

2015

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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 private foundations)

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
- Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

D Employer identification number

23-1857015

Doing business as

E Telephone number

(610) 682-1262

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

G Gross receipts \$ 221,253,799

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ALLENTEW, PA 18104

F Name and address of principal officer

MARK T PILE
798 HAUSMAN ROAD
ALLENTEW, PA 18104

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

No

 Yes

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

 Yes No

H(c) Group exemption number ► 9386

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

J Website: ► WWW DIAKON ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►

L Year of formation 1868 M State of legal domicile PA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

THE ORGANIZATION IS A PROVIDER OF SENIOR LIVING SERVICES AND HUD HOUSING IN PENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND AND MANAGES PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEWIDE ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY NETWORK

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)	4	5	6	7a	7b
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)					
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)					
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)					
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12					
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34					

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	9	10	11	12
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)				

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	14	15	16a	17	18	19
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) ► 1,664,465						
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)						
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)						
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12						

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	21	22
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
439,927,163	440,918,012
398,095,811	421,699,779
41,831,352	19,218,233

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 SCOTT HABECKER EXEC VP/CHIEF OP & FIN OFFICER Type or print name and title	2016-11-08 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name JEFFREY J PETRELL CPA	Preparer's signature JEFFREY J PETRELL CPA	Date 2016-11-07	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00138808
	Firm's name ► ARNETT CARBIS TOOTHMAN LLP			Firm's EIN ► 55-0486667	
	Firm's address ► 5700 CORPORATE DRIVE STE 650 PITTSBURGH, PA 15237			Phone no (412) 635-6270	

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 (2015)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III **1 Briefly describe the organization's mission**

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST, DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES WILL DEMONSTRATE GOD'S COMMAND TO LOVE THE NEIGHBOR THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE

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 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 \$ 130,501,962 including grants of \$ 53,534) (Revenue \$ 139,836,730)

SENIOR LIVING SERVICES
MOST OF DLSM'S SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES OFFER A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, PERSONAL CARE SERVICES, AND SKILLED NURSING AND REHABILITATIVE CARE. SENIOR LIVING SERVICES IN PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDED \$14,072,166 IN UNCOMPENSATED CARE DURING 2015, DIVIDED BETWEEN COSTS IN EXCESS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT AND CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 2,054,524 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 933,470)

HUD HOUSING
DLSM OFFERS AFFORDABLE, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SENIOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS. IN 2015 DLSM PROVIDED 83,947 DAYS OF ACCOMMODATION, FOR AN OCCUPANCY RATE OF 97.9%

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 51,788,773 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 52,281,800)

STATEWIDE ADOPTION NETWORK
PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEWIDE ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY NETWORK (SWAN) IS BOTH A BROAD-BASED COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND A CENTRALIZED INFORMATION AND FACILITATION SERVICE FUNDED AND OVERSEEN BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND MANAGED UNDER CONTRACT BY DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES. THE SWAN PROGRAM SERVES CHILDREN AND YOUTHS IN THE CUSTODY OF COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCIES. SWAN MANAGES REFERRALS FROM COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCIES, CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE AGENCIES THAT WORK WITH COUNTIES TO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, PROVIDES CONSULTATION AND TRAINING FOR COUNTY AGENCIES AND PRIVATE PROVIDERS, DEVELOPS CONFERENCES AND REGIONAL MEETINGS, AND MANAGES SUPPORT SERVICES TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHILD-PLACEMENT NETWORK

See Additional Data

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 767,231 including grants of \$ 304,922) (Revenue \$ 6,306,050)

4e Total program service expenses ► 185,112,490

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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7 No	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 No	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9 No	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b No	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d Yes	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a No	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13 No	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a No	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b No	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15 No	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16 No	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17 Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18 No	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19 No	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a No	
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II **21** Yes

22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III **22** Yes

23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J **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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25a **24a** Yes

b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?

c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?

d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?

25a **Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II

27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

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 direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M **29** Yes

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M **30** No

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I **33** Yes

34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 **34** Yes

35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? **35a** Yes

b If "Yes" to line 35a, 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," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 **35b** Yes

36 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 **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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI **37** No

38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O **38** Yes

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1a	332	
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		
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	2,632	
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" to line 3b, 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, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No	
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
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 as charitable contributions?	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).	7a	No	
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?	7b		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	No	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a		
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9b		
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11b		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			
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.	13a		
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13b		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	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 or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year

If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O

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?

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?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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?

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following

a The governing body?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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

	Yes	No
1a	9	
1b	9	
2		No
3		No
4		No
5		No
6	Yes	
7a	Yes	
7b	Yes	
8a	Yes	
8b	Yes	
9		No

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

b 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?

b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?

a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

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?

b 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?

