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Form 990-PF

Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust Treated as a Private Foundation

OMB No 1545-0052

2011

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

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

Check all that apply: Initial return, Amended return, Initial return of a former public charity, Address change, Final return, Name change

Name of foundation: MARILYN MASON FOUNDATION; Employer identification number: 38-3317749; Telephone number: (734) 426-7700; City or town, state, and ZIP code: ANN ARBOR, MI 48104; Fair market value of all assets at end of year: \$ 212,399; Accounting method: Cash

Table with 5 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes. Rows include Revenue (1-12) and Operating and Administrative Expenses (13-26), leading to Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements (27a) of 1,129 and Adjusted net income (27c) of 2,504.

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)

| Part II Balance Sheets | | Beginning of year | | End of year | |
|--|---|--|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | (a) Book Value | (b) Book Value | (c) Fair Market Value | |
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest-bearing | 5,843 | 6,972 | 6,972 | |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | | | | |
| | 3 Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____ | | | | |
| | 4 Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____ | | | | |
| | 5 Grants receivable | | | | |
| | 6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions) | | | | |
| | 7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____ | | | | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | | | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | | | |
| | 10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule) | | | | |
| | b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) | 94,561 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 94,561 | 205,427 | |
| | c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule) | | | | |
| | 11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____ | | | | |
| | 12 Investments—mortgage loans | | | | |
| | 13 Investments—other (attach schedule) | | | | |
| | 14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____ | | | | |
| 15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____) | | | | | |
| 16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I) | 100,404 | 101,533 | 212,399 | | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | | | |
| | 18 Grants payable | | | | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | | | |
| | 20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons | | | | |
| | 21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) | | | | |
| | 22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____) | | | | |
| | 23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22) | | 0 | | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. | | | | |
| | 24 Unrestricted | 100,404 | 101,533 | | |
| | 25 Temporarily restricted | | | | |
| | 26 Permanently restricted | | | | |
| | Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31. | | | | |
| | 27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds | | | | |
| | 28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund | | | | |
| | 29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds | | | | |
| 30 Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions) | 100,404 | 101,533 | | | |
| 31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions) | 100,404 | 101,533 | | | |

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

| | | | |
|----------|--|----------|---------|
| 1 | Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) | 1 | 100,404 |
| 2 | Enter amount from Part I, line 27a | 2 | 1,129 |
| 3 | Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____ | 3 | |
| 4 | Add lines 1, 2, and 3 | 4 | 101,533 |
| 5 | Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____ | 5 | |
| 6 | Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 | 6 | 101,533 |

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

| (a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co) | (b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation | (c) Date acquired (mo, day, yr) | (d) Date sold (mo, day, yr) |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1a | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

| (e) Gross sales price | (f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable) | (g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale | (h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g) |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|
| a | | | |
| b | | | |
| c | | | |
| d | | | |
| e | | | |

| Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69 | | | (i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h)) |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| (j) FMV as of 12/31/69 | (k) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69 | (l) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any | |
| a | | | |
| b | | | |
| c | | | |
| d | | | |
| e | | | |

| | | | | |
|----------|---|---|----------|--|
| 2 | Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) | { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 } | 2 | |
| 3 | Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see pages 13 and 17 of the instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 | | 3 | |

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
 If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see page 18 of the instructions before making any entries

| (a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in) | (b) Adjusted qualifying distributions | (c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets | (d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c)) |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| 2010 | 8,189 | 175,649 | 000 046621 |
| 2009 | 8,293 | 167,330 | 000 049561 |
| 2008 | 10,325 | 168,425 | 000 061303 |
| 2007 | 6,783 | 214,385 | 000 031639 |
| 2006 | 9,432 | 179,181 | 000 052640 |

| | | | |
|----------|--|----------|------------|
| 2 | Total of line 1, column (d). | 2 | 000 241764 |
| 3 | Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years | 3 | 000 048353 |
| 4 | Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5. | 4 | 202,841 |
| 5 | Multiply line 4 by line 3. | 5 | 9,808 |
| 6 | Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b). | 6 | 25 |
| 7 | Add lines 5 and 6. | 7 | 9,833 |
| 8 | Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4. | 8 | 8,675 |

