

For calendar year 2016, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

Name of foundation TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND		A Employer identification number 45-4027960	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 3150 SOUTH ST NW 2B		Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (202) 966-3411
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20007		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 27,225,025	J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		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)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	1,071,314			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	20,403	20,131		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	584,221	584,221		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) -142				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 	929,448			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 1,728,565				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		936,798		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule) 	121,423	480		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	2,726,809	1,541,630		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule) 	236			
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) 	26,900	13,450		
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule) 	78,181	78,181		
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) 	17,697	17,422		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule) 	499	304		
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	123,513	109,357		0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,171,000			1,171,000
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,294,513	109,357		1,171,000
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	1,432,296			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		1,432,273		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

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 (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value (c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	339,271	647,160	647,160
	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 schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	232		
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	69,491	47,956	47,956
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	4,092,560 	4,194,382	4,067,273
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	14,668,851 	14,639,186	19,470,757
	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)	3,053,956 	3,321,155	2,991,879
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ 2,720 Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ 2,720			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	 12,737			
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	22,237,098	22,849,839	27,225,025	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	 5,000		
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	5,000	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	22,232,098	22,849,839	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	22,232,098	22,849,839	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	22,237,098	22,849,839		

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	22,232,098
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	1,432,296
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	23,664,394
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____ 	5	814,555
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 .	6	22,849,839

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

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

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) 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 See Additional Data Table			
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	936,798
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	130,579

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

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

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

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



Yes



No

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

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2015	1,133,005	25,734,809	0 044026
2014	905,000	23,967,426	0 037760
2013	986,315	20,916,543	0 047155
2012	639,936	19,046,521	0 033599
2011	637,267	18,230,402	0 034956
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 0 197496
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 0 039499
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5			4 25,735,190
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 1,016,514
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 14,323
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 1,030,837
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 1,171,000

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)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	14,323
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	14,323
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	14,323
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a	44,755
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	44,755
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ 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	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	30,432
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2017 estimated tax ☐ 30,432 Refunded ☐	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>	1b	No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c	No
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ _____		
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>	2	No
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3	No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	
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>	5	No
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ DE		
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> .	8b	Yes
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	No
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10	No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address TRELLISFUND.ORG	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of BETSY K KAREL Telephone no (202) 966-3411			

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15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2016, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		Yes	No
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ☐	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016? ☐	1c		
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions). ☐	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2016 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2016). ☐	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?	4b		No

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)? ☐ Yes ☒ No Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ☐ Yes ☒ No 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)</i>	5b		
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? ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</i>	6b		No
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? ☐ Yes ☒ No	7b		

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

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
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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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

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

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see 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. ▶		

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	
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 ▶	

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.	1a	22,919,239
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	362,240
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	2,845,617
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	26,127,096
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	26,127,096
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	391,906
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	25,735,190
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	1,286,760

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	1,286,760
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	14,323
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	14,323
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	1,272,437
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	1,272,437
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	1,272,437

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.	1a	1,171,000
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4.	4	1,171,000
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	14,323
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	1,156,677

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 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				1,272,437
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011.				
b From 2012.				
c From 2013. 831,745				
d From 2014.				
e From 2015.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	831,745			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 1,171,000				
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount.				1,171,000
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	101,437			101,437
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	730,308			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2017				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).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	730,308			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2012.				
b Excess from 2013. 730,308				
c Excess from 2014.				
d Excess from 2015.				
e Excess from 2016.				

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

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2016, enter the date of the ruling. ▶

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

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

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2016	(b) 2015	(c) 2014	(d) 2013	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					

3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon

a "Assets" alternative test—enter

(1) Value of all assets

(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)

b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.

c "Support" alternative test—enter

(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)

(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).

(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization

(4) Gross investment income

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

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

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

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

a The name, address, and telephone number or email 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)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	1,171,000
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Part XVII

- | | Yes | No |
|-------|-----|----|
| 1a(1) | | No |
| 1a(2) | | No |
| 1b(1) | | No |
| 1b(2) | | No |
| 1b(3) | | No |
| 1b(4) | | No |
| 1b(5) | | No |
| 1b(6) | | No |
| 1c | | No |

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- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d			
List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
PRIMERICA INC	D	2016-11-15	2016-11-15
VANGUARD 500 INDEX FD-ADMIRAL SHS	P	2016-09-12	2016-09-12
CIMPRESS NV	D	2016-11-01	2016-11-01
LABORATORY CORP AMER HLDGS	D	2002-10-29	2016-12-16
VAGUARD 500 INDEX FD ADMIRAL SHS	P	2015-05-27	2016-10-06
AG SUPER FUND INTERNATIONAL LTD	P		2016-12-31
AG SUPER RMBS, LLC	P		2016-12-31
DAVIDSON KEMPNER INST PARTNERS	P		2016-12-31
DAVIDSON KEMPNER INST PARTNERS	P		2016-12-31

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(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)
324,626		92,636	231,990
51,211		51,085	126
296,666		108,903	187,763
444,703		79,790	364,913
448,789		441,596	7,193
113,916			113,916
8,678			8,678
7,859			7,859
13,787			13,787

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

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	
			231,990
			126
			187,763
			364,913
			7,193
			113,916
			8,678
			7,859
			13,787

