSION AND PROGRAM OUTREACH AREAS.
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
	(Expenses \$ 819,820 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 43,349)
4e	Total program service expenses \$ 5,240,776

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i> 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>	4	No
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>	5	No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i> 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i> 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i> 	8	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i> 	9	No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> 	10	No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> 	11a	Yes
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> 	11b	Yes
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> 	11c	No
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> 	11d	No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 	11e	No
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 	11f	Yes
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> 	12a	Yes
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> 	12b	No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	Yes
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i> 	14b	Yes
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 U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i> 	15	No
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 U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i> 	16	Yes
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>	18	Yes
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>	19	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>	20a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance					
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐					
		Yes	No		
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	1a	95		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes		
2a	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	42		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes		
4a	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 or securities account)?	4a	Yes		
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: IT See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a			No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	Yes		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.	13a			
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b			
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand.	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b			

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, 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		No

Section B. Policies

(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
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?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	MI
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 made 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 made 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.	KRIS MAUREN 161 OTTAWA AVE NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495032718 (616) 454-3080

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

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

- 1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - 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 neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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	Former			
(1) REV ROBERT A SIRICO DIRECTOR	50.00	X		X				188,100	0	7,124
(2) DAVID HUMPHREYS CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) FRANK HANNA III VICE CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) DAVID MILROY TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) DR ALEJANDRO CHAFUEN SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) DR GAYLEN BYKER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) JC HUIZENGA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) SIDNEY JANSMA JR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) JOHN KENNEDY III DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) KENNETH MURASKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) REV REN BROEKHUIZEN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) KRIS MAUREN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	50.00	X		X				188,100	0	21,318
(13) JOHN M GORDON JR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(14) JOHN CROWE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(15) TOM VOGT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	50.00			X				81,500	0	13,375

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	120,875				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	7,994,599				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 219,250						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		8,115,474				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	CONFERENCE AND MEETING	900099	231,915	231,915			
	b	SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS	900099	27,050	27,050			
	c	SUBSCRIPTIONS	900099	8,403	8,403			
	d	SALES OF MEDIA PRODUCT	900099	830	830			
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		268,198				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		2,180			2,180	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			246,210					
			236,930					
			9,280					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)		9,280			9,280	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 120,875 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	40,720				
	b	Less direct expenses	b	101,609				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .		-60,889			-60,889	
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a						
b	Less direct expenses	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	72,628					
b	Less cost of goods sold	b	30,054					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .		42,574	42,574				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	900099	20,002	20,002				
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		20,002					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		8,396,819	330,774	0	-49,429		

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)
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	48,113	48,113		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	107,455	107,455		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	103,162	103,162		
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	499,517	357,082	63,200	79,235
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	1,519,037	1,164,997	69,996	284,044
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	81,046	63,208	4,210	13,628
9	Other employee benefits	307,003	230,431	20,035	56,537
10	Payroll taxes	40,599	15,803	4,042	20,754
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	2,305	2,305		
c	Accounting	31,627	5,895	25,732	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	1,182,404	1,153,185	9,238	19,981
12	Advertising and promotion	82,006	82,006		
13	Office expenses	561,660	430,637	45,160	85,863
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	241,105	177,273	47,232	16,600
17	Travel	297,969	247,127	23,267	27,575
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	779,490	764,616	7,137	7,737
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	142,034	91,008	37,756	13,270
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	HONORARIUMS	141,670	141,670		
b	MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	52,502	35,244	9,447	7,811
c	UNRELATED BUSINESS INCO	35,618		35,618	
d	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	28,484	19,559		8,925
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	6,284,806	5,240,776	402,070	641,960
26	Joint costs. Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			9,021	1	7,558
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			3,326,335	2	5,695,356
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			2,621,534	3	2,311,027
	4	Accounts receivable, net			39,740	4	6,000
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			84,395	8	121,647
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			73,179	9	141,711
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	1,484,175			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,204,082	385,528	10c	280,093
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			204,225	11	202,275
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			1,015,800	12	1,028,600
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			0	15	52,367
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			7,759,757	16	9,846,634	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			474,904	17	431,295
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			474,904	26	431,295
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			5,591,275	27	6,675,723
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			1,693,578	28	2,739,616
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	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			7,284,853	33	9,415,339
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			7,759,757	34	9,846,634	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	8,396,819
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,284,806
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,112,013
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	7,284,853
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	18,473
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	9,415,339

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated basis		
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?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization
ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF
RELIGION AND LIBERTY

Employer identification number

38-2926822

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 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

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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

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9

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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

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety Se**section 509(a)(4).**
- 11

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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

a

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Type I

b

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Type II

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Type III - Functionally integrated

d

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Type III - Other

e

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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

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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

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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

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Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	4,617,966	5,901,396	4,877,260	5,699,792	8,115,474	29,211,888
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						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	4,617,966	5,901,396	4,877,260	5,699,792	8,115,474	29,211,888
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						7,198,831
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						22,013,057