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions on page 18.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|----|
| 1a | Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions) | | |
| b | Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b | 1 | 50 |
| c | All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b) | | |
| 2 | Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-) | 2 | |
| 3 | Add lines 1 and 2. | 3 | 50 |
| 4 | Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-) | 4 | |
| 5 | Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0- | 5 | 50 |
| 6 | Credits/Payments | | |
| a | 2011 estimated tax payments and 2010 overpayment credited to 2011 | 6a | |
| b | Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source | 6b | |
| c | Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868) | 6c | |
| d | Backup withholding erroneously withheld | 6d | |
| 7 | Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d. | 7 | |
| 8 | Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached | 8 | |
| 9 | Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed | 9 | 50 |
| 10 | Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid | 10 | |
| 11 | Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2012 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 | |

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign? | | No |
| b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i> | | No |
| c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year? | | No |
| d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | | |
| e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | | |
| 2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i> | | No |
| 3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i> | | No |
| 4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? | | No |
| b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? | | |
| 5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i> | | No |
| 6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either ● By language in the governing instrument, or ● By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument? | Yes | |
| 7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i> | Yes | |
| 8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> MI _____ | | |
| b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation .</i> | Yes | |
| 9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2011 or the taxable year beginning in 2011 (see instructions for Part XIV on page 27)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i> | | No |
| 10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i> | | No |

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <p>5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to</p> <p>(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see page 22 of the instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).</p> <p>6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.</p> <p>7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> | 5b | |
| | 6b | No |
| | 7b | |

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see page 22 of the instructions).

| (a) Name and address | (b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-) | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation | (e) Expense account, other allowances |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| MERRITT C BROWN 79 SUDBURY RD LINCOLN, MA 01773 | DIRECTOR 000 00 | 2,000 | | |
| EDWARD A BROWN 10558 DEERING AVE CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 | DIRECTOR 000 00 | 2,000 | | |
| MARILYN MASON 2108 SCOTTWOOD ANN ARBOR, MI 48104 | DIRECTOR 000 00 | 0 | | |

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

| (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000 | (b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation | (e) Expense account, other allowances |
|---|---|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
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Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

| (a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000 | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. **▶**

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

| List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc | Expenses |
|---|----------|
| 1 N/A | 0 |
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Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see page 23 of the instructions)

| Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2 | Amount |
|--|--------|
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 All other program-related investments. See page 24 of the instructions | |

Total. Add lines 1 through 3. **▶**

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the instructions.)

| | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes | | |
| a | Average monthly fair market value of securities. | 1a | 201,775 |
| b | Average of monthly cash balances. | 1b | 4,155 |
| c | Fair market value of all other assets (see page 24 of the instructions). | 1c | 0 |
| d | Total (add lines 1a, b, and c). | 1d | 205,930 |
| e | Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). | 1e | |
| 2 | Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets. | 2 | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2 from line 1d. | 3 | 205,930 |
| 4 | Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | 3,089 |
| 5 | Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4 | 5 | 202,841 |
| 6 | Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5. | 6 | 10,142 |

Part XI Distributable Amount (see page 25 of the instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part.)

| | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|--------|
| 1 | Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6. | 1 | 10,142 |
| 2a | Tax on investment income for 2011 from Part VI, line 5. | 2a | 50 |
| b | Income tax for 2011 (This does not include the tax from Part VI). | 2b | |
| c | Add lines 2a and 2b. | 2c | 50 |
| 3 | Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1. | 3 | 10,092 |
| 4 | Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions. | 4 | |
| 5 | Add lines 3 and 4. | 5 | 10,092 |
| 6 | Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions). | 6 | |
| 7 | Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1. | 7 | 10,092 |

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see page 25 of the instructions)

| | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes | | |
| a | Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1a | 8,675 |
| b | Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B. | 1b | |
| 2 | Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes. | 2 | |
| 3 | Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the | | |
| a | Suitability test (prior IRS approval required). | 3a | |
| b | Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule). | 3b | |
| 4 | Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4 | 4 | 8,675 |
| 5 | Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see page 26 of the instructions). | 5 | |
| 6 | Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | 6 | 8,675 |

