

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)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**  
Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2015** and ending **JUN 30, 2016**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE 300</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>ATLANTA, GA 30329</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>DEBORAH B. MINOR</b> <b>825 HOUSTON MILL ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30329</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>20-5478525</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>404-727-7920</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>6,693,566.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>AARWEB.ORG</b>		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		
<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>2005</b>		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>GA</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION AND TO PROVIDE A</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) ..... <b>3</b> <b>12</b> <b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) ..... <b>4</b> <b>12</b> <b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) ..... <b>5</b> <b>20</b> <b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) ..... <b>6</b> <b>1500</b> <b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 ..... <b>7a</b> <b>0.</b> <b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 ..... <b>7b</b> <b>0.</b>																									
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**Part II Signature Block**

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

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>DEBORAH B. MINOR, CFO</b> Type or print name and title	Date _____			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>DEBORAH L. PRIEST CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <b>DEBORAH L. PRIEST CP</b>	Date <b>05/08/17</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <b>P00148240</b>
Firm's name ▶ <b>WINDHAM BRANNON, P.C.</b>			Firm's EIN ▶ <b>58-1763439</b>		
Firm's address ▶ <b>3630 PEACHTREE RD., NE, SUITE 600 ATLANTA, GA 30326</b>			Phone no. <b>404-898-2000</b>		

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

• If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box  **X**

**Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1).

**Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. <b>AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.</b>	Employer identification number (EIN) or <b>20-5478525</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE, NO. 300</b>	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>ATLANTA, GA 30329</b>	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01		
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

**STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

**DEBORAH B. MINOR**

• The books are in the care of  **825 HOUSTON MILL ROAD - ATLANTA, GA 30329**  
Telephone No.  **404-727-7920** Fax No.

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2017**.

5 For calendar year       , or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2015**, and ending **JUN 30, 2016**.

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  
 Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension  
**ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO GATHER THE INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THE RETURN.**

<b>8a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>8a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	<b>8b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>8c</b>	\$	0.

**Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature  Title  Date

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION AND TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC FORUM FOR ONGOING REFLECTION UPON AND UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, ISSUES, QUESTIONS AND VALUES.

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 No

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

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 964,385. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 1,081,077.) MEMBERSHIP SERVICES: AAR PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS INCLUDING A QUARTERLY SCHOLARLY JOURNAL, MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AND AN ONLINE NEWSPAPER.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 857,313. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 1,410,358.) ANNUAL MEETING: THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION MEETING WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE MEETING IN SAN ANTONIA, TEXAS IN NOVEMBER 2016.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 121,255. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: AAR PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP BY HOSTING WORKSHOPS ON TECHNOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP AND SESSIONS ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLISHING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 464,099. including grants of \$ 123,466.) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,407,052.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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> .....	X	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? .....	X	
<b>3</b> 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> .....		X
<b>4 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> .....		X
<b>5</b> 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> .....		X
<b>6</b> 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> .....		X
<b>7</b> 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> .....		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>9</b> 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> .....		X
<b>10</b> 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> .....	X	
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> 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> .....	X	
<b>b</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> .....		X
<b>c</b> 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> .....		X
<b>d</b> 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> .....		X
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>f</b> 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> .....	X	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....	X	
<b>b</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> .....		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</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> .....		X
<b>15</b> 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> .....		X
<b>16</b> 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> .....	X	
<b>17</b> 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> .....		X
<b>18</b> 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> .....		X
<b>19</b> 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> .....		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with columns for question ID, question text, Yes, and No. Rows include questions 20a through 38, covering topics like hospital facilities, financial statements, grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, and controlled entities.

