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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2014

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

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/forms990.

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning January, 2014, and ending December, 2014

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final 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

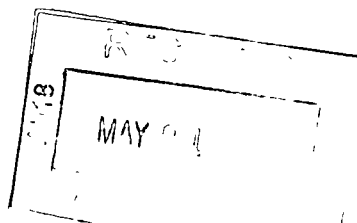
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 31,140.00

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

SCANNED JUN 10 2015 Revenue

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	<u>18526.00</u>
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	<u>12499.00</u>
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	<u>0</u>
4	Investment income	4	<u>0</u>
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	<u>0</u>
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>165.00</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	<u>50.00</u>
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	<u>115.00</u>
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	<u>0</u>
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	<u>0</u>
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	<u>31,140.00</u>
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	<u>0</u>
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	<u>0</u>
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	<u>12,209.00</u>
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	<u>0</u>
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	<u>8,106.00</u>
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	<u>298.00</u>
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	<u>3,953.00</u>
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	<u>24,566.00</u>
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<u>6,574.00</u>
19	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)	19	<u>492.00</u>
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	<u>(1032.00)</u>
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	<u>2034.00</u>



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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	492.00	6034.00
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
25 Total assets	492.00	6034.00
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	492.00	6034.00

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/Educational Ministry
 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; optional for others.)

28	Employ Counselor provides individual/family counsel to people both male & female across age span impacted by physical, emotional, sexual & spiritual dysfunction.	28a	12,209.00
29	Fee based on ability to pay, 2014 provided: 23 adult males, 38 adult females, 3 teen males, 2 teen female, 2 male children and 2 female children (under 12 yrs. of age)	29a	0
30		30a	0
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)	31a	0
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	12,209.00

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 (Forms 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 Bouknight Executive Director	45	11,421.04	0	0
Cynthia Bowlin Board Member	0	0	0	0
Gene Carroll Board Member	0	0	0	0
Beverly Aiken Board Member Accts Payable	2	0	0	40.00
Lucy Cate Board Member Secretary + Bible class education teacher	6 (4 wks)			160.00
Kathy Wighhouse Advisory Board	0	0	0	0
Amanda Pennington Advisory Board	0	0	0	0
Sandro Obosokuma Advisory Board	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

Form 990-EZ (2014) Part V Other Information. Questions 33-45b regarding significant activities, changes, income, and organizational details. Includes Yes/No columns and input fields for amounts and dates.

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 **46**

Yes	No
	X

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

		Yes	No
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	47		X
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		X
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		X

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 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 <u>Mary Bouknight</u>	Date <u>5-12-15</u>
	Type or print name and title <u>Mary Bouknight Executive Director</u>	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> 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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2014

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

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▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

The Messenger Center

Employer identification number

20-5854125

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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g 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 listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	13,925	14,294	15,011	12,629	18,641	74,500.00
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	36,651	34,126	36,009	17,047	12,499	136,332.00
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	50,576	48,420	51,020	29,676	31,140	210,832.00
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.)						210,832.00

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	50,576	48,420	51,020	29,676	31,140	210,832.00
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3	1				4
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	3	1				4
c Add lines 10a and 10b	6	2				8
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 VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	50,582	48,422	51,020	29,676	31,140	210,840.00
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.99 %
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2014.** 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—2013.** 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

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

The Messenger Center

Employer identification number

20-5854125

Part I: Line 20

\$1032.00 - income difference to be corrected from Part I Line 2.

Part I: Line 2 - Program Revenue Corrections need Adjustment based on fee collection or fee discharged.

Part I: Line 16 - Includes:

* Telecommunications	\$ 2,423.00
* Book / Material Purchased	\$ 41.11
* Bank Service Charge fees	\$ 20.00
* Supplies	\$ 646.56
* Advertising Cost	\$ 110.02
* Other Cost	\$ 455.00
* Staff Development	\$ 258.00