	Yes	No
10a		No
10b		
11a	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b	Yes	
12c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15a	Yes	
15b	Yes	
16a	Yes	
16b	Yes	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► MD, PA

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 Other (explain in Schedule O)

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 during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
►SCOTT HABECKER 1022 N UNION STREET MIDDLETON, PA 17057 (717) 795-0342

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

 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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
		Ind ivid ual dir ector	In st it ut io na l tr us tr ee	Off ici er	Key em pl oy ee	Em pl oy ee	Highest com pens ed			
(1) REV DR DON MAIN CHAIR 1 00	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) BARBARA FEEGE VICE CHAIR 1 00	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) REV CHAD HEBRINK TREASURER 1 00	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) DR BARRY PARKS SECRETARY 1 00	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) BISHOP SAM ZEISER BOARD MEMBER 1 00	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) MAURICE BOBST BOARD MEMBER 4 00	4 00	X						0	0	0
(7) JENNIFER SCHLEGEL BOARD MEMBER 1 00	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) LARRY DELP BOARD MEMBER 1 00	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) SUSAN SCHELLENBERG BOARD MEMBER 3 00	3 00	X						0	0	0
(10) MARK T PILE PRESIDENT/CEO 21 50	16 00			X				449,137	0	294,611
(11) SCOTT HABECKER EXEC VP/CHIEF OP & FINANCIAL OFFICER 8 20	29 30			X				556,371	0	91,919
(12) RICHARD M BARGER EXEC VP/TREASURER 6 30	23 70			X				230,585	0	59,779
(13) MARY ELLEN DICKEY SENIOR VP, ADVANCEMENT 37 50	0 00				X			201,159	0	23,514
(14) RICHARD H REED SENIOR VP, CHIEF RISK OFFICER 13 50	24 00				X			262,501	0	7,387

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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			
(15) DEANNA L ZIEMBA	33 30			X			245,202	0	17,298
SENIOR VP, SR LVNG OP & BUS DEV	4 20								
(16) ALICE M CLARK	34 00			X			182,956	0	19,691
SENIOR VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	3 50								
(17) SHARI EVELYN VANDERGAST	11 30			X			235,600	0	11,528
SENIOR VP, CHILD FAM & CHIEF COMP OFF	26 20								
(18) JARROD E LEO	27 80			X			206,732	0	13,205
SENIOR VP, FINANCIAL PLANNING OPS	9 70								
(19) WILLIAM E SWANGER	12 00				X		158,723	0	19,253
SENIOR VP, CORPORATE COMMUNICATI	25 50								
(20) LAUREN R CONZAMAN	19 50			X			142,820	0	14,024
VP, CHILD & FAMILY MINISTR	18 00								
(21) KATHLEEN JEAN DERLETH	33 30			X			154,982	0	20,003
VP, CLINICAL SERVICES	4 20								
(22) HELEN GODFREY	34 00			X			144,589	0	8,727
REG IL SALES & MKTG DIRECTOR	3 50								
(23) JAN BIGELOW	37 50			X			134,272	0	16,940
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR I									

1b Sub-Total ►**c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ►****d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ►**

3,305,629

0

617,879

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 28

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
MORRISON MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST PO BOX 102289 ATLANTA, GA 30368	CULINARY/HOUSEKEEPING	23,729,627
FAMILY DESIGN RESOURCES INC 471 JPL WICK DRIVE HARRISBURG, PA 17111	SWAN PROGRAM SERVICE	15,935,618
GENESIS ELDERCARE PO BOX 821322 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182	REHAB SERVICES	7,151,427
BENCHMARK CONSTRUCTION CO INC 4121 ORGEON PIKE BROWNSTOWN, PA 17508	CONSTRUCTION	6,889,864
PRELUDE SYSTEMS 5095 RITTER ROAD SUITE 112 MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055	IT SUPPORT	3,066,821

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 50

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
1a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b				
c Fundraising events	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,166,550			
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,356,284			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		3,522,834			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
2a SENIOR LIVING SERVICES		623000	139,548,475	139,548,475	
b STATEWIDE ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY		900099	52,281,800	52,281,800	
c OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES		900099	4,980,571	4,980,571	
d HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT		900099	916,504	916,504	
e					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		197,727,350			
Other Revenue		3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	6,425,375		35 6,425,340
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		42,432			42,432
5 Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
6a Gross rents		869,547			
b Less rental expenses		896,858			
c Rental income or (loss)		-27,311			
d Net rental income or (loss)			-27,311		-30,670 3,359
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		9,639,667	1,310,725		
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		8,333,613	1,000,000		
c Gain or (loss)		1,306,054	310,725		
d Net gain or (loss)			1,616,779		1,616,779
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including					
\$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c)					
See Part IV, line 18		a			
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
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					
b Less cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a TRUST INCOME		900099	1,243,576	1,243,576	
b OTHER REVENUE		900099	449,037	363,868	85,169
c VENDING REVENUE		900099	23,256	23,256	
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		1,715,869			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		211,023,328	199,358,050	54,534	8,087,910

