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

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2015

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 2015, and ending

THE INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUAL RESEARCH INC
P.O. BOX 3516
SEDONA, AZ 86340-3516

A Employer identification number
94-2898927

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(928) 282-5446

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

H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16)
\$ 2,280,150.

J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐

D 1 Foreign organizations, check here ☐

2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. received (attach schedule)	43,809.			
2	Ch <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4	Dividends and interest from securities	43,562.	43,562.	43,562.	
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-17,287.			
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 140,476.				
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
8	Net short-term capital gain				
9	Income modifications				
10a	Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b	Less: Cost of goods sold				
c	Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
11	Other income (attach schedule) See Statement 1	1,344.			
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	71,428.	43,562.	43,562.	
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.			
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b	Accounting fees (attach sch) See St 2	1,150.			
c	Other prof fees (attach sch) See St 3	31,044.	26,044.		
17	Interest				
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instrs)				
19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion See Stmt 4	3,934.			
20	Occupancy	4,935.			
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses (attach schedule) See Statement 5	1,050.			
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	42,113.	26,044.		
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid Stmt 6	5,250.			5,250.
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	47,363.	26,044.	0.	5,250.
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	24,065.			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		17,518.		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			43,562.	

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Part II Balance Sheets

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

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
A S S E T S	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	116,250.	144,168.	144,168.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	177,328.	232,929.	232,929.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch) ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments — U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule)	1,997,682.	1,942,162.	1,892,854.
	c Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments — land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
12 Investments — mortgage loans				
13 Investments — other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶	63,941.			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶	53,742.	14,133.	10,199.	
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item i)	2,305,393.	2,329,458.	2,280,150.	
L I A B I L I T I E S	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
F U N D A S S E T A N C E S	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	2,305,393.	2,329,458.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	2,305,393.	2,329,458.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	2,305,393.	2,329,458.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year — Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	2,305,393.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	24,065.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	2,329,458.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	2,329,458.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)		(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a See Statement 8				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss). [If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7]			2	-17,287.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8]			3	0.

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

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

N/A

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes☐ No

If 'Yes,' the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014			
2013			
2012			
2011			
2010			
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5			4
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8

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

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see instructions)

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary – see instrs)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here. <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	350.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	350.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-		5	350.
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2015 estimated tax pmts and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6 a	950.	
b Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	950.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	0.	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	600.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax 600. Refunded	11	0.	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities</i>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		X
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) AZ		
b If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If 'No,' attach explanation</i>	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)

☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?**5b** N/A

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☐**c** If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?**6b** X

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

7b**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors****1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Statement 9		0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 – see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
None				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

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

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	
a Average monthly fair market value of securities	1 a
b Average of monthly cash balances	1 b
c Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d 0.
e Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5 0.
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6 0.

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

1 Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1
2a Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2 a 350.
b Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2 b
c Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c 350.
3 Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3 -350.
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4
5 Add lines 3 and 4	5 -350.
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6
7 Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7 0.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes	
a Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1 a 5,250.
b Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	1 b
2 Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the	
a Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3 a
b Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b
4 Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4 5,250.
5 Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6 5,250.

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				0.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			0.	
b Total for prior years. 20 __, 20 __, 20 __		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010				
b From 2011				
c From 2012	11,182.			
d From 2013	1,906.			
e From 2014	4,380.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	17,468.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4. ► \$ 5,250.				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				0.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	5,250.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	22,718.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount — see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required — see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	22,718.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011				
b Excess from 2012	11,182.			
c Excess from 2013	1,906.			
d Excess from 2014	4,380.			
e Excess from 2015	5,250.			

Part XIV	Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)
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N/A

- 1 a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling

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

- 2a** Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed.

