

**AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION
OF CHURCH AND STATE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

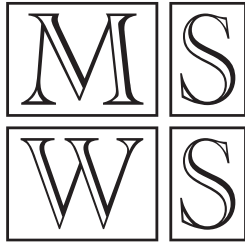


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Americans United for Separation
of Church and State
Washington D.C.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Americans United for Separation of Church and State (a non-profit Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

To the Board of Directors of
Americans United for Separation of Church and State

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Americans United for Separation of Church and State as of September 30, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The detail schedule of expenses on page 27 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Americans United for Separation of Church and State's 2015 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated March 3, 2016. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.



MULLEN, SONDBERG, WIMBISH & STONE, P.A.

Annapolis, Maryland
March 13, 2017

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
September 30, 2016
ASSETS

	2016	2015
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 410,720	\$ 738,675
Investments	9,292,306	9,350,193
Bequests receivable	451,923	89,733
Interest receivable	24,479	31,448
Pledges receivable	67,500	50,000
Other receivables	125,376	401
Inventory	7,683	4,827
Prepaid expenses	71,600	88,631
Deposits	10,662	9,097
Total current assets	10,462,249	10,363,005
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Net of accumulated depreciation	305,213	268,028
OTHER ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents, remainder trust	7,277	-
Investments restricted for remainder trust	253,738	258,188
Pledges receivable, long-term, net	-	60,139
Deposits	113,100	27,595
Total other assets	374,115	345,922
Total assets	\$ 11,141,577	\$ 10,976,955
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 95,375	\$ 89,683
Accrued expenses	294,995	259,187
Accrued pension	1,252,223	1,259,422
Deferred revenue	400	-
Deferred rent	2,026	1,914
Capital lease obligations	20,192	19,385
Charitable annuities payable	167,282	159,782
Total current liabilities	1,832,493	1,789,373
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Deferred rent	48,587	2,026
Charitable annuities payable	686,459	739,084
Capital lease obligations	16,996	37,188
Remainder trust payable	149,208	150,405
Total long-term liabilities	901,250	928,703
Total liabilities	2,733,743	2,718,076
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,366,683	1,619,215
Unrestricted, Board designated	6,861,844	6,421,742
Temporarily restricted	179,307	217,922
Total net assets	8,407,834	8,258,879
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 11,141,577	\$ 10,976,955

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended September 30, 2016
With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2016	2015
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 3,955,214	\$ -	\$ 3,955,214	\$ 3,527,687
Bequests	1,447,256	-	1,447,256	1,593,024
Trust and foundation grants	557,981	-	557,981	435,057
Investment income, net of expenses	396,635	-	396,635	389,824
Legal settlement	75,000	-	75,000	1,300,749
Gift annuity income	52,539	-	52,539	9,866
Voices united	51,626	-	51,626	156,305
Other revenue	11,026	-	11,026	30,355
Sales of literature	6,000	-	6,000	3,814
Contributions - chapters	5,829	-	5,829	9,687
Contributions - local churches	1,280	-	1,280	1,965
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	-	-	(2,959)
Realized and unrealized loss on investments	(2,952)	-	(2,952)	(1,148,562)
Change in value of split interest agreements	(54,771)	4,024	(50,747)	(95,788)
	<u>6,502,663</u>	<u>4,024</u>	<u>6,506,687</u>	<u>6,211,024</u>
Net assets released from restriction	<u>42,639</u>	<u>(42,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues, gains, and other support	<u>6,545,302</u>	<u>(38,615)</u>	<u>6,506,687</u>	<u>6,211,024</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Educational and publication division	1,600,386	-	1,600,386	1,583,400
Field services division	1,262,143	-	1,262,143	1,142,562
Legal division	1,274,138	-	1,274,138	1,281,429
Trustees and national advisory council meetings	46,784	-	46,784	37,749
Total program services	<u>4,183,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,183,451</u>	<u>4,045,140</u>
Supporting services				
Management and general	888,900	-	888,900	889,673
Fundraising	1,292,580	-	1,292,580	1,283,226
Total supporting services	<u>2,181,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,181,480</u>	<u>2,172,899</u>
Total expenses	<u>6,364,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,364,931</u>	<u>6,218,039</u>
Change in net assets before other items	180,371	(38,615)	141,756	(7,015)
OTHER ITEMS				
Minimum pension liability adjustment	<u>7,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,199</u>	<u>(256,752)</u>
Change in net assets	187,570	(38,615)	148,955	(263,767)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>8,040,957</u>	<u>217,922</u>	<u>8,258,879</u>	<u>8,522,646</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 8,228,527</u>	<u>\$ 179,307</u>	<u>\$ 8,407,834</u>	<u>\$ 8,258,879</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended September 30, 2016