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

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes, and No. Contains various tax compliance questions and their corresponding 'Yes' or 'No' responses.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent; 2 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?; 3 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?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 7a 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?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 9 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b 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?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 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?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?; 16b 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?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed GA, AL, AK, CA, CO, CT, ME, MA, NH, NM, NY, NC
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: DEBORAH B. MINOR - 404-727-7920 825 HOUSTON MILL ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30329

**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) ASMA AFSARUDDIN BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) EDDIE S. GLAUDE JR. PRESIDENT ELECT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) MELANIE HARRIS BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) SUSAN HILL BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) GREG JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) SERENE JONES PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(7) MICHAEL MCNALLY SECRETARY	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(8) LINDA MOODY FORMER TREASURER	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(9) JIN Y. PARK BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) MAYRA RIVERA BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) KRISTY SLOMINSKI BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) THOMAS TWEED PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(13) KECIA ALI BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) ARDY BASS BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) DAVID GUSHEE VICE PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(16) GRACE JI-SUN KIM BOARD MEMBER	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) BHAKTI MAMTORA BOARD MEMBER	2.50	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			
(18) JONATHAN SARNA TREASURER	2.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(19) JOHN FITZMIER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - STAFF	40.00			X				199,206.	0.	28,571.
(20) STEPHEN W. HERRICK CIO - STAFF	40.00			X				116,891.	0.	21,912.
(21) DEBORAH MINOR CFO - STAFF	40.00			X				130,264.	0.	17,548.
(22) ROBERT WILLIAMS STAFF	40.00					X		110,725.	0.	26,294.
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								557,086.	0.	94,325.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								557,086.	0.	94,325.

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 **4**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 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	
5 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
EMORY UNIVERSITY, 1599 CLIFTON ROAD, 3RD FLOOR, ATLANTA, GA 30322	PAYROLL, PHONES	1,385,710.
AMERICAN EXPRESS PO BOX 650448, DALLAS, TX 75265	CREDIT CARD SERVCIE, VARIOUS EXPENSES	168,465.

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 **2**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>						
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>						
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	211,949.					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$							
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			211,949.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> ANNUAL MEETING REVENUE	<b>Business Code</b>	813920	1,410,358.	1,410,358.			
	<b>b</b> MEMBERSHIP FEES		813920	908,935.	908,935.			
	<b>c</b> EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION SERVICES		813920	81,505.	81,505.			
	<b>d</b> PUBLICATIONS REVENUE		813920	54,589.	54,589.			
	<b>e</b> LABEL REVENUE		813920	27,128.	27,128.			
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue		813920	8,920.	8,920.			
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f			2,491,435.				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			128,537.			128,537.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	<b>5</b> Royalties			7,863.			7,863.	
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real		132,619.				
		(ii) Personal						
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses		220,413.				
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)		-87,794.					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)			-87,794.			-87,794.	
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities		3,721,163.				
		(ii) Other						
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		3,680,410.				
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)		40,753.					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			40,753.			40,753.	
	<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>							
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory								
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11 a</b> _____								
<b>b</b> _____								
<b>c</b> _____								
<b>d</b> All other revenue								
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d								
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.				2,792,743.	2,491,435.	0.	89,359.	

**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  X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	118,466.	118,466.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	5,000.	5,000.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,010,413.	807,932.	187,461.	15,020.
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				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	259,659.	207,655.	48,146.	3,858.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,862.	5,862.		
c Accounting	24,890.	17,055.	7,527.	308.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	305,053.	305,053.		
12 Advertising and promotion	5,278.	5,278.		
13 Office expenses	76,608.	75,566.	1,001.	41.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	67,482.	58,232.	8,886.	364.
17 Travel	142,650.	137,035.	5,312.	303.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	184,098.	180,516.	1,453.	2,129.
20 Interest	3,108.		3,108.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	116,991.	106,776.	8,648.	1,567.
23 Insurance	14,937.	13,275.	1,597.	65.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>SERVICE CHARGES AND FEE</b>	173,764.	159,427.	13,773.	564.
b <b>EQUIPMENT RENTAL &amp; MAIN</b>	134,505.	124,347.	9,758.	400.
c <b>OTHER</b>	44,350.	39,330.	3,880.	1,140.
d <b>TEMPORARY HELP</b>	16,703.	17,093.	-375.	-15.
e All other expenses	24,692.	23,154.	1,478.	60.
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	2,734,509.	2,407,052.	301,653.	25,804.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> 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>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....		<b>1</b>	-1.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	957,897.	<b>2</b>	1,606,192.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	511,511.	<b>4</b>	60,996.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> 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 .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	26,377.	<b>9</b>	52,310.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 3,551,879.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 1,779,916.		
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	1,769,544.	<b>10c</b>	1,771,963.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	7,983,532.	<b>11</b>	7,732,145.
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>14</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	11,248,861.	<b>15</b>		
		<b>16</b>	11,223,605.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	407,997.	<b>17</b>	490,671.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	1,193,204.	<b>19</b>	1,199,888.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	1,601,201.	<b>26</b>	1,690,559.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<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.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	6,640,493.	<b>27</b>	6,489,604.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	1,807,167.	<b>28</b>	1,843,442.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....	1,200,000.	<b>29</b>	1,200,000.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	9,647,660.	<b>33</b>	9,533,046.
	<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	11,248,861.	<b>34</b>	11,223,605.