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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	304,922	304,922		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	53,534	53,534		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	3,066,125		2,848,061	218,064
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	49,504,046	43,407,355	5,442,151	654,540
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	-549,600	-426,196	-112,730	-10,674
9 Other employee benefits	6,069,638	5,430,404	566,192	73,042
10 Payroll taxes	3,681,888	3,098,164	525,323	58,401
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	151,298	151,298		
b Legal	428,044	5,335	422,709	
c Accounting	71,504	71,504		
d Lobbying	51,000			51,000
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	51,175			51,175
f Investment management fees	156,872	106,623	50,249	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	10,469,539	9,341,913	1,116,410	11,216
12 Advertising and promotion	872,028	754,188	112,474	5,366
13 Office expenses	10,780,209	9,554,645	1,044,168	181,396
14 Information technology	3,613,703	177,426	3,408,256	28,021
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	9,979,048	9,612,694	366,354	
17 Travel	1,533,593	1,096,143	385,966	51,484
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	103,978	9,447	86,714	7,817
20 Interest	11,807,111	11,724,580	82,531	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	16,438,203	16,195,987	242,216	
23 Insurance	1,964,967	1,180,323	781,925	2,719
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a SWAN CONTRACTED SERVICE	46,331,290	46,331,290		
b CULINARY SERVICE	16,428,547	16,428,547		
c HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES	4,874,985	4,813,661	61,324	
d PA NH ASSESSMENT FEE	2,038,138	2,038,138		
e All other expenses	4,297,428	3,650,565	365,965	280,898
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	204,573,213	185,112,490	17,796,258	1,664,465
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	2,357,284	1 2,968,177
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	31,518,923	2 22,567,305
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,102,672	3 1,167,076
	4 Accounts receivable, net	13,167,203	4 45,312,409
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L	5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,574,581	9 1,640,884
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 435,848,447	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 216,439,519	10c 219,408,928
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	11 117,738,012	11 98,268,298
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	13	
	14 Intangible assets	14 4,572,283	4,572,283
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	15 44,705,505	45,012,652
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	16 439,927,163	440,918,012
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17 22,702,108	38,431,807
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	19 52,747,449	54,969,832
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20 232,321,553	234,708,363
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	21	
	22 Loans and other 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 11,167,869	17,865,835
	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 79,156,832	75,723,942
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	26 398,095,811	421,699,779
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	-11,746,311	27 -28,700,296
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	9,076,339	28 8,403,476
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	44,501,324	29 39,515,053
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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	41,831,352	33 19,218,233
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	439,927,163	34 440,918,012

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	211,023,328
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	204,573,213
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	6,450,115
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	41,831,352
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-9,530,539
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-19,532,695
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	19,218,233

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	2a	No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	2b	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
2c	If "Yes," to line 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	2c	Yes
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	Yes
3b	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	3b	Yes

Additional Data

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Name: DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

(Code	(Expenses \$	767,231	including grants of \$	304,922) (Revenue \$	6,306,050)
OTHER PROGRAMS					

2015

Open to Public
Inspection**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.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.**Name of the organization**

DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Employer identification number

23-1857015

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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

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 (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)
Total			Yes	No	

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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)						
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						
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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
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 VI)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)						12
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

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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—2014. If the organization did not check a 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—2015. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. 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 VI 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 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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	6,873,675	5,597,588	6,514,090	12,948,745	3,522,834	35,456,932
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	202,383,641	189,738,873	189,921,646	195,634,625	197,727,350	975,406,135
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	209,257,316	195,336,461	196,435,736	208,583,370	201,250,184	1,010,863,067
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
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						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b						0
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						1,010,863,067

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	209,257,316	195,336,461	196,435,736	208,583,370	201,250,184	1,010,863,067
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,788,038	4,337,908	3,862,220	5,011,055	7,337,354	23,336,575
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	2,788,038	4,337,908	3,862,220	5,011,055	7,337,354	23,336,575
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)	1,073,848	1,081,634	1,382,232	1,438,896	1,715,869	6,692,479
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	213,119,202	200,756,003	201,680,188	215,033,321	210,303,407	1,040,892,121
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

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	97 120 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	97 510 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2 240 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1 900 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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—2014. 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain

2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below

b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination

c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use

4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below

b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations

c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes

5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI**, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document)

b **Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?

c **Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?

6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete **Part I of Schedule L (Form 990)**

8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete **Part II of Schedule L (Form 990)**

9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below

b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use **Schedule C, Form 4720**, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings)

11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?

b A family member of a person described in (a) above?

c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in **Part VI**

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		
11a		
11b		
11c		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)

3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see **instructions**)

a The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below

b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below

c The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see **instructions**)

2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities

	Yes	No
2a		

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement

	Yes	No
2b		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in **Part VI**

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard

	Yes	No
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

1 Net short-term capital gain
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions
3 Other gross income (see instructions)
4 Add lines 1 through 3
5 Depreciation and depletion
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)
7 Other expenses (see instructions)
8 **Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)
a Average monthly value of securities
b Average monthly cash balances
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets
d **Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)
e **Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)
6 Multiply line 5 by 035
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions
8 **Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section C - Distributable Amount

1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)
2 Enter 85% of line 1
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3
5 Income tax imposed in prior year
6 **Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)
7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

	Current Year
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$ _____			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART III, LINE 12, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME	TRUST INCOME - 2011 AMOUNT \$ 935,079 2012 AMOUNT \$ 1,009,378 2013 AMOUNT \$ 1,006,824 2014 AMOUNT \$ 1,162,676 2015 AMOUNT \$ 1,243,576 OTHER REVENUE - 2011 AMOUNT \$ 110,230 2012 AMOUNT \$ 47,373 2013 AMOUNT \$ 349,982 2014 AMOUNT \$ 252,378 2015 AMOUNT \$ 449,037 VENDING REVENUE - 2011 AMOUNT \$ 28,539 2012 AMOUNT \$ 24,883 2013 AMOUNT \$ 25,426 2014 AMOUNT \$ 23,842 2015 AMOUNT \$ 23,256

SCHEDULE C
**(Form 990 or
990-EZ)****Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****2015****Open to Public
Inspection****For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

