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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

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

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2016

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2016, or tax year beginning 08-01-2016 , and ending 07-31-2017

Name of foundation
Stephens' Christian Trust

A Employer identification number
62-6201842

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 4400 Harding Pike No 310 | Room/suite

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(615) 460-9240

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Nashville, TN 37205

C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ 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)*▶$ 9,415,813

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)				
	2	Check ▶ ☑ if the foundation is **not** required to attach Sch B				
	3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4	Dividends and interest from securities	40,083	40,083		
	5a	Gross rents	48,784	48,784		
	b	Net rental income or (loss) 16,358				
	6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	25,962			
	b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 420,836				
	7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		25,962		
	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)				
	12	**Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	114,829	114,829		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14	Other employee salaries and wages				
	15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)	4,206	2,933		1,273
	b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)	8,899	8,899		0
	17	Interest				
	18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	34,669	34,669		0
	19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	16,116	16,021		
	20	Occupancy				
	21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22	Printing and publications				
	23	Other expenses (attach schedule)	65,270	58,271		6,999
	24	**Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	129,160	120,793		8,272
	25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	490,100			490,100
	26	**Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	619,260	120,793		498,372
	27	Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a	**Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	-504,431			
	b	**Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		0		
	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	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	110,818	223,215	223,215
	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 ▶			
	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)	1,007,099	689,920	957,090
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	0	50,000	49,973
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ 1,306,859			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ 151,582	1,171,393	1,155,277	1,820,831
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)	2,612,395	2,537,598	6,364,704
	16	**Total assets** (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	4,901,705	4,656,010	9,415,813
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 ▶)			
	23	**Total liabilities**(add lines 17 through 22)	0	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	4,901,705	4,656,010	
	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			
	30	**Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	4,901,705	4,656,010	
	31	**Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)	4,901,705	4,656,010	

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	4,901,705
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-504,431
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	258,736
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	4,656,010
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	4,656,010

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

	(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	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) **or** Losses (from col (h))
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	25,962
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	

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	204,081	10,807,839	0 018883
2014	511,800	6,418,549	0 079738
2013	7,423	4,992,549	0 001487
2012	22,973	4,539,933	0 005060
2011	27,897	4,732,061	0 005895

2	**Total** of line 1, column (d)	2	0 111063
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 022213
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	4	10,020,778
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	222,592
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	0
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	222,592
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	498,372

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	0
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	0
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	0
6	Credits/Payments				
a	2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a	3,181		
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	3,181
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	3,181
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2017 estimated tax** ▶ 3,181	**Refunded** ▶		11	0

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)?	1b		No
	*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*			
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 ▶ $ 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? *If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities*	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? *If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes*	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? *If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T*	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? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV*	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ TN			
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? *If "No," attach explanation*	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)? *If "Yes," complete Part XIV*	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses*	10		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

			Yes	No
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	Yes	
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?	13	Yes	

Website address ▶N/A

14 The books are in care of ▶EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY Telephone no ▶(615) 460-9240

Located at ▶4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE TN ZIP+4 ▶37205

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 |

			Yes	No
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?	16		No
	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 ▶			

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.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)				
	(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)?		1b		No
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶	☐			
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		No
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)?		**5b**		
	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?	☐ 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**		**No**
	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?		**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	**(e)** Expense account, other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

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	**(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	
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	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions 3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . ▶	0

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	1,114,034
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	221,253
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	8,838,092
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	10,173,379
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). — 1e: 0		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	10,173,379
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	152,601
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	10,020,778
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5.	6	501,039

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	501,039
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5. — 2a		
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI). — 2b		
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	0
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	501,039
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	501,039
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	0
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	501,039

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	498,372
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
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	498,372
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	0
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	498,372

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				501,039
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only.			467,475	
b Total for prior years 20___ , 20___ , 20___		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011.				
b From 2012.				
c From 2013.				
d From 2014.				
e From 2015.				
f **Total** of lines 3a through e.	0			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ $ 498,372				
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			467,475	
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 2016 distributable amount.				30,897
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 *(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	0			
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 2015 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2017				470,142
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 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0			
9 **Excess distributions carryover to 2017.** Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2012.				
b Excess from 2013.				
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)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			**(e) Total**
	(a) 2016	**(b)** 2015	**(c)** 2014	**(d)** 2013	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
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))

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 Name and address (home or business)	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
a *Paid during the year* See Additional Data Table				
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				490,100
b *Approved for future payment*				
Total . . . . ▶ **3b**				0

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income (a) Business code	(b) Amount	Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514 (c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments. . . .					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities. . . .			14	40,083	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.			16	16,358	
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	25,962	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e). .		0		82,403	0

