

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/16, and ending 06/30/17

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 30 NEFF ANNEX City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code COLUMBIA MO 65211	D Employer identification number 31-1650883 E Telephone number 573-882-9257 G Gross receipts \$ 3,413,505
F Name and address of principal officer: THOMAS L. GALLAGHER 30 NEFF ANNEX COLUMBIA MO 65211		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () t (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(c) Group exemption number u
J Website: u HTTP://RELIGION.NEWS		L Year of formation: 1999 M State of legal domicile: OH
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other u		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGION JOURNALISM.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> u if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	20
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	46,878
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	3,282,468	2,976,775
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	567,915	423,758
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	2,839	10,722
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	423	0
		3,853,645	3,411,255
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	1,269,862	1,241,781
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) u 53,475		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	852,565	758,072
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,122,427	1,999,853	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,731,218	1,411,402	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,143,017	3,907,328
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	116,964	442,823
	2,026,053	3,464,505	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer THOMAS L. GALLAGHER Type or print name and title	Date CEO & PRESIDENT
	Print/Type preparer's name Amy L. Watson	Preparer's signature Date 11/15/17
Paid Preparer Use Only	Firm's name } Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, PC, CPA's 20 South Fifth Street Firm's address } Columbia, MO 65201	Firm's EIN } 43-1260512 Phone no. } 573-449-1599

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGION JOURNALISM.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,649,358 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 423,758) TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION BY MEANS OF INFORMATIVE PUBLICATIONS, PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CONFERENCE SEMINARS AND DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR REPORTERS, EDITORS, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR NEWS MEDIA AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses u 1,649,358

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	X	
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	X	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	X	
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	X	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	X	
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

X

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 1a-13b regarding Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, and various tax compliance issues.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (10), 1b (10), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a (X), 7b, 8a (X), 8b (X), 9 (X).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a (X), 12b (X), 12c (X), 13 (X), 14 (X), 15a (X), 15b (X), 16a, 16b (X).

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed u OH
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: u

RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION
COLUMBIA

30 NEFF ANNEX

MO 65211

573-882-9257

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

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MANYA BRACHEAR PASHMAN	1.00									
PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) JAWEED KALEEM	1.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) KEN CHITWOOD	1.00									
TREASURER	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) BOB SMIETANA	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) PETER SMITH	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) ELAINE JUSTICE	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) JOHN TERRILL	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) JERRY PATTENGALE	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) TOM LEVINSON	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) MONIQUE PARSONS	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) DEBRA L MASON	14.00									
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00			X			0	25,884	9,078	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b 5,160				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 2,971,615				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	94,309				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u 2,976,775				
	Program Service Revenue	2a SUBSCRIPTION REVENUE	Busn. Code	208,827	208,827	
b PRESS RELEASE INCOME			59,402	59,402		
c CONTRACTUAL INCOME			54,924	54,924		
d TV SUBSCRIPTIONS			52,000	52,000		
e ADVERTISING		541800	46,878		46,878	
f All other program service revenue			1,727	1,727		
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		u	423,758			
Other Revenue		3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u	12,972		12,972
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u				
	5 Royalties	u				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental exps.					
	c Rental inc. or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.		2,250			
	c Gain or (loss)		-2,250			
	d Net gain or (loss)	u	-2,250	-2,250		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b Less: direct expenses	b			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		u				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u				
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Busn. Code				
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u				
	12 Total revenue. See instructions.	u	3,411,255	374,630	46,878	12,972