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,792,743.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,734,509.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	58,234.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	9,647,660.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	-172,848.
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0.
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	9,533,046.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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.			
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
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			
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
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			
<b>c</b>	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?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
<b>b</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		

Form 990 (2015)

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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.

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

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**2015**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.** Employer identification number **20-5478525**

**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 11, 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 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.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  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 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
  - 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 1-9 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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....						
<b>5</b> 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) .....						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ...						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on ...						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	
<b>13 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 <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	14	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	15	%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015.</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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2014.</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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015.</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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014.</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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 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 .....		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	36,309.	30,707.	31,542.	606,948.	212,949.	918,455.
<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 .....	2,495,071.	2,530,780.	2,483,215.	2,620,460.	2,491,435.	12,620,961.
<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 .....	2,531,380.	2,561,487.	2,514,757.	3,227,408.	2,704,384.	13,539,416.
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....	9,250.	7,735.	10,025.	7,060.	6,283.	40,353.
<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 .....						0.
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....	9,250.	7,735.	10,025.	7,060.	6,283.	40,353.
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						13,499,063.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....	2,531,380.	2,561,487.	2,514,757.	3,227,408.	2,704,384.	13,539,416.
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....	269,303.	244,601.	229,498.	253,437.	269,019.	1,265,858.
<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 .....	269,303.	244,601.	229,498.	253,437.	269,019.	1,265,858.
<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.)	2,800,683.	2,806,088.	2,744,255.	3,480,845.	2,973,403.	14,805,274.

**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 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	91.18 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	90.89 %

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	8.55 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	8.70 %

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2015.** 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 - 2014.** 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 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d 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? <i>If "No" describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
<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)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
<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)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<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?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<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)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

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

**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. **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	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)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	

<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):		
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Multiply line 5 by .035	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	

<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	Current Year
<b>1</b>	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Enter 85% of line 1	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<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
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b> From 2013			
<b>e</b> From 2014			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

**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 A**

**Payments from Disqualified Persons  
Included on Part III, Line 7a**

**2015**

**\*\* Do Not File \*\***

**\*\*\* Not Open to Public Inspection \*\*\***

Payer's Name	2011 Amount	2012 Amount	2013 Amount	2014 Amount	2015 Amount
	9,250.	7,735.	10,025.	7,060.	6,283.
Total to Schedule A, Part III, Line 7a .....	9,250.	7,735.	10,025.	7,060.	6,283.

**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.**

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

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**Name of the organization** AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC. **Employer identification number** 20-5478525

**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.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).  
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)     Preservation of a historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat     Preservation of a certified historic structure  
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	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

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

**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	2,175,817.	2,190,610.	1,917,037.	1,795,760.	1,953,674.
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	9,480.	55,340.	342,370.	197,869.	32,854.
d Grants or scholarships	70,551.	70,133.	68,797.	76,592.	190,768.
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	2,114,746.	2,175,817.	2,190,610.	1,917,037.	1,795,760.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  6.07 %
- b Permanent endowment  56.74 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment  37.19 %

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations		X
(ii) related organizations		X

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), 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		82,500.		82,500.
b Buildings		2,419,608.	1,046,831.	1,372,777.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		1,049,771.	733,085.	316,686.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,771,963.



**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.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	2,860,456.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-172,848.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	20,148.	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	220,413.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		67,713.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,792,743.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	2,792,743.

**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.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	2,975,069.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	20,148.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	220,413.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		240,561.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,734,508.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	2,734,508.

