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# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**2013**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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**A** For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2013, and ending 20

**B** Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

**C** Name of organization

**THE MESSENGER CENTER**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

**PO BOX 2**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**ROCK HILL, SC 29731**

**D** Employer identification number

**20-5854125**

**E** Telephone number

**(803) 980-0480**

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**I** Website: ▶ **WWW.THEMESSENGERCENTER.ORG**

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c)( ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

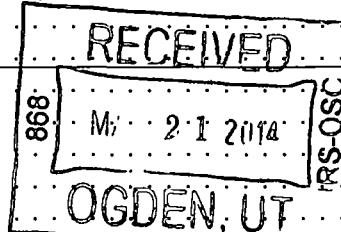
**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **29,676**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>	12,434
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>	17,047
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	<b>6b</b>	195
<b>c</b> Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>	195	
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	<b>8</b>		
<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b>	29,676	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>	22,548
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b>	278
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b>	7,458
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>	654
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	<b>16</b>	1,944
	<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b>	32,882
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b>	(3,206)
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	<b>19</b>	1,349
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>20</b>	2,649
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b>	792



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**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	1,049	22	492
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	300	24	300
25 Total assets	1,349	25	792
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	1,349	27	792

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28 EMPLOY COUNSELORS PROVIDE COUNSELING & EDUCATION TO PERSONS IMPACTED BY PHYSICAL, SEXUAL OR OTHER EMOTIONAL TRAUMA AT FEE COMMENSURATE WITH CLIENTS ABILITY TO PAY. (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	22,102
29 IN 2013 PROVIDED COUNSELING SERVICES TO: 17 ADULT MALES, 35 ADULT FEMALES, 7 SENIOR CITIZENS, 8 TEEN MALES, 3 TEEN FEMALES, 4 MALE CHILDREN AND 2 FEMALE CHILDREN (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	0
30 (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	22,102

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Form W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
MARY ANTHONY BOUKNIGHT DIRECTOR	50	16,159	0	0
DR AMANDA PENNINGTON ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0
MRS LUCY CATE BOARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0
MRS BEVERLY AIKEN SECRETARY/TREASURER	0	447	0	0
HENRIETTA JACKSON STAFF COUNSELOR	0	1,250	0	0
CYNTHIA BOWLIN CHAIRMAN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS	0	0	0	0
GENE CARROLL BOARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0
KATHY WIDENHOUSE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of MARY ANTHONY BOUKNIGHT Telephone no 803-980-0480 Located at PO BOX 2, ROCK HILL, SC ZIP + 4 29731
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S?
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041-Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I Yes No  
46

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II Yes No  
47

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E Yes No  
48

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Yes No  
49a

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? Yes No  
49b

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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: *Mary Anthony Bouknight* Date: 5-14-14  
 Type or print name and title: MARY ANTHONY BOUKNIGHT, DIRECTOR Date: 5-14-14

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Pnnl/Type preparer's name: Preparer's signature: Date: Check  if self-employed PTIN:  
 Firm's name: Firm's EIN:  
 Firm's address: Phone no:

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**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.

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

- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the 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? .....

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

**h** Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 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); 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV); 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions); 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2013; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2012; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2013; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2012; 18 Private foundation.

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or bus under sec 513; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 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; c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 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; 12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Percentage, and Symbol. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 99.95 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Percentage, and Symbol. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 0.01 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2013. 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 [X]
b 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. 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 [ ]

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE MESSENGER CENTER

20-5854125

**01. Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)**

Description	Amount
Communications (phone and internet)	1,944

**02. Other changes in net assets or fund balances (Part I, line 20)**

Description	Amount
To Correct Prior Year Ending Balanc	2,649

**03. Description of other assets (Part II, line 24)**

Category	Beginning of Year	End of Year
DEPOSIT ON UTILITY	300	300

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THE MESSENGER CENTER

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Description

Amount

SALARIES & TAXES

\$ 22,548

Total:

\$ 22,548

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Description	Amount
RENT	\$ 4,950
PROPERTY INSURANCE	480
UTILITIES	2,028
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7,458</b>

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Description	Amount
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 550
POSTAGE/MAILING	104
<b>Total:</b>	<u>\$ 654</u>