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ 148,955	\$ (263,767)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	79,527	73,839
Realized and unrealized loss on investments	2,952	1,148,562
Change in value of split interest agreements	50,747	95,788
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	2,959
Change in present value discount and allowance on pledges	(7,361)	(8,860)
Donated securities	(249,180)	(82,673)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Bequests receivable	(362,190)	99,518
Interest receivable	6,969	(8,678)
Other receivables	(124,975)	107,040
Inventory	(2,856)	(1,111)
Prepaid expenses	17,031	1,208
Deposits	(87,070)	210,709
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	5,692	(18,493)
Accrued expenses	35,808	(1,179)
Accrued pension	(7,199)	256,752
Deferred revenue	400	(50,380)
Deferred rent	46,673	(4,349)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(446,077)	1,556,885
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of investments, including income reinvested	(6,198,548)	(11,515,934)
Proceeds from sales of investments	6,507,113	10,406,157
Purchase of equipment	(116,712)	(214,344)
Net cash provided (used) investing activities	191,853	(1,324,121)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Collections of contributions restricted for long-term purposes	50,000	50,000
Change in cash restricted by remainder trust	(7,277)	6,750
Increase in annuities payable from new gifts	57,461	10,134
Investment income/(loss) on annuity funds	16,599	(26,519)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(19,385)	(18,611)
Payments on annuities payable	(171,129)	(177,254)
Net cash used by financing activities	(73,731)	(155,500)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(327,955)	77,264
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	738,675	661,411
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 410,720	\$ 738,675
SUPPLEMENTARY DISCLOSURES:		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 1,995	\$ 2,769

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Organization

Americans United for Separation of Church and State (the Organization) is organized as a non-profit educational Organization, and is granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The objective of the Organization is to defend, maintain, and promote religious liberty and the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state. The Organization's primary sources of support and revenues are contributions and investment income.

Basis of Accounting

The Organization prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting involves the application of accrual accounting; consequently, revenues and gains are recognized when earned, and expenses and losses are recognized when incurred.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2015, from which the summarized information was derived.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the statement of financial position date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)

Income Tax Status

The Organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified as other than a private foundation. It is exempt from paying federal income tax on any income except unrelated business income. No provision has been made for income taxes as the Organization has had no significant unrelated business income.

Income Tax Position

The Organization follows the guidance of ASC 740-10, “*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*” which clarifies the accounting for the recognition and measurement of the benefits of individual tax positions in the financial statements, including those of non-profit organizations. Tax positions must meet a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not in order for the benefit of those tax positions to be recognized in the Organization’s financial statements.

The Organization analyzes tax positions taken, including those related to the requirements set forth in IRC Sec. 501(c) to qualify as a tax exempt organization, activities performed by volunteers and Board members, the reporting of unrelated business income, and its status as a tax-exempt organization under Washington, D.C. statute. The Organization does not know of any tax benefits arising from uncertain tax positions and there was no effect on the Organization’s financial position or changes in net assets as a result of analyzing its tax positions. Fiscal years ending on or after September 30, 2013 remain subject to examination by federal and State authorities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents represent deposits in checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of ninety days or less.

Investments

Investments are presented in the financial statements at quoted fair value. The net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in market value of investments is reflected in the statement of activities. Investments consist of various debt and equity investment vehicles, and cash and money market funds held by a broker.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the full amount, an allowance for doubtful accounts is not deemed necessary by management.

Pledges Receivable

Unconditional promises to give are included in the financial statements as pledges receivable. Generally, the Organization records pledges receivable as temporarily restricted contributions revenue. Upon collection of the pledge, the assets are transferred to the appropriate net asset category based on the donor's intent. Conditional pledges are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Bequests

The Organization has been named as beneficiary of various estates. Revenue is recognized when the Organization is notified and the amount of the bequest is known.

Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market determined by the first-in, first-out method.

Property and Equipment

Organization policy dictates capitalization of property, plant and equipment costing \$1,000 or more. Property and equipment are stated at cost. Gifts of long-lived assets such as land, buildings, or equipment are recorded at their fair value. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets.

Reclassification of Prior Year Balances

Certain reclassifications of the prior year balances have been made to conform to current year presentation.

Advertising

The Organization expenses advertising costs when incurred. Advertising expenses were \$11,150 and \$8,948 for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 2 - Concentration of Cash Balances

At September 30, 2016 and 2015 and at various times during the fiscal years then ended, the Organization maintained cash balances in excess of the federally insured limit. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. Amounts held in excess of FDIC insurance coverage as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 were approximately \$8,000 and \$158,000, respectively.