**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 X, LINE 2:**

THE ACADEMY IS CLASSIFIED AS A SECTION 501(C)(3) PUBLICLY SUPPORTED CHARITY UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE ACADEMY IS GENERALLY EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE. ACCORDINGLY, NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES IS REQUIRED.

MANAGEMENT OF THE ACADEMY CONSIDERS THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHANGES BY TAXING AUTHORITIES IN ITS FILED INCOME TAX RETURNS AND RECOGNIZES A LIABILITY FOR OR DISCLOSES POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT MANAGEMENT BELIEVES ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO OCCUR, INCLUDING CHANGES TO THE ACADEMY'S STATUS AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THE ACADEMY MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND HAS NO INCOME SUBJECT

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

TO UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAX, THEREFORE NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ACADEMY'S INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY TAX AUTHORITIES, AND MAY CHANGE UPON EXAMINATION.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSE REPORTED ON REVENUE STATEMENT 220,413.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSE REPORTED ON REVENUE STATEMENT 220,413.

**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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Name of the organization **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.** Employer identification number **20-5478525**

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

- 1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? .....  **Yes**  **No**
- 2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- 3 **Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
<b>3 a</b> Sub-total .....	0	0			0.
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I .....	0	0			0.
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b) .....	0	0			0.

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

<b>1</b> <b>(a)</b> Name of organization	<b>(b)</b> IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	<b>(c)</b> Region	<b>(d)</b> Purpose of grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(f)</b> Manner of cash disbursement	<b>(g)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(i)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

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

**3** Enter total number of other organizations or entities ..... ▶ \_\_\_\_\_



**Part IV Foreign Forms**

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

**Part V Supplemental Information**

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

**PART I, LINE 2:**

RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS: THE GRANTS ARE USUALLY SINGLE PURPOSE GRANTS SUCH AS TRAVEL TO DO DISSERTATION OR ACADEMIC RESEARCH. REPORTS ARE REQUIRED AT THE END OF EACH GRANT PERIOD.



**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 **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.** Employer identification number **20-5478525**

**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.

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance

- 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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Schedule I (Form 990) (2015)

**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 non-cash assistance
COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT	1	5,000.	0.		
INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT	1	5,000.	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:

RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS: THE GRANTS ARE SINGLE PURPOSE GRANTS SUCH AS TRAVEL TO DO DISSERTATION OR ACADEMIC RESEARCH. REPORTS ARE REQUIRED AT THE END OF EACH GRANT PERIOD.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

OMB No. 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.**

Employer identification number

**20-5478525**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |
- b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain .....
- 2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a? .....
- 3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant        | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |
- 4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:
- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? .....
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.
- Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**
- 5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:
- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.
- 6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:
- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.
- 7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....
- 8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....
- 9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? .....

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4b</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4c</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>5a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>5b</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>6a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>6b</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>7</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2015

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note:** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) JOHN FITZMIER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - STAFF	(i)	199,206.	0.	0.	17,929.	10,642.	227,777.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

PUBLIC FORUM FOR ONGOING REFLECTION UPON AND UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGIOUS  
TRADITIONS, ISSUES, QUESTIONS AND VALUES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE PRESIDENT,  
PRESIDENT ELECT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND THE TREASURER. THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE STAFFED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. IT MONITORS  
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AAR AND THE COMMITTEE EVALUATION PROCESS, AND SUCH  
OTHER TASKS AS THE BOARD MAY DELEGATE.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON  
MATTERS FOR WHICH A DECISION IS NECESSARY BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.  
SUCH ACTION REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NOTIFICATION OF ALL SUCH ACTIONS SHALL BE SENT IN  
WRITING TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE,  
BUT NO LATER THAN TEN DAYS FOLLOWING SUCH ACTION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SHALL REPORT AT EACH BOARD MEETING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE  
BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE  
ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR TO HIRE OR FIRE THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR.

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

AAR HAS FOUR TYPES OF MEMBERS: PROFESSIONAL, STUDENT, RETIRED AND SPECIAL  
INTERNATIONAL. ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE SAME VOTING RIGHTS WHICH INCLUDE  
ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS.

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

SEE RESPONSE ABOVE.

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

SEE RESPONSE ABOVE.

