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Form **990**

## Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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Part I Summary			Prior Year	Current Year
<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>TO KEEP CHURCH AND STATE SEPARATE AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT NONTHEISM</b>			
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10	
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	8	
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	35	
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	30	
	<b>7 a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.	
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		4,827,103.	3,397,041.
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		56,140.	59,859.
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		22,762.	264,895.
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		25,677.	216,627.
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		4,931,682.	3,938,422.
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		380,906.	329,974.
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0.	0.
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		1,218,828.	1,514,311.
	<b>16 a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.	0.
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	27,495.		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		2,165,298.	1,790,883.	
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		3,765,032.	3,635,168.	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		1,166,650.	303,254.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)		14,673,296.	15,069,866.
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		187,009.	206,356.
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		14,486,287.	14,863,510.

<b>Part II Signature Block</b>																
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.																
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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 [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO KEEP CHURCH AND STATE SEPARATE AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT NONTHEISM

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] 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 \$ 865,673. Including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) LAWSUITS CHALLENGING ENTANGLEMENT OF RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OR PROMOTION OF RELIGION. FFRF HAD 14 LAWSUITS IN 2016, INCLUDING 8 NEW LAWSUITS FILED IN 2016 (TWO OF WHICH WERE SETTLED VICTORIOUSLY IN 2016) AS WELL AS ONGOING LITIGATION. FFRF ACHIEVED SIX LAWSUIT VICTORIES, SETTLEMENTS OR LEGAL ROUNDS IN 2016. FFRF MAINTAINED 5 STAFF ATTORNEYS, 2 LEGAL FELLOWS, AND A TOTAL OF 9 LEGAL INTERNS OR EXTERNS. STAFF ATTORNEYS WROTE 1,073 FORMAL LETTERS OF COMPLAINT (NOT INCLUDING MASS MAILINGS MAINLY TO SUPERINTENDENTS IN FIVE STATES), ENDING OVER 260 ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE VIOLATIONS WITHOUT GOING TO COURT, WHICH IS FFRF'S GOAL. THEY RESEARCHED AND RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 4,500 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OR HELP ABOUT FIRST AMENDMENT VIOLATIONS.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,440,301. Including grants of \$ 65,050. ) (Revenue \$ 59,859. ) EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, CONVENTION, MEETINGS, MEDIA APPEARANCES, SPEECHES, DEBATES, TRAVEL, AND AWARDS. FFRF RECOGNIZED ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROMOTING FREETHOUGHT AND STATE/CHURCH SEPARATION AT NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH MORE THAN 525 PARTICIPANTS. OFFERED FREETHOUGHT PROGRAMMING WITH NOTED SPEAKERS WITHOUT COST AND SPOKE AT MORE THAN 40 PUBLIC EVENTS IN ABOUT 15 STATES, INCLUDING CAMPUS APPEARANCES, AND 10 CAMPUS DEBATES. WAS INTERVIEWED FOR ABOUT 1,800 NEWS ARTICLES, TV, AND RADIO. SENT OUT MORE THAN 74 ALERTS RELATED TO FREETHOUGHT OR STATE/CHURCH SEPARATION AND 358 NEWS RELEASES ABOUT FFRF ACTIVITIES AND 114 BLOG POSTINGS. RAISED THE MONEY TO RESTORE A STATUE OF A HISTORIC FREETHINKER IN A PUBLIC PARK IN PEORIA, ILL. GAVE \$40,200 IN CASH SCHOLARSHIPS TO 50 STUDENTS IN 4 SEPARATE

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 421,043. Including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) PUBLISHING, BROADCASTING, AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH. PUBLISHED 10 ISSUES OF 24-PAGE NEWSPAPER; 2 ISSUES OF PRIVATE LINE MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER; BROADCAST 52 WEEKLY EDITIONS OF FREETHOUGHT RADIO, PLUS PODCASTS REACHING 10,000 DOWNLOADS PER WEEK, INCLUDING FFRF ACTIVISM REPORTS AND PROMINENT GUESTS; MAINTAINED MAJOR EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE WITH NEWS UPDATES, DAILY CALENDAR, LEGAL AND FREETHOUGHT FAQs AND RESOURCES, FACEBOOK, AND TWITTER; DISTRIBUTED FFRF-PUBLISHED BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS PROMOTING ITS MISSIONS; UNDERTOOK SEVERAL MAJOR EDUCATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS, PERSONALIZED "OUT OF THE CLOSET" BILLBOARDS FEATURING FFRF MEMBERS, AND A SPECIAL "I'M AN ATHEIST & I VOTE" CAMPAIGN WITH BILLBOARDS, BUS SIGNS OR BIKESHARE ADS IN D.C., PHILADELPHIA AND CLEVELAND. PLACED FULL-PAGE ADS IN THE NEW

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 534,483. Including grants of \$ 265,774. ) (Revenue \$ 216,627. )

4e Total program service expenses 3,261,500.