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	92,041	44,190	34,020	13,831
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	844,857	729,094	91,702	24,061
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	304,883	255,604	38,237	11,042
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,414		5,414	
c Accounting	41,284		41,284	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	429,262	357,463	71,577	222
12 Advertising and promotion	9,599	9,599		
13 Office expenses	31,829	23,995	7,553	281
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	27,950	26,547	1,403	
17 Travel	78,503	71,249	3,749	3,505
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	114,808	114,808		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	12,890	10,997	1,488	405
23 Insurance	6,533	5,812	593	128
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,999,853	1,649,358	297,020	53,475
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	127,463	1	2,768,711
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,955,773	2	898,592
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	588	3	3,006
	4 Accounts receivable, net	27,596	4	46,549
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 36,102		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 20,596	24,231	10c 15,506
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	174,012
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	7,366	14	952
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		2,143,017	16	3,907,328
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	93,000	17	421,216
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	23,964	19	21,607
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		116,964	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	523,273	27	568,088
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,502,780	28	2,896,417
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,026,053	33	3,464,505	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,143,017	34	3,907,328	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,411,255
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,999,853
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,411,402
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,026,053
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	27,050
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	3,464,505

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2016

Open to Public Inspection

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

u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

31-1650883

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations 1
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A) RELIGION NEWS ASSOCIATION	54-1486927	501 (c) (6)	X		33,131	0
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total					33,131	0

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2012, (b) 2013, (c) 2014, (d) 2015, (e) 2016, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2012, (b) 2013, (c) 2014, (d) 2015, (e) 2016, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2012, (b) 2013, (c) 2014, (d) 2015, (e) 2016, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2012, (b) 2013, (c) 2014, (d) 2015, (e) 2016, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support; 14 First five years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>	X	
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		X
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	X	
3b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>	X	
3c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>	X	
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		X
4b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
4c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		X
5b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
5c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		X
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		X
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		X
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		X
9b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		X
9c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		X
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		X
10b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		X
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		X
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		X

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>	X	
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		X

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	<i>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).</i>		
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization satisfied the Activities Test. <i>Complete line 2 below.</i>	
b	<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. <i>Complete line 3 below.</i>	
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization supported a governmental entity. <i>Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</i>	
2	Activities Test. <i>Answer (a) and (b) below.</i>		
a		Yes	No
	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
2a			
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
2b			
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. <i>Answer (a) and (b) below.</i>		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
3a			
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
3b			

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4).	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required-explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:			
a			
b			
c From 2013			
d From 2014			
e From 2015			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b Excess from 2013			
c Excess from 2014			
d Excess from 2015			
e Excess from 2016			

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

Part IV, Section A, Line 3b - Determination Made by Organization

THE ORGANIZATION RETAINS A COPY OF THE IRS DETERMINATION LETTER OF ITS SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION.

Part IV, Section A, Line 3c - Controls for 170(c)(2)(B) Purposes

THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES GRANT AND CONTRACTED REVENUE FUNDS TO PAY FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. TRAINING AND EDUCATION IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION. STIPEND AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED WITH SUMS DOCUMENTED FOR ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES TO THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

u Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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

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2016

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION

31-1650883

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (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 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. Don't 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 isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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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	\$ 94,309	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	\$ 2,500,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	\$ 40,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	\$ 189,071	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	\$ 74,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part 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
7	\$ 14,770	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	\$ 6,615	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	\$ 8,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
.....	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. u Attach to Form 990.

u Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. (Sub-rows: a Total number of conservation easements, b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year u, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located u, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 u \$, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 u \$, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII Yes No

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** %
 - b Permanent endowment **u** %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment **u** %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
- b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		36,102	20,596	15,506
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)			u	15,506

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) u		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) u		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) u	

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) u	

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
SOUTH AFRICA					
(1)	1	1	PROGRAM SERVICE	TRAINING	116,018
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	1	1			116,018
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	1	1			116,018

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter **u** _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities **u** _____

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

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Part I, Line 3 - Activities per Region

Region	Expenditures	Investments
SOUTH AFRICA	\$ 116,018	\$ 0

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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

u Attach to Form 990.

u Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded	X	1	94,309	THIRD PARTY VALUATION
10 Securities — Closely held stock				
11 Securities — Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities — Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution — Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution — Other				
15 Real estate — Residential				
16 Real estate — Commercial				
17 Real estate — Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other u ()				
26 Other u ()				
27 Other u ()				
28 Other u ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Form 990, Part V - Additional Information

LINE 2A: EMPLOYEES WERE PAID BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

NO W-2 FORMS WERE ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - Election of Members and Their Rights