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	4,617,966	5,901,396	4,877,260	5,699,792	8,115,474	29,211,888
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	222,186	135,399	17,749	12,765	2,180	390,279
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	152,656	207,999		8,257	133,239	502,151
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	56,959	30,139	35,769	58,462	40,720	222,049
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						30,326,367

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)

121,613,064

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	72.590 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	76.670 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% support test—2010. 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 stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. 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 stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. 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 stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IIIPart III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
14 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						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15		
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16		

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17		
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18		
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011. 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 stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
b 33 1/3% support tests—2010. 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 stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions			

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE SPECIAL EVENT REVENUE

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 38-2926822
Name: ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF
RELIGION AND LIBERTY

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services
(Code) (Expenses \$ 819,820 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 43,349) GENERAL EDUCATION THE INSTITUTE SEEKS TO REACH OUT TO BUSINESS LEADERS, POLICY MAKERS, AND RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUPS THROUGH LECTURES AND VARIOUS WRITINGS THE 2011 ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD TO PROMOTE OUTREACH AND TO THANK SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTE THE DINNER AND PROGRAM FESTIVITIES INCLUDED AN ADDRESS BY A PROMINENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE INSTITUTE AND ITS SUPPORTERS THERE WERE OVER 500 IN ATTENDANCE AND ADMISSION WAS CHARGED TO DEFRAY EXPENSES INCURRED THE ACTON LECTURE SERIES HOSTED EIGHT LOCAL LUNCHEONS DURING THE YEAR, WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 70 INDIVIDUALS PER LECTURE THE INSTITUTE ALSO SPONSORED SEVERAL OTHER LUNCHEON AND DINNER EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY ACTON INSTITUTE ALSO OPERATES A BOOKSTORE TO PROMOTE AND SELL ITS OWN PUBLICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO OUTSIDE PUBLICATIONS, RELATED TO OUR MISSION AND PROGRAM OUTREACH AREAS

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY	Employer identification number 38-2926822
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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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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 for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit ☐ Yes ☐ 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 importantly land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of a 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
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation 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

▶ \$ _____

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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)

☐

Public exhibition

☐

Scholarly research

☐

Preservation for future generations

☐

Loan or exchange programs

☐

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 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

1b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

1c

Beginning balance

1d

Additions during the year

1e

Distributions during the year

1f

Ending balance

Amount

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2b

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
1a Beginning of year balance					
1b Contributions					
1c Investment earnings or losses					
1d Grants or scholarships					
1e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
1f Administrative expenses					
1g End of year balance					

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

2a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

2b

Permanent endowment ▶

2c

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

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

3b

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

4

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
1b Buildings				
1c Leasehold improvements		470,533	375,269	95,264
1d Equipment		369,143	288,007	81,136
1e Other		644,499	540,806	103,693
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				280,093

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	8,396,819
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,284,806
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,112,013
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	18,473
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	18,473
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	2,130,486

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	8,415,292
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	18,473
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	18,473
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	8,396,819
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	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	8,396,819

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	6,284,806
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	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,284,806
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	6,284,806

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 IV, 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. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HAS DETERMINED THE INSTITUTE IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (THE CODE). IN ADDITION, THE INSTITUTE QUALIFIES FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170(B)(1)(A) AND HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A)(2). THE INSTITUTE IS SUBJECT TO TAX ON UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 509(A)(1) OF THE CODE. THE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES ON SUCH INCOME WAS \$35,618 AND \$-0- IN 2011 AND 2010, RESPECTIVELY. CASH REFUNDED FOR INCOME TAX ON SUCH INCOME WAS \$21,578 AND \$29,904 IN 2011 AND 2010, RESPECTIVELY. TAX POSITIONS TAKEN ARE ASSESSED FOR UNCERTAINTY AND A PROVISION MAY BE RECORDED IF A TAX POSITION IS NOT LIKELY TO BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION. WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, THE INSTITUTE IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO AUDITS BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS PRIOR TO 2008, AND STATE AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS PRIOR TO 2007.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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RELIGION AND LIBERTY

Employer identification number

38-2926822

Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers. 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 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States
- 3 Activites per Region (Use Part V if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region or independent contractors	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region/investments in region
EUROPE	1	3	PROGRAM SERVICES AND GRANTS	EDUCATION	160,739
3a Sub-total	1	3			160,739
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	1	3			160,739

1

(i) Method of valuation
(book, FMV, appraisal, other)