Note 3 - Investments

Investments are presented in the financial statements at market value. Donated securities are recorded at fair market value on the date of the gift. Investments consisted of the following for the years ended September 30:

	2016		
	Cost	Market	Cumulative Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Corporate stocks	\$ 6,622,047	\$ 5,841,428	\$ (780,619)
Preferred stocks	1,012,249	1,089,789	77,540
Mortgage backed assets	32	159	127
Exchange traded funds	426,066	517,235	91,169
Mutual funds	524	524	-
Bonds	1,916,760	1,843,171	(73,589)
	9,977,678	9,292,306	(685,372)
Restricted investments - annuities	312,483	253,738	(58,745)
	<u>\$ 10,290,161</u>	<u>\$ 9,546,044</u>	<u>\$ (744,117)</u>
	2015		
	Cost	Market	Cumulative Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Corporate stocks	\$ 6,919,335	\$ 5,894,833	\$ (1,024,502)
Preferred stocks	1,157,968	1,217,906	59,938
Mortgage backed assets	46	312	266
Exchange traded funds	529,143	548,744	19,601
Mutual funds	476	476	-
Bonds	1,742,746	1,687,922	(54,824)
	10,349,714	9,350,193	(999,521)
Restricted investments - annuities	326,255	258,188	(68,067)
	<u>\$ 10,675,969</u>	<u>\$ 9,608,381</u>	<u>\$ (1,067,588)</u>

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 3 - Investments (Cont.)

Realized and unrealized loss on the value of investments for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 amounted to \$2,952 and \$1,148,562, respectively.

Investment income is reported net of related expenses of \$95,968 and \$111,677 for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The Organization measures fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Organization also prioritizes, within the measurement of fair value, the use of market-based information over entity-specific information and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the transparency of information used in the valuation of an asset or liability at the measurement date.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Organization has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions including assumptions about risk. Inputs may include price information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgment by the Organization's management with the consultation of its investment advisors. Management considers observable data to be market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The classification of a financial instrument within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument.

At September 30, 2016 and 2015, investments were classified by the level of input as stipulated by the fair value hierarchy using the market value approach.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement (Cont.)

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are, therefore classified with Level 1, include corporate equities, preferred stocks, exchange traded funds, mutual funds, and bonds.

Investments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active, but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified with Level 2. These include certain mortgage backed assets, and unit investment trust annuities. As Level 2 investments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect liquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

Liabilities classified within Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs. Level 3 liabilities include pledges receivable, charitable gift annuities payable and remainder trusts. Pledges receivable are reflected at present value of estimated future cash flows using a discount rate of 3.50% and 3.25%, based on the prime rate at September 30, 2016 and 2015. The Organization uses the actuarial method of recording annuity contracts. Under this method, when a gift is received, the present value of the aggregate annuity payable is recorded as a liability, based upon life expectancy tables. The charitable gift annuity liability account is credited with investment income and gains and is charged with investment losses and payments to the beneficiary. Periodic adjustments are made between the liability account and the net asset account for actuarial gains and losses.

There have been no changes in investment valuation techniques or inputs.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement (Cont.)

The table below presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the hierarchy:

September 30, 2016	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Investments				
Corporate stocks				
Financial services	\$ 1,527,658	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,527,658
Healthcare	854,715	-	-	854,715
Basic materials	769,967	-	-	769,967
Communication services	751,946	-	-	751,946
Energy	618,535	-	-	618,535
Industrials	503,990	-	-	503,990
Consumer cyclical	303,111	-	-	303,111
Real estate	236,014	-	-	236,014
Technology	150,545	-	-	150,545
Utilities	124,947	-	-	124,947
Preferred stocks: financial services	1,089,789	-	-	1,089,789
Mortgage backed assets	-	159	-	159
Exchange traded funds				
China region	517,235	-	-	517,235
Mutual funds				
Balanced funds	524	-	-	524
Bonds				
Corporate bonds	1,843,171	-	-	1,843,171
Restricted annuities	-	253,738	-	253,738
Total investments	9,292,147	253,897	-	9,546,044
Pledges receivable	-	-	67,500	67,500
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,292,147</u>	<u>\$ 253,897</u>	<u>\$ 67,500</u>	<u>\$ 9,613,544</u>
Liabilities				
Charitable annuities payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 853,741	\$ 853,741
Remainder trust payable	-	-	149,208	149,208
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,949</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,949</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement (Cont.)