YES

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE CEO PRIOR TO FILING. A COPY

IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AFTER THE FORM IS FILED.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

A DISCLOSURE FORM IS FILED ANNUALLY AND THE POLICY IS REVIEWED WITH THE

BOARD MEMBERS DURING A MEETING ANNUALLY. ALSO REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE AS THEY

ARISE AT BOARD MEETINGS.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

Starting salary as established with a Board Source comparison of average

salary for association nonprofits with a budget size of \$500,000-\$1,000,000

as reported by BoardSource. Middle of the average range was selected. The

board approved all base salaries. The same process was used to determine

salary for key employees, based on their job title (bookkeeper, associate

director/marketing director). Raises have occurred irregularly, usually

based on when funds were available an the length of time between raises.

For example, 5% raises have been granted when no raise was given for more

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than two years. All raises are merit based in accordance with guidelines established by the University of Missouri, which administers the Foundation's personnel and human resources services through an affiliation agreement.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

Starting salary as established with a Board Source comparison of average salary for association nonprofits with a budget size of \$500,000-\$1,000,000 as reported by BoardSource. Middle of the average range was selected. The board approved all base salaries. The same process was used to determine salary for key employees, based on their job title (bookkeeper, associate director/marketing director). Raises have occurred irregularly, usually based on when funds were available an the length of time between raises. For example, 5% raises have been granted when no raise was given for more than two years. All raises are merit based in accordance with guidelines established by the University of Missouri, which administers the Foundation's personnel and human resources services.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Form 990, Part VII - Additional Information

THOMAS L. GALLAGHER WAS HIRED AS THE FOUNDATION'S CEO ON OCTOBER 27, 2016. DEBRA MASON WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION PRIOR TO MR. GALLAGHER'S EMPLOYMENT.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Services

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Description

Program Service

Mgt & General

Fundraising

CONSULTING FEES

\$ 0

\$ 71,042

\$ 0

STRINGERS

\$ 68,546

\$ 0

\$ 0

BLOGGERS

\$ 43,945

\$ 0

\$ 0

PHOTOGRAPHY STRINGERS

\$ 28,694

\$ 0

\$ 0

RELIGIONLINK CORRESPONDENTS

\$ 10,901

\$ 0

\$ 0

STRATEGIC PLANNING

\$ 15,384

\$ 0

\$ 0

CONTRACTED JOURNALISTS

\$ 131,803

\$ 0

\$ 0

TEMP CONTRACTED JOURNALISTS

\$ 995

\$ 0

\$ 0

WIRE SERVICE

\$ 30,000

\$ 0

\$ 0

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT & EQUIP

\$ 23,933

\$ 0

\$ 0

HONORARIUMS

\$ 2,560

\$ 0

\$ 0

TEMPORARY LABOR

\$ 702

\$ 535

\$ 222

Total

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\$ 357,463

\$ 71,577

\$ 222

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Form 990, Part XII - Additional Information

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION RECEIVED AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

u Attach to Form 990.

u Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) RELIGION NEWS SERVICES, LLC 30 NEFF ANNEX COLUMBIA MO 65211	CHARITABLE	OH	911,328	3,092,506	RNF
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) RELIGION NEWS ASSOCIATION 30 NEFF ANNEX COLUMBIA MO 65211 54-1486927	MBRSHP ORG	VA	C 6		N/A		X
(2) UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLUMBIA CAMPUS COLUMBIA MO 65211 43-6003859	UNIVERSITY	MO			N/A		X
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							

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

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
								Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)													
(2)													
(3)													
(4)													

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

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
									Yes	No
(1)										
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	X	
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	X	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	X	
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	X	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) RELIGION NEWS ASSOCIATION	p	33,131	ACTUAL MONETARY AMT
(2) RELIGION NEWS ASSOCIATION	q	13,185	ACTUAL MONETARY AMT
(3) UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	o	905,059	ACTUAL MONETARY AMT
(4) UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	n	51,594	ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE
(5)			
(6)			