► Complete if the organization is described below. ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at

www.irs.gov/form990.Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES	Employer identification number 23-1857015
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV

2 Political expenditures ► \$ _____

3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► \$ _____

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$ _____

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No

4a Was a correction made? Yes No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ _____

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

(a) Filing organization's totals**(b) Affiliated group totals****1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)

h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-

i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? Yes No**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)

(a)2012**(b)2013****(c)2014****(d)2015****(e) Total****2a** Lobbying nontaxable amount**b** Lobbying ceiling amount
(150% of line 2a, column(e))**c** Total lobbying expenditures**d** Grassroots nontaxable amount**e** Grassroots ceiling amount
(150% of line 2d, column (e))**f** Grassroots lobbying expenditures

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

- Volunteers?
- Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?
- Media advertisements?
- Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?
- Publications, or published or broadcast statements?
- Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?
- Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?
- Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?
- Other activities?
- Total Add lines 1c through 1i

2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?

- If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912
- If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912
- If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

Yes	No	(b)	
		No	Amount
	No		
Yes			
Yes			
	No		
Yes			
Yes			
	No		57,148
	No		57,148

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

- Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?
- Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
- Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

Yes	No
1	
2	
3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

- Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members
- Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (**do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid**).

- Current year
- Carryover from last year
- Total
- Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues
- If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?
- Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

1	
2a	
2b	
2c	
3	
4	
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Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART II-B, LINE 1	IN 2015, DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES ENGAGED J M ULIANA & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO CONDUCT LOBBYING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING LONG-TERM CARE AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS PAYMENTS TO J M ULIANA & ASSOCIATES, LLC, AND AMOUNTS PAID TO DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES' STAFF TOTALED \$57,148. SCHEDULE C, PART II-B, 1D AND 1E AMOUNTS PAID FOR MAILINGS AND PUBLICATIONS WERE NOMINAL. SCHEDULE C, PART II-B, 1G LETTERS, EMAILS, PHONE CALLS ARE MADE TO LEGISLATORS WHEN DLSM NEEDS TO CONTACT LEGISLATORS TO SPEAK ON SUPPORT OF ANY BUDGET ITEMS OR SENATE BILLS TO BE PASSED RELATED TO LONG-TERM CARE AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS. HANDOUTS ARE CREATED BY OUR COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT FOR LOBBYING VISITS THAT THE DLSM STAFF ATTEND.

2015

Open to Public
Inspection**SCHEDULE D**
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Employer identification number

23-1857015

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 education)
 Protection of natural habitat
 Preservation of open space

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

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

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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 No6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

 Yes No

9 In Part XIII, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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) Revenue included on 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

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

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

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

a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input type="checkbox"/> Other
c <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

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

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

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

c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	20,049,548	18,077,169	14,858,797	12,688,497	12,149,764
b Contributions	395,464	1,781,225	510,296	1,006,120	1,024,585
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	225,342	747,844	3,275,209	1,694,788	-69,426
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	688,008	556,690	567,133	530,608	416,396
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	19,982,346	20,049,548	18,077,169	14,858,797	12,688,527

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment

b Permanent endowment 100 000 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

(ii) related organizations

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

3b	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. 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		16,441,934		16,441,934
b Buildings		321,631,787	157,116,766	164,515,021
c Leasehold improvements		35,887	31,279	4,608
d Equipment		59,252,242	43,425,857	15,826,385
e Other		38,486,597	15,865,617	22,620,980
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				219,408,928

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUST	26,155,364
(2) ESTIMATED THIRD PARTY SETTLEMENT	309,186
(3) INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURES	440,957
(4) DEFERRED BOND ISSUANCE COSTS	3,165,417
(5) OTHER ASSETS	401,420
(6) DUE FROM AFFILIATES	2,881,694
(7) LEASE RECEIVABLE	11,658,614

Total (Column (b)) must equal Form 200, Part X, col (B) line 15.

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Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

See Form 990, Part X, line 25.		
1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
	Federal income taxes	
	ESTIMATED THIRD-PARTY PAYOR SETTLEMENTS	519,385
	MINIMUM PENSION LIABILITY	33,727,492
	INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT	8,778,190
	RESIDENT DEPOSITS	614,487
	OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES	443,087
	REFUNDABLE ENTRANCE FEE LIABILITY	31,641,301

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ► 75,723,942

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII.

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
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 XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	
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 XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
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 XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4	THE INTENDED USES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE 1) BENEVOLENT CARE, 2) EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS, AND 3) TO SUPPORT CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. SCHEDULE D, PART V COLUMN (B), PRIOR YEAR, LINE 1B HAS BEEN RESTATED FROM \$5,521,787 TO \$1,781,225 AS A RESULT OF A RESTATEMENT OF THE 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DUE TO A CLARIFICATION FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REGARDING A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY CHARACTERIZED AS PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED TO BE 50% UNRESTRICTED AND 50% PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

► Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Employer identification number

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

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

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

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

(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			
1 COREMESSAGINK 334 VALLEYBROOK DRIVE LANCASTER, PA 17601	DIRECT MAILING		No	92,629	51,175	41,454
2						
3						
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8						
9						
10						
Total				92,629	51,175	41,454

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

MD, PA

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

	(a) Event #1 (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts				
2 Less Contributions				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses				
4 Cash prizes				
5 Noncash prizes				
6 Rent/facility costs				
7 Food and beverages				
8 Entertainment				
9 Other direct expenses				
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ►				
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ►				

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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				
Direct Expenses				
2 Cash prizes				
3 Noncash prizes				
4 Rent/facility costs				
5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ►				
8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ►				

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

a Is the organization licensed to conduct 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 conduct 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 conducted in

13a	%
13b	%

14 Enter 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 of the third party

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 Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference

Explanation

Schedule I (Form 990)

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22

► Attach to Form 990.