**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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3		X
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	11b		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e		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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	17		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	<b>20a</b>		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<b>20b</b>		
<b>21</b> 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>	<b>21</b>	X	
<b>22</b> 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>	<b>22</b>	X	
<b>23</b> 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>	<b>23</b>		X
<b>24a</b> 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>	<b>24a</b>		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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>	<b>25a</b>		X
<b>b</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>	<b>25b</b>		X
<b>26</b> 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>	<b>26</b>		X
<b>27</b> 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>	<b>27</b>		X
<b>28</b> 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):			
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28a</b>		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28b</b>		X
<b>c</b> 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>	<b>28c</b>		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>29</b>	X	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>30</b>		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	<b>31</b>		X
<b>32</b> 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>	<b>32</b>		X
<b>33</b> 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>	<b>33</b>		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	<b>34</b>	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>		X
<b>b</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>	<b>35b</b>		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	<b>36</b>	X	
<b>37</b> 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>	<b>37</b>		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	<b>38</b>	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

Yes No

1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable
1c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return
2b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?
3b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year?
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country?
4b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?
5b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
5c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?
6b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).
7a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?
7b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?
7c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?
7d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year
7e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?
7f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?
7g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?
7h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?
9b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
10a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12
10b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:
11a Gross income from members or shareholders
11b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?
12b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.
13a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?
13b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans
13c Enter the amount of reserves on hand
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?
14b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

**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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

			Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year ..... If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	1a	10		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent .....	1b	8		
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? .....	2		X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? .....	3			X
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? .....	4			X
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .....	5			X
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders? .....	6		X	
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? .....	7a		X	
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? .....	7b		X	
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
<b>a</b> The governing body? .....	8a		X	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? .....	8b		X	
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9			X

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

			Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? .....	10a		X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? .....	10b		X	
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? .....	11a		X	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.				
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 .....	12a		X	
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? .....	12b		X	
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done .....	12c		X	
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? .....	13		X	
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? .....	14		X	
<b>15</b> Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?				
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official .....	15a		X	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization .....	15b			X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).				
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? .....	16a			X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? .....	16b			

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **WI**
- 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.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request     Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **▶**  
**ANNIE LAURIE GAYLOR & DAN BARKER - (608) 256-8900**  
**PO BOX 750, MADISON, WI 53701**

**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 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) TODD PEISSIG DIRECTOR	2.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) MICHAEL CERMAR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) STEFANIE MORITZ SECRETARY	2.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) JIM ZERWICK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) PATRICIA CLEVELAND FORMER DIRECTOR	15.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) ANNIE LAURIE GAYLOR CO-PRESIDENT	60.00	X		X				93,000.	0.	20,542.
(8) DAN BARKER CO-PRESIDENT	60.00	X		X				93,600.	0.	13,159.
(9) STEPHEN HIRTLE CHAIR	2.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) STEVE SALEMSON TREASURER	1.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(11) JIM BREDESON FORMER SECRETARY	2.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) CHERYL KOLBE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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			
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....							186,600.	0.	33,701.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							0.	0.	0.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							186,600.	0.	33,701.	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**



**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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	71,019.					
	<b>1 b</b> Membership dues	1,185,962.					
	<b>1 c</b> Fundraising events						
	<b>1 d</b> Related organizations						
	<b>1 e</b> Government grants (contributions)						
	<b>1 f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	2,140,060.					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	474,950.					
	<b>h</b> Total. Add lines 1a-1f		3,397,041.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> CONVENTION INCOME	900099	59,859.	59,859.			
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
	<b>g</b> Total. Add lines 2a-2f		59,859.				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		98,678.			98,678.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
		<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			166,217.		166,217.
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>	80,221.					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>	36,441.				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		43,780.	43,780.			
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11 a</b> MISCELLANEOUS	900099		172,847.	172,847.			
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e</b> Total. Add lines 11a-11d			172,847.				
<b>12</b> Total revenue. See instructions.			3,938,422.	276,486.	0.	264,895.	