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Use Part V if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
PROVIDED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT CONFERENCES DURING 2011	SOUTH AMERICA	19	11,775	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT CONFERENCES DURING 2011	EUROPE	55	40,294	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT CONFERENCES DURING 2011	AFRICA	14	12,703	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT CONFERENCES DURING 2011	ASIA	8	7,550	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE BISHOPS HONORARIA	NORTH AMERICA	3	850	CASH			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE BISHOPS HONORARIA	SOUTH AMERICA	24	6,050	CASH			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE BISHOPS HONORARIA	CENTRAL AMERICA	9	6,275	CASH			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE BISHOPS HONORARIA	EUROPE	1	1,075	CASH			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE BISHOPS HONORARIA	AFRICA	2	500	CASH			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE BISHOPS HONORARIA	AUSTRALIA	1	250	CASH			
PROVIDED RESEARCH, FELLOWSHIP, AND TRAVEL GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS	NORTH AMERICA	1	1,250	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED RESEARCH, FELLOWSHIP, AND TRAVEL GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS	SOUTH AMERICA	3	2,200	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED RESEARCH, FELLOWSHIP, AND TRAVEL GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS	CENTRAL AMERICA	1	500	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED RESEARCH, FELLOWSHIP, AND TRAVEL GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS	EUROPE	10	6,750	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED RESEARCH, FELLOWSHIP, AND TRAVEL GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS	AFRICA	5	2,900	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			
PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL	SOUTH AMERICA	1	2,240	CHECK, WIRE TRANSFER			

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926 (see instructions for Form 926)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If " Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520 and/or Form 3520-A. (see instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see instructions for Form 5471)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see instructions for Form 8621)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see instructions for Form 8865)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see instructions for Form 5713).*

☐

Yes

☒

No

Supplemental Information
Complete this part to provide the information (see instructions) required in Part I, line 2, and any additional information.

Schedule F (Form 990) 2011

Open to Public Inspection

**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** ☐ Mail solicitations
- b** ☐ Internet and e-mail solicitations
- c** ☐ Phone solicitations
- d** ☐ In-person solicitations
- e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
- f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants
- g** ☐ Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total 						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		ANNUAL DINNER (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	161,595		161,595
	2	Less Charitable contributions	120,875		120,875
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	40,720		40,720
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Non-cash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages	53,098		53,098
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	48,511		48,511
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶			
	11	Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d). ▶			
					(101,609)
					-60,889

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	3	Non-cash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶			
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶			
					()

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," Explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," Explain _____

- 11

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

Yes

No
- 12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

Yes

No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a	The organization's facility	13a
b	An outside facility	13b

- 14
- Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name

Address

- 15a
- Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?
- Yes

No

- b
- If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$

- c
- If "Yes," enter name and address

Name

Address

- 16
- Gaming manager information

Name

Gaming manager compensation \$

Description of services provided

- Director/officer

Employee

Independent contractor

- 17
- Mandatory distributions

- a
- Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?
- Yes

No

- b
- Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$

Part IV

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to question on Schedule G (see instructions.)

Identifier	ReturnReference	Explanation
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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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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" to 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 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ☐

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) DONOR'S TRUSTPO BOX 1305 109 N HENRY ST ALEXANDRIA,VA 22313	52-2166327	501(C)(3)	30,000				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR PURPOSES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE RECIPIENT
(2) CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRISTPO BOX 628222 ORLANDO,FL 328628222	95-6006173	501(C)(3)	12,500				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR PURPOSES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE RECIPIENT

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

2

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) NOVAK AWARD - ACKNOWLEDGES AND REWARDS OUTSTANDING NEW RESEARCH INTO THE INTERRELATION OF RELIGION AND ECONOMIC LIBERTY	1	10,000			

Part IV

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☒ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	Yes	
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	Yes	
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. ☒ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
4a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?		No
4b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		No
4c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
5a	The organization?		No
5b	Any related organization?		No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
6a	The organization?		No
6b	Any related organization?		No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, columns (D) and (E) for that individual

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) REV ROBERT A SIRICO	(i)	188,100	0	0	4,000	3,124	195,224	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) KRIS MAUREN	(i)	188,100	0	0	4,000	17,318	209,418	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

NonCash Contributions

►Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions or items contributed	(c) Contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	5	186,929	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
ARTWORK AND				
25 Other ► (JEWELRY)	X	1	32,321	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ► ()				
27 Other ► ()				
28 Other ► ()				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement			29	

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	30a	No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	31	Yes
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?	32a	Yes
b If "Yes," describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

Part III

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
THIRD PARTY USE	PART I, LINE 32B	THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVED A BEQUEST CONSISTING OF ARTWORK, JEWELRY, COINS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS DURING 2011 CERTAIN ITEMS WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION BY A THIRD PARTY

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS WHO MAY ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED IN THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS OF INCORPORATION. NEW MEMBERS MAY BE ADDED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BY UNANIMOUS ACTION, MAY TERMINATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF ANY MEMBER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE BY-LAWS OR REGULATIONS.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	MEMBERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO ELECT OR APPOINT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BY-LAWS GRANT MEMBERS THE POWER TO FILL VACANCIES OR REMOVE EXISTING DIRECTORS BY A MAJORITY VOTE.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THE FORM 990 DRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A SECURED PART OF THE WEBSITE.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	PERIODIC REVIEW OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND ANY OUTSIDE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVIDERS.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD INVESTIGATES AND DETERMINES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT SALARIES AND COMPENSATION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES DETERMINE ALL OTHERS. THE PROCESS INCLUDES COMPARISON TO SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS AND SALARY SURVEYS AS WELL AS ANALYSIS OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERFORMANCE.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	NET UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS 18,473
	FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE PROCESSES PERFORMED BY THOSE WHO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.