13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e). **13** 82,403

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions)

Part XVII **Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501 (c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
	(1) Cash.	**1a(1)**		**No**
	(2) Other assets.	**1a(2)**		**No**
b	Other transactions			
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	**1b(1)**		**No**
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	**1b(2)**		**No**
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	**1b(3)**		**No**
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	**1b(4)**		**No**
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	**1b(5)**		**No**
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	**1b(6)**		**No**
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	**1c**		**No**

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line No	**(b)** Amount involved	**(c)** Name of noncharitable exempt organization	**(d)** Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

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

Sign Here

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

******	2018-04-25	******	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**
Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title	

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Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	PTIN
Sara G Moon				P00034774
Firm's name ▶ CHERRY BEKAERT LLP				Firm's EIN ▶56-0574444
Firm's address ▶ 3310 West End Avenue Suite 550 Nashville, TN 37203				Phone no (615) 383-6592

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

(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)
COHEN & STEERS SELECT PRFD CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTION	P		2017-01-17
0 6907 SH SHEPHERD INVESTMENT INTL LTD LP	P		2016-11-30
200 SH QUALITY CARE PROPERTIES	P		2016-11-30
300 SH PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	P		2016-11-30
4000 SH BLACKROCK ENHANCED EQUITY DIVIDEND TRUST	P		2017-04-19
1000 SH PPL CORP	P		2016-08-15
1500 SH SOUTHERN CO	P		2017-07-19
700 SH JOHNSON & JOHNSON	P		2016-09-12
1000 SH CVS/CAREMARK CORP	P		2016-11-07
800 SH WALT DISNEY CO	P		2017-06-26

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)
382			382
718			718
2,851			2,851
26,958		24,363	2,595
33,380		31,080	2,300
35,871		37,340	-1,469
70,655		63,900	6,755
82,337		65,177	17,160
83,400		94,430	-11,030
84,284		78,584	5,700

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			(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	
			382
			718
			2,851
			2,595
			2,300
			-1,469
			6,755
			17,160
			-11,030
			5,700

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(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
J GREG HARDEMAN 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	Trustee 2 00	0	0	0
WALTER C LEAVER III 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	Trustee 2 00	0	0	0
JAMES VANDIVER 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	Trustee 2 00	0	0	0
NEIKA STEPHENS 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	Trustee 2 00	0	0	0
RHONDA LOWERY 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	Trustee 2 00	0	0	0
EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	Trustee 0 00	0	0	0
DALE RANDOLPH 4400 HARDING PIKE STE 310 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	TRUSTee 2 00	0	0	0

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a *Paid during the year*				
DAVID LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY ONE UNIVERSITY PARK DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37204	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	459,000
AGAPE 4555 TROUSDALE DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37204	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	6,500
HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL 455 MCNALLY DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37211	NONE	public	GENERAL SUPPORT	4,000
PASQUO CHURCH OF CHRIST HIGHWAY 100 NASHVILLE, TN 37201	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	3,200
GRAYMERE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1320 TROTWOOD AVE COLUMBIA, TN 38401	NONE	Public	FUTURE MINISTERS CAMP	3,000
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				490,100

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Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a *Paid during the year*				
NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF PREACHING AND B 4806 TROUSDALE DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37220	NONE	Public	GENERAL SUPPORT	3,000
CHRISTIAN TRINITY TRUST 4301 HILLSBORO ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37215	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	2,500
MT CARMEL CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN C 2300 LEWISBURG PIKE FRANKLIN, TN 37064	NONE	Public	CEMETARY FUND	2,000
NASHVILLE INNER CITY MINISTRY 1000 APEX ST NASHVILLE, TN 37206	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,000
SHILOH MINISTRIES 48 E 80TH ST 2 NEW YORK, NY 10075	NONE	PUblic	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,000
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				490,100

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Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a *Paid during the year*				
CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF 410 ALLIED DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37211	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,000
JOVENES EN CAMINO PO BOX 2883 BRENTWOOD, TN 37024	NONE	public	GENERAL SUPPORT	1,000
BRENTWOOD HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST 5120 FRANKLIN PIKE NASHVILLE, TN 37220	NONE	PUBLIC	CAMP LEATHERWOOD	1,000
FAULKNER UNIVERSITY 5345 ATLANTA HIGHWAY MONTGOMERY, AL 36109	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	800
ST JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITA 262 DANNY THOMAS PL MEMPHIS, TN 38105	NONE	Public	GENERAL SUPPORT	500
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				490,100