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

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE 990 IN DETAIL. THEIR APPROVAL OF THE FORM IS GIVEN TO THE BOARD WHO ALSO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 990.

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

ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT EACH YEAR.

RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS ARE MONITORED TO DETERMINE IF THEY FIT THE PROFILE AS LISTED IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT. ALSO, ANNUAL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED BY THE INDIVIDUALS.

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

THE PRESIDENT ELECT ON THE BOARD PERFORMS THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW. THIS REVIEW IS SHARED WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO THEN DETERMINE THE ED'S SALARY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. ALL POSITIONS AT EMORY ARE CLASSIFIED AS TO RESPONSIBILITY AND SALARY MINIMUM AND MAXIMUMS. THEY CHECK TO SEE HIS SALARY IS WITHIN GRADE AND ALSO REVIEW THE ANNUAL EMORY RAISE RECOMMENDATIONS. ALSO, THE COMMITTEE USED INDEPENDENT SURVEYS/INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SALARY.

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OTHER OFFICERS ARE REVIEWED BY THE ED AND SALARIES MUST ALSO CONFORM TO THE EMORY SALARY GRADES AND RECOMMENDED ANNUAL RAISES.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:  
GA,AL,AK,CA,CO,CT,ME,MA,NH,NM,NY,NC,ND,OR,PA,SC,TN

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:  
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:  
AUDIOVISUAL:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	193,337.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	193,337.

MEETING RELATED SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	74,838.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	74,838.

MISCELLANEOUS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	36,878.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	36,878.

TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A 305,053.



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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT CHANGED EITHER ITS OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS FOR ITS INDEDPENDENT AUDITORS.

FORM 990, PART V, LINE 2A

ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE PAID BY EMORY UNIVERSITY AS A COMMON PAYMASTER. AAR REIMBURSES EMORY FOR THE SALARIES PAID ON ITS BEHALF.

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
AAR EASTERN INTERNATIONAL REGION LLC - 37-1707148, 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	27,108.	12,836.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR MID-ATLANTIC REGION LLC - 36-4746694 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	16,512.	17,586.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR MIDWEST REGION LLC - 35-2460019 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	12,336.	20,915.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR NEW ENGLAND/MARITIMES REGION LLC - 37-1695547, 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	3,852.	9,182.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.

**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 I** Continuation of Identification of Disregarded Entities

(a) Name, address, and EIN 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
AAR PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION LLC - 30-0741394, 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	8,813.	0.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR ROCKY MOUNTAIN GREAT PLAINS REGION LLC - 45-5326304, 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	5,293.	20,731.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR SOUTHEASTERN REGION LLC - 38-3880186 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	6,800.	11,242.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR SOUTHWESTERN REGION LLC - 32-0381930 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	0.	0.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR UPPER MIDWEST REGION LLC - 38-3879622 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	5,159.	8,142.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.
AAR WESTERN REGION LLC - 36-4736589 825 HOUSTON MILL RD NE ATLANTA, GA 30329	HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS	GEORGIA	9,626.	15,071.	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, INC.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate 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

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity .....	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) .....	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) .....	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) .....	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) .....	<b>1e</b>	
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) .....	<b>1f</b>	
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) .....	<b>1g</b>	
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) .....	<b>1h</b>	
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) .....	<b>1i</b>	
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) .....	<b>1j</b>	
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) .....	<b>1k</b>	
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) .....	<b>1l</b>	
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) .....	<b>1m</b>	
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) .....	<b>1n</b>	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) .....	<b>1o</b>	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses .....	<b>1p</b>	
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses .....	<b>1q</b>	
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) .....	<b>1r</b>	
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) .....	<b>1s</b>	

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners 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).

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

Windham Brannon, PC  
3630 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 600  
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**Instructions For Filing  
Form 990  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax  
Tax Year Ended June 30, 2016**

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TAXPAYER: **American Academy of Religion, Inc.**

SIGNATURE: The enclosed return should be signed and dated by an officer of the corporation at the bottom of page 4 as indicated.

MAILING: Mail the return to: Georgia Income Tax Division  
P.O. Box 740395  
Atlanta, GA 30374-0395

The return should be mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, in order to have proof of timely filing.

DUE DATE: May 15, 2017



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