► **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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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?

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

Yes No

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
 Part III can be duplicated 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) BENEVOLENT CARE TO INDIVIDUALS AT UNRELATED INSTITUTIONS	2	53,534			

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES' GRANT REVIEW PROCESS INCLUDES ANNUAL VISITS AND REVIEW OF GRANTEE BUDGETS. DLSM DOES NOT PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF GRANTS AND, THEREFORE, DOES NOT REQUIRE DETAILED MONITORING OF THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS

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(Form 990)**Compensation Information****For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
► Attach to Form 990.► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Department of the
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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 on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

b 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 of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?**1b****2****3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?**4a** Yes**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?**4b** Yes**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?**4c** 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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of**5a**

No

a The organization?**5b**

No

If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of**6a**

No

a The organization?**6b**

No

If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on 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**7**

Yes

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III**8**

No

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?**9**

No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on 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, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred benefits	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 3	SEE SCHEDULE O IN REFERENCE TO PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15 FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION POLICY
PART I, LINES 4A-B	SCHEDULE J, PART I, QUESTION 4A THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED A SEVERANCE PAYMENT RICHARD H REED - 73,997 LAUREN R CONZAMAN - 29,325 SCHEDULE J, PART I, QUESTION 4B ONE OFFICER WAS OFFERED AND SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES A 457(F) SUPPLEMENTAL NONQUALIFIED BENEFIT THE EFFECTIVE DATE WAS DECEMBER 7, 2012 THIS BENEFIT WAS ADDED TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE IDENTIFIED OFFICER, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH OF DLSM, ITS AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES IN THE FUTURE THE ANNUAL ACCRUALS AND INTEREST EARNINGS FOR THE 457(F) SUPPLEMENTAL NONQUALIFIED BENEFIT PLAN IS REPORTED IN PART VII, SECTION A, COLUMN F AND SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C AND IS LISTED BELOW SCOTT D HABECKER \$70,909 AS A CONDITION FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 457(F) SUPPLEMENTAL NON QUALIFIED BENEFIT PLAN, THE OFFICER MUST BE EMPLOYED AT THE VESTING DATE AND HAVE AGREED TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS THE OFFICER REACHED THE VESTING DATE AND RECEIVED A PAYOUT OF THE ACCRUED BENEFIT AND INTEREST WHICH IS INCLUDED IN REPORTABLE COMPENSATION IN PART VII, SECTION A AND SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN B (III) AND IS LISTED BELOW SCOTT D HABECKER \$180,375 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN (SERP) DLSM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS ESTABLISHED A SERP, WHICH IS A NONQUALIFIED DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN, UNDER WHICH DLSM MAY PAY SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO KEY EXECUTIVES IN ADDITION TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER THE DLSM PENSION PLAN THE SERP WAS ADDED TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE AND COMPETITIVE POST RETIREMENT INCOME FOR BOARD SELECTED SENIOR EXECUTIVES, WHICH CURRENTLY INCLUDES THE CEO THE 2015 ANNUAL COST ACCRUED FOR THIS PLAN IS NOTED IN SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C AS LISTED BELOW MARK T PILE \$272,834 THE SERP IS NOT FUNDED AND THE LIABILITY FOR THIS PLAN WAS \$451,538 AT DECEMBER 31, 2015 AS A CONDITION FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERP, THE EXECUTIVE MUST BE EMPLOYED AT THE VESTING DATE AND HAVE AGREED TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS
PART I, LINE 7	THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE DIAKON BOARD REVIEWS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO ON AN ANNUAL BASIS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015 THE CHAIR OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE CEO'S PERFORMANCE FOR 2014 AND INDICATED THE BOARD APPROVED FOR MARK PILE, CEO/PRESIDENT, A PAYMENT OF \$50,000 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS PERFORMANCE SINCE ASSUMING THE ROLE OF CEO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CHIEF OPERATING AND FINANCIAL OFFICER INCLUDES A PROVISION FOR AN ANNUAL INCENTIVE COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO 25% OF HIS BASE COMPENSATION, BASED UPON ACHIEVEMENT OF MUTUALLY ESTABLISHED ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND A REVIEW OF THE CFO'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR THE CEO/PRESIDENT CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL REVIEW AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR FOR THE PRIOR YEAR (ANNUAL BASIS) AND DETERMINES THE AMOUNT UP TO 25% FOR PAYMENT