[illegible]

Part XV	Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see instructions.)
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1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

None

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

None

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

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

- a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

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

- c** Any submission deadlines

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

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
Total			3 a	
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3 b	

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization

THE INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUAL RESEARCH INC

Employer identification number

94-2898927

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

- ☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
☐ 527 political organization

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- ☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Name of organization

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Part I Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	WILBERT S. FOLDS TRUST 2785 FLORIBUNDA DR. COLUMBUS, OH 43209-3119	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	L.J. MUFFETT 662 MEREDITH LN. CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44223-2594	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Part II

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	N/A		
		\$	
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Statement 1
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 11
Other Income

	(a) Revenue per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
INCOME TAX REFUND	\$ 1,344.		
Total	<u>\$ 1,344.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 2
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b
Accounting Fees

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
	\$ 1,150.			
Total	<u>\$ 1,150.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 3
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16c
Other Professional Fees

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
BROKER FEES	\$ 26,044.	\$ 26,044.		
DESIGN FEES	5,000.			
Total	<u>\$ 31,044.</u>	<u>\$ 26,044.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Statement 4
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 19
Allocated Depreciation

Date Acquired	Cost Basis	Prior Yr Depr	Method	Rate	Life	Current Yr Depr	Net Invest Income	Adjusted Net Income
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS								
1/01/11	7,612	4,341	S/L		7	1,087	0	0
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS								
1/31/12	17,132	7,137	S/L		7	2,447	0	0
COMPUTER								
3/03/12	2,000	1,133	S/L		5	400	0	0

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Statement 5
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23
Other Expenses

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
INSURANCE	\$ 750.			
OUTSIDE SERVICES	300.			
Total	\$ 1,050.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

Statement 6
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 25
Contributions, Gifts, and Grants

Cash Grants and Allocations

Class of Activity:	DONATION		
Donee's Name:	ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH		
Donee's Address:	100 ARROYO PINON DR. SEDONA AZ 86336		
Organizational Status of Donee:	501(C)3		
Amount Given:		\$	2,000.
Class of Activity:	DONATION		
Donee's Name:	VARIOUS QUALIFIED CHARITIES		
Organizational Status of Donee:	501(C)3		
Amount Given:			3,250.
Total		\$	5,250.

Statement 7
Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 14
Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Category	Basis	Accum. Deprec.	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 39,197.	\$ 39,197.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
Improvements	24,744.	14,545.	10,199.	0.
Miscellaneous	0.	0.	0.	10,199.
Total	\$ 63,941.	\$ 53,742.	\$ 10,199.	\$ 10,199.

Statement 8
Form 990-PF, Part IV, Line 1
Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Item	(a) Description	(b) How Acquired	(c) Date Acquired	(d) Date Sold
1	25000 PRESCOTT VLY AZ MUNI	Purchased	Various	1/02/2015
2	1336.303 DODGE & COX INTL STOCK FD	Purchased	Various	10/01/2015
3	1116.972 FID ADV EMER MKTS INC CL I #607	Purchased	Various	5/12/2015
4	3682.191 GOLDMAN SACHS COMM STRAT	Purchased	Various	2/05/2015

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Statement 8 (continued)
Form 990-PF, Part IV, Line 1
Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Item	(a) Description	(b) How Acquired	(c) Date Acquired	(d) Date Sold
5	3701.775 GOLDMAN SACHS COMM STRAT	Purchased	Various	7/31/2015
6	587 SPDR DJ WILSHIRE INTL REAL	Purchased	Various	11/03/2015

Item	(e) Gross Sales	(f) Deprec. Allowed	(g) Cost Basis	(h) Gain (Loss)	(i) FMV 12/31/69	(j) Adj. Bas. 12/31/69	(k) Excess (i) - (j)	(l) Gain (Loss)
1	25,000.		25,000.	0.				\$ 0.
2	49,470.		60,000.	-10,530.				-10,530.
3	15,157.		14,945.	212.				212.
4	13,882.		17,454.	-3,572.				-3,572.
5	12,623.		17,546.	-4,923.				-4,923.
6	24,344.		22,818.	1,526.				1,526.
Total								\$ -17,287.

Statement 9
Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 1
List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

Name and Address	Title and Average Hours Per Week Devoted	Compen- sation	Contri- bution to EBP & DC	Expense Account/ Other
SUSAN HAWKINS 151 KELLER LN. SEDONA, AZ 86336	President 5.00	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
WALLY ARNOLD 224 OREGON ST. EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245	Vice President 1.00	0.	0.	0.
ETHEL KALLENBACH 8656 E. ONYX AVE. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
KATHY ARNOLD 224 OREGON ST. EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245	Secretary 1.00	0.	0.	0.
FRAN GRACE P.O. BOX 1435 REDLANDS, CA 92373	Treasurer 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Total		\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.