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)													
(2)													
(3)													
(4)													
(5)													
(6)													
(7)													
(8)													
(9)													
(10)													
(11)													

Part VII

Supplemental Information

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

Public Inspection Copy

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

2016

For calendar year 2016 or other tax year beginning 07/01/16, and ending 06/30/17

Information about Form 990-T and its instructions is available at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection for 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

<p>A <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed</p> <p>B Exempt under section</p> <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 220(e)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 408(e)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 530(a)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 408A</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)</td> </tr> </table> <p>C Book value of all assets at end of year <u>3,907,328</u></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 220(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> 408(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> 530(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> 408A	<input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)	<p>Name of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions. RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION</p> <p>Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 30 NEFF ANNEX</p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code COLUMBIA MO 65211</p> <p>F Group exemption number (See instructions.) <u> </u></p>	<p>D Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions.) 31-1650883</p> <p>E Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions.) 541800</p> <p>G Check organization type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 220(e)							
<input type="checkbox"/> 408(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> 530(a)							
<input type="checkbox"/> 408A	<input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)							

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity.
ADVERTISING

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation.

J The books are in care of RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION Telephone number 573-882-9257

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a	Gross receipts or sales			
b	Less returns and allowances			
c Balance				
2	Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)			
3	Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c			
4a	Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)			
b	Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)			
c	Capital loss deduction for trusts			
5	Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)			
6	Rent income (Schedule C)			
7	Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)			
8	Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Schedule F)			
9	Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)			
10	Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)			
11	Advertising income (Schedule J)	46,878		46,878
12	Other income (See instructions; attach schedule)			
13	Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	46,878		46,878

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)			
14	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	14	
15	Salaries and wages	15	40,039
16	Repairs and maintenance	16	
17	Bad debts	17	
18	Interest (attach schedule)	18	
19	Taxes and licenses	19	
20	Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules)	20	
21	Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	21	
22	Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	22a	
23	Depletion	23	
24	Contributions to deferred compensation plans	24	
25	Employee benefit programs	25	
26	Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	26	
27	Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	27	
28	Other deductions (attach schedule) <u>See Statement 1</u>	28	6,119
29	Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28	29	46,158
30	Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13	30	720
31	Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)	31	495
32	Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30	32	225
33	Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)	33	1,000
34	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	34	0

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation. Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here **See instructions** and:

a Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order):
(1) \$ _____ **(2)** \$ _____ **(3)** \$ _____

b Enter organization's share of: **(1)** Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750) \$ _____
(2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000) \$ _____

c Income tax on the amount on line 34 ▶ **35c**

36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from: Tax rate schedule or Schedule D (Form 1041) ▶ **36**

37 Proxy tax. See instructions ▶ **37**

38 Alternative minimum tax **38**

39 Tax on Non-Compliant Facility Income. See instructions **39**

40 Total. Add lines 37, 38 and 39 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies **40**

Part IV Tax and Payments

41a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116) **41a**

b Other credits (see instructions) **41b**

c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions) **41c**

d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827) **41d**

e Total credits. Add lines 41a through 41d **41e**

42 Subtract line 41e from line 40 **42**

43 Other taxes. Check if from: Form 4255 Form 8611 Form 8697 Form 8866 Other (att. sch.) **43**

44 Total tax. Add lines 42 and 43 **44** 0

45a Payments: A 2015 overpayment credited to 2016 **45a**

b 2016 estimated tax payments **45b**

c Tax deposited with Form 8868 **45c**

d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) **45d**

e Backup withholding (see instructions) **45e**

f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941) **45f**

g Other credits and payments: Form 2439 Form 4136 Other _____ Total **u** **45g**

46 Total payments. Add lines 45a through 45g **46**

47 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached **u** **47**

48 Tax due. If line 46 is less than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount owed **u** **48**

49 Overpayment. If line 46 is larger than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount overpaid **u** **49**

50 Enter the amount of line 49 you want: Credited to 2017 estimated tax **u** **Refunded u** **50**

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

51 At any time during the 2016 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here **u** **Yes** **No**

52 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file. **Yes** **No**

53 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **u** \$

Sign Here **u** _____ **u** **CEO & PRESIDENT**
 Signature of officer Date Title

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.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Amy L. Watson
 Preparer's signature: _____
 Date: 11/15/17
 Check if self-employed PTIN: P01362636