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Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a *Paid during the year*				
WORLD CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING 605 BRADLEY COURT FRANKLIN, TN 37067	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	500
SCOTTSBORO CHURCH OF CHRIST 5156 ASHLAND CITY HWY NASHVILLE, TN 37218	NONE	PUBLIC	GENERAL SUPPORT	100
Total . . . . ▶ 3a				490,100

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TY 2016 Depreciation Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

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
LAND-5980 PASQUO RD	2001-05-31	45,636		L		0	0		
HOUSE-5980 PASQUO RD	2001-05-31	226,006	127,310	ADS	27 000000000000	8,371	8,371		
LAND IMPR -5980 PASQUO RD	2001-08-31	2,067		L		0	0		
LAND		339,086		L		0	0		
LAND - HWY 100 PROP		408,560		L		0	0		
A/C UNIT - ENERGY MASTERS	2014-01-31	3,909	142	SL	27 500000000000	142	142		
WASHER & DRYER - HOME DEPOT	2014-12-22	686	261	200DB	5 000000000000	156	137		
RANGE & DISHWASHER	2015-03-03	1,909	764	200DB	5 000000000000	458	382		
BUILDING - 8333 NUNAHI TRAIL	2014-01-01	192,202	6,989	SL	27 500000000000	6,989	6,989		
LAND - 8333 NUNAHI TRAIL	2014-01-01	86,798		L		0	0		

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TY 2016 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
50000 SOUTHERN CA EDISON CO	50,000	49,973

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
1000 ATMOS ENERGY CORP	61,280	86,760
1000 COHEN & STEERS SELECTED PRFD	26,160	28,710
1000 HCP INC REIT	36,540	31,650
1000 NATIONAL HEALTH INVS INC.	25,767	77,250
1000 QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	61,780	108,310
2000 ALTRIA GROUP, INC.	49,078	129,940
2883.983 AMERICAN NEW WORLD FUND CLASS F	100,015	180,826
3000 CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN	29,459	35,850
5 SCORE BOARD INC COM	1	0
1000 DOLLAR GENERAL CORP	72,515	75,160
500 DUKE ENERGY CORP	32,735	42,560
700 KRAFT HEINZ COMPANY	54,929	61,222
8384.5 AMERICAN CENTURY GLOBAL GOLD	100,646	71,687
1500 UNDER ARMOUR INC CLASS C	39,015	27,165

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TY 2016 Investments - Land Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Category/ Item	Cost/Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
LAND-5980 PASQUO RD	45,636	0	45,636	
HOUSE-5980 PASQUO RD	226,006	135,681	90,325	
LAND IMPR.-5980 PASQUO RD	2,067	0	2,067	
LAND	339,086	0	339,086	
LAND - HWY 100 PROP	408,560	0	408,560	
A/C UNIT - ENERGY MASTERS	3,909	284	3,625	
WASHER & DRYER - HOME DEPOT	686	417	269	
RANGE & DISHWASHER	1,909	1,222	687	
BUILDING - 8333 NUNAHI TRAIL	192,202	13,978	178,224	
LAND - 8333 NUNAHI TRAIL	86,798	0	86,798	

TY 2016 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LEGAL FEES	4,206	2,933		1,273

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TY 2016 Other Assets Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
PARTNERSHIP INTEREST	2,123,240	2,032,451	6,363,176
CAPITALIZED INVESTMENT COSTS	489,155	505,147	0
SHEPHERD INVESTMENT INTL LTD LP	0	0	1,528

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TY 2016 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES	39,144	39,144		0
BOARD MEMBER MEETING COSTS	6,614	0		6,614
OTHER INVESTMENT EXP K-1	227	227		0
MISCELLANEOUS	2,975	2,590		385
Repairs	295	295		0
Taxes	3,376	3,376		0
Utilities	54	54		0
INSURANCE	1,956	1,956		0
COMMISSIONS	2,106	2,106		0
PASS THRU NET LOSS ON RENTAL ACTIVITY	0	0		0

Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
repairs	2,200	2,200		0
taxes	2,603	2,603		0
utilities	36	36		0
INSURANCE	1,327	1,327		0
COMMISSIONS	2,357	2,357		0

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TY 2016 Other Increases Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Description	Amount
APPRECIATION ON DISTRIBUTED ASSET	258,736

TY 2016 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LEGAL & ACCT PASSTHRU FROM K-1	8,899	8,899		0

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TY 2016 Taxes Schedule

Name: Stephens' Christian Trust

EIN: 62-6201842

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PROPERTY TAXES	24,222	24,222		0
NATCHEZ ASSOCIATES K-1 STATE TAXES	2,821	2,821		0
PROPERTY TAXES K-1	7,626	7,626		0