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS 1634 EYE STREET NW 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20006		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	100,000
CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER 616 H STREET NW STE 300 WASHINGTON, DC 20001		PUBLIC CHARI	GENERAL SUPPORT	25,000
FUND FOR GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS 1666 CONNECTICUT AVE NW STE 410 WASHINGTON, DC 20009		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	6,000
FUND FOR GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS 1666 CONNECTICUT AVE NW STE 410 WASHINGTON, DC 20009		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	80,000
GLOBAL WITNESS FOUNDATION 855 EL CAMINO REAL STE 13A-410 PALO ALTO, CA 94301		PUBLIC CHARI	GENERAL SUPPORT	150,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,171,000

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH 350 FIFTH AVE 34TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	300,000
NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART 2000 S CLUB DR LANDOVER, MD 20785		PUBLIC CHARI	GENERAL SUPPORT	125,000
PROPUBLICA ONE EXCHANGE PLAZA 55 BROADWAY 23RD WASHINGTON, DC 20002		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	150,000
PULITZER CENTER ON CRISIS REPORTING 1779 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW STE 615 WASHINGTON, DC 20036		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	60,000
THE MARSHALL PROJECT 156 WEST 56TH STREET STE 701 NEW YORK, NY 10019			GENERAL SUPPORT	50,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,171,000

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
WITNESS 80 HANSON PLACE 5TH FL BROOKLYN, NY 11217		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	50,000
YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY PO BOX 208271 NEW HAVEN, CT 06520		PUBLIC CHAR	GENERAL SUPPORT	75,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,171,000

TY 2016 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
HUEY FEES	26,900	13,450		

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TY 2016 Depreciation Schedule

Name: TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND

EIN: 45-4027960

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2010-01-01	2,720	2,720	200DB	5 0000				

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TY 2016 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND

EIN: 45-4027960

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
AG SUPER RMBS, LLC		PURCHASE	2016-12		17,757				17,757	
FB LUX HOLDINGS GP, SA		PURCHASE	2016-12			25,107			-25,107	

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
BNY MELLON VANGUARD 500 INDEX F	7,136,933	11,463,702
BNY MELLON VANGUARD EMERGING MARKET	2,574,886	2,349,254
BNY MELLON VANGUARD TAX MANAGED		
BNY MELLON VANGUARD DEVELOPED MARKET	4,927,367	5,657,801

TY 2016 Investments Government Obligations Schedule**Name:** TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960**US Government Securities - End
of Year Book Value:**

4,194,382

**US Government Securities - End
of Year Fair Market Value:**

4,067,273

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Book
Value:****State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Fair
Market Value:**

TY 2016 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
AG SUPER FUND I INTL. - HEDGE	FMV	2,528,976	2,189,308
DAVIDSON KEMPNER INST. PARTNERS, LP	FMV	792,179	802,571

TY 2016 Land, Etc. Schedule

Name: TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND

EIN: 45-4027960

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,720	2,720		

TY 2016 Legal Fees Schedule**Name:** TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LOEB & LOEB LLP	236			

TY 2016 Other Assets Schedule

Name: TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND

EIN: 45-4027960

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
EXCESS CAMBRIDGE BILLINGS	12,737		

TY 2016 Other Decreases Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Description	Amount
UNREALIZED GAINS ON CONTRIBUTED STOCK	789,985
990-PF TAXES PAID	24,495
NON-DEDUCTIBLE	75

TY 2016 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FROM K-1				
RENTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF	142	142		
EXPENSES				
COMPUTER	195			
BANK CHARGES	150	150		
DAVIDSON KEMPNER SEC 1256 CON	12	12		

TY 2016 Other Income Schedule

Name: TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND

EIN: 45-4027960

Other Income Schedule

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
FROM SETTLEMENT	480	480	
AG SUPER FUND INTERNATIONAL	80,521		
AG SUPER RMBS, LLC	5,736		
AG OFCON, LTD	28,261		
DAVIDSON KEMPNER	6,425		

TY 2016 Other Liabilities Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
DUE TO HUEY	5,000	

TY 2016 Other Notes/Loans Receivable Short Schedule**Name:** TRELIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960**Name of 501(c)(3) Organization****Balance Due**

DUE FROM OFFICER

TY 2016 Other Professional Fees Schedule**Name:** TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES	64,944	64,944		
INVESTMENT FEES K-1	11,311	11,311		
INVESTMENT INTEREST EXPENSE K-1	3	3		
INVESTMENT INTEREST EXP K-1	1,923	1,923		

TY 2016 Taxes Schedule**Name:** TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND**EIN:** 45-4027960

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAXES PAID	17,422	17,422		
DC 990T TAXES PAID	250			
TAXES & LICENSES	25			

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Schedule of Contributors ▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF ▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990	OMB No 1545-0047 2016
	Name of the organization TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND	Employer identification number 45-4027960

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:	Section:
Form 990 or 990-EZ	☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization
	☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation
	☐ 527 political organization
Form 990-PF	☒ 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 other 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 33¹/₃% 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 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND	Employer identification number 45-4027960
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Part I Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	BETSY KAREL 3150 SOUTH ST NW 2B WASHINGTON, DC 20007	\$ 1,071,314	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
-		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
-		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Name of organization TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND	Employer identification number 45-4027960
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Part II Noncash Property			
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	3,647 SHS CIMPRESS NV STOCK	\$ 299 656	2016-11-01
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	4,620 SHS PRIMERICA STOCK	\$ 324 393	2016-11-15
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	3,500 SHS LABORATORY CORP OF AME	\$ 447 265	2016-12-16
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	

Name of organization TRELLIS CHARITABLE FUND	Employer identification number 45-4027960
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Part III *Exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	