**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	265,774.	265,774.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	64,200.	64,200.		
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	220,478.	202,634.	16,707.	1,137.
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	1,009,392.	889,149.	119,003.	1,240.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	41,986.	36,915.	5,025.	46.
9 Other employee benefits	147,281.	130,071.	17,059.	151.
10 Payroll taxes	95,174.	84,419.	10,582.	173.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	105,617.	101,845.	3,772.	
c Accounting	18,174.		18,174.	
d Lobbying	1,886.	1,886.		
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 Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	761,254.	761,254.		
13 Office expenses	202,585.	128,854.	73,731.	
14 Information technology	49,066.	49,066.		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	18,155.	14,524.	3,631.	
17 Travel	26,761.	20,562.	6,199.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	139,065.	139,065.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	154,655.	123,724.	30,931.	
23 Insurance	33,476.	26,781.	6,695.	
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 MAINTENANCE	97,927.	78,342.	19,585.	
b FREETHOUGHT TODAY	63,990.	63,990.		
c PRINTING	51,784.	41,427.	10,357.	
d RADIO EXPENSE	29,028.	29,028.		
e All other expenses	37,460.	7,990.	4,722.	24,748.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,635,168.	3,261,500.	346,173.	27,495.
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  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	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	215,952.	1	266,586.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	6,180,472.	2	4,892,677.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	81,585.	4	103,664.
	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 Instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	109,551.	8	119,261.
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	52,500.	9	8,394.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	5,116,423.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	512,253.		
	10c		4,715,777.		4,604,170.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities	3,311,760.	11	5,067,684.
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	5,699.	15	7,430.	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	14,673,296.	16	15,069,866.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	187,009.	17	206,356.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	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	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	187,009.	26	206,356.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	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	13,346,929.	27	12,790,706.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	820,803.	28	990,137.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	318,555.	29	1,082,667.
	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	14,486,287.	33	14,863,510.	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	14,673,296.	34	15,069,866.	

**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	3,938,422.
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,635,168.
3 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	303,254.
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	14,486,287.
5 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	73,969.
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	0.
10 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	14,863,510.

**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	2a		X
b 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	2b	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	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?	3a		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		

Form 990 (2016)

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**  
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

**FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.**

Employer identification number

**39-1302520**

**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:

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		
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	2,726,316.	3,668,458.	4,087,921.	4,827,103.	3,397,041.	18,706,839.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	2,726,316.	3,668,458.	4,087,921.	4,827,103.	3,397,041.	18,706,839.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						1,503,868.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						17,202,971.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 .....	2,726,316.	3,668,458.	4,087,921.	4,827,103.	3,397,041.	18,706,839.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....	182,751.	123,197.	69,450.	46,445.	98,678.	520,521.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						19,227,360.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....				12		705,714.
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	14	89.47 %
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	15	89.99 %
16a <b>33 1/3% support test - 2016.</b> 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 <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>		
b <b>33 1/3% support test - 2015.</b> 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 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>		
17a <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016.</b> 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 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>		
b <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015.</b> 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 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>		
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>		

**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**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

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



Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1, 2.

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1.

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1, 2, 3.

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b.

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

1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (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	<b>Total</b> (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	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) 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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> 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			

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**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.)

Lined area for supplemental information.

## SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

## Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**Open to Public  
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
 ▶ Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
 ▶ Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization **FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.** Employer identification number **39-1302520**

**Part I-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

2 Political campaign activity expenditures ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities ..... \_\_\_\_\_

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

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

4a Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A Check  If the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B Check  If the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....	71.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	10,966.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	11,037.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	3,624,131.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	3,635,168.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	331,758.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1a, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1a.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1a, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1a.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	82,940.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0.													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0.													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	259,085.	273,052.	338,252.	331,758.	1,202,147.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,803,221.
c Total lobbying expenditures	4,119.	9,776.	75,085.	11,037.	100,017.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	64,771.	68,263.	84,563.	82,940.	300,537.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column(e))					450,806.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures			65,059.	71.	65,130.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2016

**Part II-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 9788 (election under section 501(h)).

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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities?			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

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

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	2a	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	2b	
<b>c</b> Total	2c	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

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

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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

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**FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.**

Employer identification number

**39-1302520**

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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

- Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
- Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.
 

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No
- Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No
- 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.

- 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.
- If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
 

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____
- If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
 

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2016

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**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

**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	2,678,881.	2,423,665.	2,092,380.	1,746,645.	1,586,158.
b Contributions	1,497,712.	243,700.	301,855.	317,000.	122,400.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	33,635.	11,516.	29,430.	28,735.	38,087.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	4,210,228.	2,678,881.	2,423,665.	2,092,380.	1,746,645.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  94.81 %
- b Permanent endowment  5.19 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment  .00 %

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

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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		750,337.		750,337.
b Buildings		3,937,222.	307,232.	3,629,990.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		428,864.	205,021.	223,843.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				<b>4,604,170.</b>

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

(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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶		

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

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include line numbers and descriptions of revenue items.