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title	(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 in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 MARK T PILE PRESIDENT/CEO	(i) 394,623 ----- (ii) 0	50,150 ----- 0	4,364 ----- 0	272,834 ----- 0	21,777 ----- 0	743,748 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
1 SCOTT HABECKER EXEC VP/CHIEF OP & FINANCIAL OFFICER	(i) 295,961 ----- (ii) 0	72,650 ----- 0	187,760 ----- 0	70,909 ----- 0	21,010 ----- 0	648,290 ----- 0	114,431 ----- 0
2 RICHARD M BARGER EXEC VP/TREASURER	(i) 228,857 ----- (ii) 0	647 ----- 0	1,081 ----- 0	43,884 ----- 0	15,895 ----- 0	290,364 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
3 MARY ELLEN DICKEY SENIOR VP, ADVANCEMENT	(i) 193,787 ----- (ii) 0	1,860 ----- 0	5,512 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	23,514 ----- 0	224,673 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
4 RICHARD H REED SENIOR VP, CHIEF RISK OFFICER	(i) 185,759 ----- (ii) 0	1,224 ----- 0	75,518 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	7,387 ----- 0	269,888 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
5 DEANNA L ZIEMBA SENIOR VP, SR LVNG OP & BUS DEV	(i) 224,558 ----- (ii) 0	20,560 ----- 0	84 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	17,298 ----- 0	262,500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
6 Alice M Clark SENIOR VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	(i) 181,976 ----- (ii) 0	980 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	19,691 ----- 0	202,647 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
7 SHARI EVELYN VANDERGAST SENIOR VP, CHILD FAM & CHIEF COMP OF	(i) 223,908 ----- (ii) 0	5,000 ----- 0	6,692 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	11,528 ----- 0	247,128 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
8 JARROD E LEO SENIOR VP, FINANCIAL PLANNING OPS	(i) 206,732 ----- (ii) 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	13,205 ----- 0	219,937 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
9 WILLIAM E SWANGER SENIOR VP, CORPORATE COMMUNICATI	(i) 157,912 ----- (ii) 0	811 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	19,253 ----- 0	177,976 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
10 LAUREN R CONZAMAN VP, CHILD & FAMILY MINISTR	(i) 111,009 ----- (ii) 0	838 ----- 0	30,973 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	14,024 ----- 0	156,844 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
11 KATHLEEN JEAN DERLETH VP, CLINICAL SERVICES	(i) 153,393 ----- (ii) 0	350 ----- 0	1,239 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	20,003 ----- 0	174,985 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
12 HELEN GODFREY REG IL SALES & MKTG DIRECTOR	(i) 108,223 ----- (ii) 0	36,366 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	8,727 ----- 0	153,316 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
13 JAN BIGELOW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR I	(i) 133,469 ----- (ii) 0	803 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	16,940 ----- 0	151,212 ----- 0	0 ----- 0

**Schedule K
(Form 990)****Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
 ► Attach to Form 990.
 ► Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIESEmployer identification number
23-1857015**Part I Bond Issues**

	(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
							Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A	CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	23-6003119	230614CK3	01-30-2007	63,635,926	SEE PART VI	X			X		X
B	CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	23-6003119	230614EK1	12-10-2009	122,154,764	SEE PART VI	X			X		X
C	PART VI	23-6003119	230614GTO	04-29-2014	71,341,000	SEE PART VI		X		X		X
D	CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	23-6003119	230614HL6	06-04-2015	156,104,916	SEE PART VI		X		X		X

Part II Proceeds

		A	B	C	D
1	Amount of bonds retired		26,740,000	2,229,000	
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased	61,955,000	87,325,000		
3	Total proceeds of issue	70,193,536	123,245,049	71,341,920	156,104,916
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds		967,348		
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds	9,187,756	2,193,720		
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows	6,112,320	11,216,062		154,470,085
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	1,051,817	1,988,038	1,035,516	1,634,830
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds				172,208
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds				
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	53,801,643	31,057,949	25,175,565	
11	Other spent proceeds	40,000	76,789,281	45,130,839	
12	Other unspent proceeds				
13	Year of substantial completion	2012	2013	2015	2015

	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?	X		X		X		X
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X		X		X	X
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X		X		X		X
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X		X		X		X

Part III Private Business Use

	A	B	C	D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?	X		X	
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?	X		X	

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?	X		X		X		X	
b If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?	X		X		X		X	
c Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X		X		X		X
d If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government. ►	0 450 %		0 110 %		0 470 %		0 210 %	
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government. ►	0 020 %		0 170 %		0 250 %		0 230 %	
6 Total of lines 4 and 5	0 470 %		0 280 %		0 720 %		0 440 %	
7 Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?		X		X		X		X
8a Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X		X		X		X
b If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1 141-12 and 1 145-2?								
9 Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1 141-12 and 1 145-2?	X		X		X		X	

Part IV Arbitrage

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X		X		X		X
2 If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a Rebate not due yet?		X		X		X		X
b Exception to rebate?		X		X		X		X
c No rebate due?	X		X		X		X	
If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed.								
3 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?		X		X	X			X
4a Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X		X	X			X
b Name of provider					WELLS FARGO PNC			
c Term of hedge					533 3333300000 %			
d Was the hedge superintegrated?						X		
e Was the hedge terminated?						X		

Part IV Arbitrage (Continued)

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X		X		X		X
b Name of provider								
c Term of GIC								
d Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6 Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?	X		X		X		X	
7 Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?	X		X		X		X	