Firm's name: Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, PC, CPA's
 Firm's address: 20 South Fifth Street, Columbia, MO 65201
 Firm's EIN: 43-1260512
 Phone no.: 573-449-1599

Schedule A – Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation **u**

1 Inventory at beginning of year	1		6 Inventory at end of year	6	
2 Purchases	2		7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	7	
3 Cost of labor	3				
4a Additional sec. 263A costs (attach schedule)	4a		8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?	Yes	No
b Other costs (attach schedule)	4b				
5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b	5				

Schedule C – Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

(see instructions)

1. Description of property		
(1)	N/A	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
2. Rent received or accrued		
(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
Total		(b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) u
(c) Total income. Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) u		

Schedule E – Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1. Description of debt-financed property		2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1)	N/A			
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4. Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5. Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6. Column 4 divided by column 5	7. Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8. Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
Totals			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B).
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8 u				

Schedule F – Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross inc.	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1) N/A					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

7. Taxable Income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
Totals			u	u

Schedule G – Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach schedule)	4. Set-asides (attach schedule)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (col. 3 plus col.4)
(1) N/A				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
Totals		u		

Schedule I – Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1. Description of exploited activity	2. Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3. Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6. Expenses attributable to column 5	7. Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals		u				

Schedule J – Advertising Income (see instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis						
1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) ADVERTISING	46,878					
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals (carry to Part II, line (5)) ..		u	46,878	46,878		

Part II Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals from Part I u	46,878					
Totals, Part II (lines 1-5) u	46,878	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (B).			Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 27.

Schedule K – Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percent of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1) N/A		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14		u	

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

u Attach to your tax return.

u Information about Form 4562 and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form4562.

Name(s) shown on return

RELIGION NEWS FOUNDATION

Identifying number

31-1650883

Business or activity to which this form relates

Indirect Depreciation

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

Table with 5 main rows for Part I. Line 1: 500,000; Line 3: 2,010,000; Line 16: 6,307.

Note: Don't use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Don't include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Table with 3 rows for Part II. Line 16: 6,307.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Don't include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

Table with 2 rows for Part III. Line 17: 167.

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2016 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

Table with 7 columns: (a) Classification of property, (b) Month and year placed in service, (c) Basis for depreciation, (d) Recovery period, (e) Convention, (f) Method, (g) Depreciation deduction.

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2016 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

Table with 7 columns: (a) Class life, (b) Month and year placed in service, (c) Basis for depreciation, (d) Recovery period, (e) Convention, (f) Method, (g) Depreciation deduction.

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

Table with 3 rows for Part IV. Line 22: 6,474.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain aircraft, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? 25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) 26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use: 27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use: 28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1 29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (don't include commuting miles) 31 Total commuting miles driven during the year 32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven 33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32 34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? 35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person? 36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who aren't more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? 38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners 39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use? 40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received? 41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.)

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," don't complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2016 tax year (see instructions): 43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2016 tax year 44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report

Statement 1 - Form 990-T, Part II, Line 28 - Other Deductions

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PROMOTION	\$ 960
POSTAGE	2,157
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	2,510
TELEPHONE/INTERNET	492
Total	\$ <u>6,119</u>