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see page 26 of the instructions)

| | (a) Corpus | (b) Years prior to 2010 | (c) 2010 | (d) 2011 |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 Distributable amount for 2011 from Part XI, line 7 | | | | 10,092 |
| 2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011 | | | | |
| a Enter amount for 2010 only. | | | 8,627 | |
| b Total for prior years 2007, 2008, 2009 | | 27,049 | | |
| 3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2011 | | | | |
| a From 2006. | | | | |
| b From 2007. | | | | |
| c From 2008. | | | | |
| d From 2009. | | | | |
| e From 2010. | | | | |
| f Total of lines 3a through e. | | | | |
| 4 Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>8,675</u> | | | | |
| a Applied to 2010, but not more than line 2a | | | 8,627 | |
| b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions) | | | | |
| c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions). | | | | |
| d Applied to 2011 distributable amount. | | | | 48 |
| e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus | | | | |
| 5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2011 <i>(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)</i> | | | | |
| 6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below: | | | | |
| a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5 | | | | |
| b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b. | | 27,049 | | |
| c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed. | | | | |
| d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions. | | 27,049 | | |
| e Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions. | | | | |
| f Undistributed income for 2011 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2011. | | | | 10,044 |
| 7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 27 of the instructions). | | | | |
| 8 Excess distributions carryover from 2006 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions). | | | | |
| 9 Excess distributions carryover to 2012. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a. | | | | |
| 10 Analysis of line 9 | | | | |
| a Excess from 2007. | | | | |
| b Excess from 2008. | | | | |
| c Excess from 2009. | | | | |
| d Excess from 2010. | | | | |
| e Excess from 2011. | | | | |

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see page 27 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2011, enter the date of the ruling.

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

| | Tax year | Prior 3 years | | | (e) Total |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | (a) 2011 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2009 | (d) 2008 | |
| 2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed | | | | | |
| b 85% of line 2a | | | | | |
| c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed | | | | | |
| d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities | | | | | |
| e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c | | | | | |
| 3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon | | | | | |
| a "Assets" alternative test—enter | | | | | |
| (1) Value of all assets | | | | | |
| (2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i) | | | | | |
| b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed. | | | | | |
| c "Support" alternative test—enter | | | | | |
| (1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties) | | | | | |
| (2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii). | | | | | |
| (3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization | | | | | |
| (4) Gross investment income | | | | | |

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see page 27 of the instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

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b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see page 28 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c Any submission deadlines

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

| Recipient | If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor | Foundation status of recipient | Purpose of grant or contribution | Amount |
|---|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Name and address (home or business) | | | | |
| a <i>Paid during the year</i> AMERICAN CENTER FOR CHURCH MUSIC UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ANN ARBOR, MI 48109 | | | GENERAL FUND | 6,000 |
| FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN LINCOLN 14 BEDFORD RD LINCOLN, MA 01773 | | | GENERAL FUND | 675 |
| Total | | | ▶ 3a | 6,675 |
| b <i>Approved for future payment</i> | | | | |
| Total | | | ▶ 3b | |

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code... 1a(1) Cash... 1a(2) Other assets... 1b(1) Sales of assets... 1b(2) Purchases of assets... 1b(3) Rental of facilities... 1b(4) Reimbursement arrangements... 1b(5) Loans or loan guarantees... 1b(6) Performance of services... 1c Sharing of facilities...

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation...

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line No, (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements.

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code... [] Yes [x] No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule (a) Name of organization (b) Type of organization (c) Description of relationship

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return... Signature of officer or trustee: ***** Date: 2012-04-14 Title: ***** Preparer's Signature: DENNIS C REGAN Date: 2012-04-14 Firm's name: STRAND AND REGAN PC Firm's address: 6750 HURON RIVER DR DEXTER, MI 48130 Firm's EIN: Firm's Phone no: (734) 426-7700

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [] Yes [x] No

Additional Data

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TY 2011 General Explanation Attachment

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| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
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**TY 2011 Investments Corporate
Stock Schedule**

Name: MARILYN MASON FOUNDATION

EIN: 38-3317749

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| Name of Stock | End of Year Book Value | End of Year Fair Market Value |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 800 shares of AVON PRODUCTS | 11,425 | 13,976 |
| 135 shares of MONSANTO | 9,892 | 9,459 |
| 800 shares of EXXON MOBIL | 19,437 | 67,808 |
| 400 shares of GENERAL ELECTRIC | 19,800 | 7,164 |
| 500 shares of IBM | 18,937 | 91,940 |
| 400 shares of MERCK | 15,070 | 15,080 |

TY 2011 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: MARILYN MASON FOUNDATION

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| Description | Revenue and Expenses per Books | Net Investment Income | Adjusted Net Income | Disbursements for Charitable Purposes |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| INVESTMENT EXPENSES | 158 | 158 | | |