Part V Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?	X		X		X		X	

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I PART A LINE F	<p>BOND A DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE - THE 2007A BONDS WERE ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF DLSM COMPRISED OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, (1) THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF EXISTING SKILLED NURSING, ASSISTED LIVING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, AND (2) THE PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ISSUING THE BONDS NO ARBITRAGE LIABILITY EXISTED FOR THE BONDS AS OF THE JANUARY 31, 2016 INSTALLMENT COMPUTATION DATE THE NEXT COMPUTATION DATE IS JANUARY 31, 2017 A REFUNDING ESCROW WAS ESTABLISHED WITH PROCEEDS FROM BOND D TOTAL PROCEEDS OF ISSUE ISSUE PRICE \$63,635,926 CUMULATIVE EARNINGS 6,557,610 TOTAL \$70,193,536 BOND B DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE - THE 2009 BONDS WERE ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF DLSM COMPRISED OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, (1) THE REFUNDING OF THE AUTHORITY'S VARIABLE RATE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES D OF 2003, (2) THE REFUNDING OF THE AUTHORITY'S VARIABLE RATE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES B OF 2007, (3) THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF ADMINISTRATIVE, SKILLED NURSING, ASSISTED LIVING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, (4) THE FUNDING OF A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FOR THE BONDS, (5) PAYMENT OF ONE OR MORE TERMINATION PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN OUTSTANDING INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS, (6) THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS AND EXPENSES INCIDENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS NO ARBITRAGE LIABILITY EXISTED FOR THE BONDS AS OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2015 INSTALLMENT COMPUTATION DATE THE NEXT COMPUTATION DATE IS DECEMBER 1, 2016 A REFUNDING ESCROW WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM BOND D THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE BONDS NOT LEGALLY DEFEASED IS \$9,690,000 TOTAL PROCEEDS OF ISSUE ISSUE PRICE \$122,154,764 CUMULATIVE EARNINGS \$1,090,285 TOTAL \$123,245,049 BOND C (SERIES A & B ISSUED THROUGH CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY EIN 23-6003119, SERIES C ISSUED THROUGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY EIN 52-601037) DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE (SERIES A & B) - THE 2014 BONDS WERE ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF DLSM COMPRISED OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, (1) THE REFUNDING OF THE AUTHORITY'S VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BONDS SERIES A AND C OF 2003 (2) THE REFUNDING OF A PORTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S REVENUE BONDS SERIES OF 2009, (3) THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF ADMINISTRATIVE, SKILLED NURSING, PERSONAL CARE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, (4) THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS AND EXPENSES INCIDENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS ISSUE PRICE (SERIES A AND B) \$52,543,000 CUMULATIVE EARNINGS 920 TOTAL \$52,543,920 DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE (SERIES C) - TO REFUND ALL OF A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING WASHINGTON COUNTY MARYLAND VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BONDS, SERIES E OF 2003 (2) TO FINANCE OR REIMBURSE COSTS OF ISSUING THE BONDS ISSUE PRICE (SERIES C) \$18,798,000 BOND D DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE - THE 2015 BONDS WERE ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT CONSISTING OF, (1) THE ADVANCE REFUNDING OF THE AUTHORITY'S REVENUE BONDS SERIES A OF 2007, (2) THE ADVANCE REFUNDING OF A PORTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S REVENUE BONDS, SERIES OF 2009 AND (3) THE PAYMENT OF COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE ISSUING OF THE SERIES OF 2015 BONDS ISSUE PRICE \$154,104,916</p>

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(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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

► Attach to Form 990.

►Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Employer identification number

23-1857015

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications	X		1,367	FMV
5 Clothing and household goods	X		29,414	FMV
6 Cars and other vehicles	X	1	1,800	FMV
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
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	X	14	1,043	FMV
19 Food inventory	X	62	1,797	FMV
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (_____)	See Additional Data			
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 through 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 Yes 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 No

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash
contributions?

32a Yes No

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked,
describe in Part II

Part II**Supplemental Information.**

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both.

Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 23-1857015

Name: DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Part I, Types of Property, Lines 25-28

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
Other ► (CUSTOM IMPROVEMENTS)	X	10	114,894	FMV
Other ► (GIFT CERTIFICATE)	X	147	23,182	FMV
Other ► (FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT)	X	38	12,774	FMV
Other ► (JEWELRY)	X	26	9,786	FMV
Other ► (GIFT BASKETS)	X	45	3,478	FMV
Other ► (TOYS)	X	3	500	FMV

**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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

- Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
- Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES**Employer identification number**

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE SOLE MEMBER OF DLSM IS DIAKON, A PENNSYLVANIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY (THE DLSM BOARD OF DIRECTORS) ARE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BISHOPS OF THE FOLLOWING SYNODS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, DELAWARE- MARYLAND SYNOD, UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, AND LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD THE REMAINING MEMBER S OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED BY THE BOARD FROM A SLATE OF CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE SOLE MEMBER OF DLSM IS DIAKON, A PENNSYLVANIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. DIAKON HAS THE APPROVAL RIGHTS, SPECIFIED IN BOTH THE DLSM AND DIAKON BY-LAWS, OVER CERTAIN TYPES OF ACTIONS BY DLSM'S GOVERNING BODY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES HAS A CPA FIRM PREPARE ITS FORM 990. THE RETURN IS COMPLETED IN DRAFT FORM AND REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE RETURN IS THEN FINALIZED AND THE BOARD IS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 BEFORE IT IS FILED