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include line numbers and descriptions of expense items.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4:

THIS FUND SERVES AS A CAPITAL BASE FOR THE FOUNDATION'S PURPOSES, WHICH ARE TO PROMOTE THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF STATE AND CHURCH AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS RELATING TO NONTHEISM. THE FUND IS USED TO FURTHER THE FOUNDATION'S AIMS.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE FOUNDATION'S FEDERAL EXEMPT ORGANIZATION TAX RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY ARE FILED. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE FOUNDATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION FOR YEARS BEFORE 2013.

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**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

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SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization **FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.** Employer identification number **39-1302520**

**Part I** General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
BLACK SKEPTICS LOS ANGELES 3101 W 79TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90043	46-0575192	501(C)(3)	10,000.	0.			SCHOLARSHIPS
NONBELIEF RELIEF, INC. PO BOX 750 MADISON, WI 53701	47-4638820	501(C)(3)	201,122.	0.			OPERATIONS
AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION 1777 T STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009	94-6168317	501(C)(3)	50,000.	0.			CLARENCE DARROW SCULPTURE

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶  
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
STUDENT ACTIVIST AWARDS	7	8,000.	0.		
ESSAY WINNERS	57	39,200.	0.		
CONVENTION AWARDS	9	17,000.	0.		

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

PART I, LINE 2:

FFRF REQUIRES VERIFICATIONS OF STUDENT STATUS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND  
 ESSAY WINNERS, AND THE HONORARIA WINNERS ARE PRE-QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN  
 AWARD RELATED TO THE NONPROFIT'S CAUSES.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization

**FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.**

Employer identification number

**39-1302520**

**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	474,950	FAIR MARKET VALUE
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 ( )				
26 Other ( )				
27 Other ( )				
28 Other ( )				

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

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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?

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		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?

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

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.

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2016)

**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.

Lined area for supplemental information.



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number  
39-1302520**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

ESSAY COMPETITIONS (COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS; STUDENTS OF COLOR; ONGOING COLLEGE; GRAD STUDENTS) PLUS \$19,000 IN 8 YOUTH ACTIVIST AWARDS, PLUS \$10,000 DIVIDED BETWEEN FOR YOUNG MINORITY FREETHINKERS.

**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

YORK TIMES, WASHINGTON POST AND USA TODAY AND SEVERAL OTHER DAILIES, A MONTHLY ONE-THIRD PAGE EDUCATIONAL AD IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN AND RAN A 30-SECOND TV SPOT BY RON REAGAN AND ONE FEATURING JFK'S WORDS ON PRIMETIME TV.

**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:**

OPERATION OF FREETHOUGHT HALL IN MADISON, WI AND LAKE HYPATIA, AL, MAINTENANCE OF LIBRARY FOR MEMBERS' USE, AND CHAPTER REBATES EXPENSES \$ 534,483. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 265,774. REVENUE \$ 216,627.

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:**

DAN BARKER AND ANNIE LAURIE GAYLOR ARE MARRIED AND ARE CO-PRESIDENTS

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:**

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:**

MEMBERS CAN ELECT BOARD MEMBERS

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B:**

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2016)

Name of the organization

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number

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MEMBERS CAN VOTE ON ISSUES AND BYLAW CHANGES RAISED BY THE BOARD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE DISCLOSED TO MANAGEMENT

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:

SALARIES ARE REVIEWED BY A COMMITTEE, COMPARED TO OTHER NON-PROFITS, AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

ALL DOCUMENTS, POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 1A AND 1B

THE GOVERNING BODY HAS NINE SEATS. FFRF BYLAWS PERMIT EXECUTIVE BOARD SEATS TO BE SHARED. AT PRESENT, ONE OF THE SEATS IS SHARED BY TWO PEOPLE, EACH WITH HALF OF A VOTE. THIS TECHNICALLY LEADS TO TEN MEMBERS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, ALL OF WHOM HAVE VOTING PRIVILEGES, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE ONLY NINE VOTES. THE CO-PRESIDENTS ARE COMPENSATED AS EMPLOYEES AND ARE NOT INDEPENDENT SO THERE ARE EIGHT INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

Name of the organization

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number

39-1302520

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**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**  
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.  
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Name of the organization **FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION, INC.** Employer identification number **39-1302520**

**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

**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
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**Part III** Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33 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 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	

**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

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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part III, line 34, 35, 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
<b>a</b> Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	X	
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c		X
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d		X
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e		X
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s)	1f		X
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g		X
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h		X
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j		X
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l		X
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m		X
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	X	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o		X
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p		X
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q		X
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r		X
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s		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
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**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 sec. 501(c)(3) orgs.?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate 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	

**Part VII** Supplemental Information.

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

Lined area for supplemental information.