Federal Asset Report

Form 990, Page 1

Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179 Bonus	Basis for Depr	Per Conv Meth	Prior	Current
Prior MACRS:									
27	Conference Table & Chairs - MO	1/29/10	4,664		X	2,332	7 HY S/L	4,497	167
			<u>4,664</u>			<u>2,332</u>		<u>4,497</u>	<u>167</u>
Other Depreciation:									
12	McCallen iPad	7/25/11	638			638	5 MO S/L	627	11
15	Gustofson iPad	7/25/11	538			538	5 MO S/L	529	9
19	HP CP 5225n ColorLaser Printer	4/30/12	1,450			1,450	5 MO S/L	1,208	242
23	Cannon Camera - Banks	6/28/12	870			870	5 MO S/L	696	174
29	Ikea Desk	11/09/12	859			859	7 MO S/L	450	122
30	iPad Mini - Mason	11/28/12	699			699	5 MO S/L	501	69
	Sold/Scrapped: 12/31/16								
33	Dell Tower - Sheila	2/01/13	946			946	5 MO S/L	646	190
38	HP Laserjet M2727NF - Banks	6/19/13	648			648	5 MO S/L	389	129
43	Computer for Wendy	6/30/14	1,351			1,351	5 MO S/L	541	270
45	Computer - Publisher	8/31/14	1,649			1,649	5 MO S/L	605	329
47	Ipad - Yonat	12/03/13	968			968	5 MO S/L	500	194
50	Laptop - Amy	2/09/15	838			838	5 MO S/L	238	167
51	Computer & Accessories - Brian Pellot	11/30/14	1,772			1,772	5 MO S/L	561	354
52	Computer & External Drive - Tiffany	10/31/14	664			664	5 MO S/L	222	132
54	13" Macbook Pro Laptop - Jerome S.	4/30/15	1,640			1,640	5 MO S/L	383	328
55	13" Macbook Pro Laptop - Yonat	4/30/15	1,232			1,232	5 MO S/L	287	247
56	3 Projectors - PRO8520HD-High Bright Fu	7/18/15	5,853			5,853	5 MO S/L	1,073	1,171
59	13" Macbook Pro 2.9 GHZ (Mason)	12/22/15	2,651			2,651	5 MO S/L	265	265
	Sold/Scrapped: 12/31/16								
60	MacBook Pro 13" 2.9 GHZ - Banks	12/03/15	1,882			1,882	5 MO S/L	220	376
61	MacBook Pro 13" 2.9 GHZ - Feibish	12/03/15	1,882			1,882	5 MO S/L	220	376
62	MacBook 12" 1.2 GHZ 8BG - Morrow	12/03/15	1,732			1,732	5 MO S/L	202	346
63	MacBook Air 11" 1.6 GHZ - Gibson	12/03/15	1,032			1,032	5 MO S/L	120	207
64	MacBook Pro 13" 2.7 GHZ I5 - Markoe	12/03/15	1,382			1,382	5 MO S/L	161	277
65	MacBook Pro 13" 2.7 GHZ - Ron	3/31/16	1,612			1,612	5 MO S/L	81	322
	Total Other Depreciation		<u>34,788</u>			<u>34,788</u>		<u>10,725</u>	<u>6,307</u>
	Total ACRS and Other Depreciation		<u>34,788</u>			<u>34,788</u>		<u>10,725</u>	<u>6,307</u>
Amortization:									
2	Website Development	12/31/11	129,320			129,320	3 MO Amort	129,320	0
3	Website Design	12/31/11	57,000			57,000	3 MO Amort	57,000	0
39	Website Development	9/12/12	15,000			15,000	3 MO Amort	15,000	0
41	Website Redesign	11/08/12	12,000			12,000	3 MO Amort	12,000	0
42	Word Press Software	2/28/13	6,150			6,150	5 MO Amort	4,203	1,230
46	Website Development	3/25/14	19,350			19,350	3 MO Amort	15,050	4,300
48	Domain Registration - RNS	12/31/11	1,639			1,639	5 MO Amort	1,475	164
49	Domain Registration - RNS	12/31/12	2,000			2,000	5 MO Amort	1,433	400
57	Domain Registration - RNF	12/31/11	1,551			1,551	5 MO Amort	1,396	155
58	Domain Registration - RNF	12/31/12	821			821	5 MO Amort	589	164
			<u>244,831</u>			<u>244,831</u>		<u>237,466</u>	<u>6,413</u>
	Grand Totals		284,283			281,951		252,688	12,887
	Less: Dispositions and Transfers		3,350			3,350		766	334
	Less: Start-up/Org Expense		0			0		0	0
	Net Grand Totals		<u>280,933</u>			<u>278,601</u>		<u>251,922</u>	<u>12,553</u>