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION REVIEWS DLSM'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION FORMS WITH THE BOARD ON A REGULAR BASIS. ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CERTIFICATION FORM AND DISCLOSE POSSIBLE OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. THE COMPLETED FORMS ARE REVIEWED BY THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND BY THE ORGANIZATION'S OUTSIDE AUDITOR ON A REGULAR BASIS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS OF THE SOLE MEMBER, WHICH INCLUDES DIRECTORS FROM DLSM (COMPENSATION COMMITTEE), UTILIZES EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, AND DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION, WELFARE, BENEFIT, PENSION AND OTHER PLANS, WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY BENCHMARKS AND THE COMPENSATION POLICIES FOLLOWED BY ORGANIZATIONS SIMILARLY SITUATED TO DLSM. THE BOARD COMPENSATION COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED A WRITTEN "CHARTER," WHICH SETS FORTH THE PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, IT CONDUCTS ITS ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH DLSM'S "EXCESS BENEFITS TRANSACTION" POLICY, WHICH REQUIRES REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY INDEPENDENT PERSONS. COMPARABILITY DATA AND CONTEMPORANEOUS SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION DLSM AND ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION DIAKON'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A BASE SALARY WHICH REFLECTS THE VALUE OF AN EXECUTIVE'S CAPABILITIES, EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS THROUGH MEETING MISSION, FINANCIAL, OPERATIONAL, AND QUALITY OBJECTIVES. INFORMATION ABOUT EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ISSUES AND DECISIONS IS REPORTED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT REGULAR MEETINGS. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DLSM PROVIDES ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING EXECUTIVES, WITH A COMPREHENSIVE BENEFIT PLAN THAT INCLUDES HEALTH INSURANCE, DENTAL INSURANCE, LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE, AND A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN. THE EMPLOYER MATCHING CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN WAS SUSPENDED AS OF JULY 2010. THE DLSM DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN ACCRUALS WERE FROZEN AS OF 12/31/11.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	DLSM MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS (ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS) AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION IS PUBLISHED IN THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH IS MAILED TO THE APPROXIMATELY 120,000 INDIVIDUALS ON THE ORGANIZATION'S PUBLICATION MAILING LIST. THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DLSM WEBSITE AT DIAKON.ORG, AS WELL AS UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART VII, SECTION A, LINE 1A	COLUMN B REFLECTS THE AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK PER EMPLOYEE FOR DLSM AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF SWAP AGREEMENT 1,090,140 EQUITY IN LOSSES OF JOINT VENTURE -255,690 PENSION-RELATED CHANGES OTHER THAN NET PERIODIC PENSION COSTS 887,238 LOSS FROM EARLY EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT - 21,027,728 NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS - CAPITAL 247,405 CONTRIBUTIONS AND BEQUESTS - TEMP RESTRICTED 143,805 INVESTMENT GAINS, NET OF EXPENSES - TEMP RESTRICTED 1,778,935 NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS - OPERATIONS - TEMP RESTRICTED -794,407 NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS - CAPITAL - TEMP RESTRICTED -247,405 CONTRIBUTIONS AND BEQUESTS - PERM RESTRICTED 414,350 DECREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY OTHERS - PERM RESTRICTED -1,769,338
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	DIAKON, THE SOLE MEMBER OF DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES, HAS AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DIAKON AND CONTROLLED AFFILIATES PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE DIAKON BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT AND SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 3B	DIAKON ALSO HAS AN ANNUAL AUDIT UNDER THE SINGLE AUDIT ACT AND OMB CIRCULAR A-133 PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE CONSOLIDATED GROUP

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)****Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships****2015****Open to Public
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Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Name of the organization
DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Employer identification number

23-1857015

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) DIAKON LUTHERWOOD SENIOR HOUSING 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 26-0649129	SENIOR HOUSING	PA	1,192,568	3,873,167	DLSM
(2) DIAKON-SWAN LLC 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 47-3819776	ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY NETWORK	PA	52,281,800	25,451,781	DLSM

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
Yes	No					
(1) DIAKON 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 23-3014613	SUB OVERSIGHT	PA	501(C)(3)	11	N/A	
(2) DIAKON LUTHERAN FUND 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 23-1365978	FUND PROGRAMS	PA	501(C)(3)	11	DIAKON	
(3) DLSH AT LUTHER MEADOWS 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 23-2837747	HUD HOUSING	PA	501(C)(3)	9	DLSM	Yes
(4) DLSH AT HEILMAN HOUSE 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 23-2463233	HUD HOUSING	PA	501(C)(3)	9	DLSM	Yes
(5) DIAKON CHILD FAMILY & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES 798 HAUSMAN ROAD STE 300 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 46-5390969	SOCIAL SERVICES	PA	501(C)(3)	9	DIAKON	No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34a because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b	Yes	
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j	Yes	
1k		No
1l	Yes	
1m		No
1n		No
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q	Yes	
1r		No
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) DIAKON LUTHERAN SR HOUSING AT LUTHER MEADOWS	O	107,309	BOOK VALUE
(2) DIAKON LUTHERAN SR HOUSING AT HEILMAN HOUSE	O	95,171	BOOK VALUE
(3) DIAKON LUTHERAN SR HOUSING AT LUTHER MEADOWS	Q	29,490	BOOK VALUE
(4) DIAKON LUTHERAN SR HOUSING AT HEILMAN HOUSE	Q	27,322	BOOK VALUE

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

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