September 30, 2015	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Investments				
Corporate stocks				
Financial services	\$ 1,210,344	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,210,344
Basic materials	970,764	-	-	970,764
Communication services	913,338	-	-	913,338
Energy	578,666	-	-	578,666
Industrials	541,707	-	-	541,707
Healthcare	480,767	-	-	480,767
Real estate	382,835	-	-	382,835
Consumer cyclical	381,377	-	-	381,377
Technology	293,120	-	-	293,120
Utilities	141,917	-	-	141,917
Perferred stocks: financial services	1,217,906	-	-	1,217,906
Mortgage backed assets	-	312	-	312
Exchange traded funds				
China region	548,744	-	-	548,744
Mutual funds				
Balanced funds	476	-	-	476
Bonds				
Corporate bonds	1,687,920	-	-	1,687,920
Restricted annuities	-	258,188	-	258,188
Total investments	9,349,881	258,500	-	9,608,381
Pledges receivable	-	-	110,139	110,139
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,349,881</u>	<u>\$ 258,500</u>	<u>\$ 110,139</u>	<u>\$ 9,718,520</u>
Liabilities				
Charitable annuities payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 898,866	\$ 898,866
Remainder trust payable	-	-	150,405	150,405
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,271</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,271</u>

Americans United for Separation of Church and State
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
September 30, 2016

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement (Cont.)

The following table is a roll forward of the statement of financial position amounts for financial instruments classified within Level 3. Fair value measurement as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 using Level 3 inputs is as follows:

	Pledges Receivable	Charitable Annuities Payable	Remainder Trust Payable	Total
Balance as of September 30, 2014	\$ 151,279	\$ 969,059	\$ 178,063	\$ 1,298,401
Investment loss	-	-	(26,519)	(26,519)
Contributions	-	10,134	-	10,134
Collections	(50,000)	-	-	(50,000)
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	5,000	-	-	5,000
Change in present value discount	3,860	-	-	3,860
Payments to annuitants	-	(161,767)	(15,487)	(177,254)
Actuarial adjustment	-	81,440	14,348	95,788
Balance as of September 30, 2015	<u>\$ 110,139</u>	<u>\$ 898,866</u>	<u>\$ 150,405</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,410</u>
Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$ 110,139	\$ 898,866	\$ 150,405	\$ 1,159,410
Investment gain	-	-	16,599	16,599
Contributions	-	57,461	-	57,461
Collections	(50,000)	-	-	(50,000)
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	5,000	-	-	5,000
Change in present value discount	2,361	-	-	2,361
Payments to annuitants	-	(157,357)	(13,772)	(171,129)
Actuarial adjustment	-	54,771	(4,024)	50,747
Balance as of September 30, 2016	<u>\$ 67,500</u>	<u>\$ 853,741</u>	<u>\$ 149,208</u>	<u>\$ 1,070,449</u>

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Note 5 - Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Pledges receivable in less than one year	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000
Pledges receivable due in one to five years	-	75,000
	<u>75,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
Less: discounts to net present value	-	(2,361)
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(7,500)	(12,500)
	<u>\$ 67,500</u>	<u>\$ 110,139</u>

The Organization has elected to follow ASC 825 to account for changes in fair value of pledges receivable. As of September 30, 2016 and 2015 pledges receivable are reflected at present value of estimated future cash flows using a discount rate of 3.50% and 3.25% based on the prime rate at September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Note 6 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following for the years ended September 30:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land	--	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Mineral rights	--	2,970	2,970
Leasehold improvements	7 years	17,213	17,213
Furniture and equipment	5-7 years	681,439	639,928
Vehicles	5 years	28,567	28,567
Website development	3-5 years	117,190	117,190
Construction in progress	--	75,200	-
		<u>924,979</u>	<u>808,268</u>
Less accumulated depreciation		(619,766)	(540,240)
Net property and equipment		<u>\$ 305,213</u>	<u>\$ 268,028</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 amounted to \$79,527 and \$73,839, respectively.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plan

The Organization has a defined benefit pension plan that covers those employees who have been employed with the Organization for at least one year in which 1,000 or more hours of service were rendered and had not attained 65 years of age at the date of employment. The Plan calls for benefits to be paid to eligible employees at retirement, based primarily upon years of service with the Organization and compensation rates near retirement. Effective October 1, 2008, the Plan was frozen. Existing employees will no longer accrue benefits and the pension Plan is no longer available to new employees.

The Organization contributes to the Plan based on the actuarially determined amounts necessary to provide assets sufficient to meet benefits to be paid to Plan members. Plan assets consist of a deposit administration contract with Principal Financial Group. The annual measurement date is September 30 for the pension benefit. Contributions to the Plan for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$170,000 and \$190,000, respectively. The Organization expects to contribute \$160,000 to the Plan during the year ended September 30, 2017. No Plan assets are expected to be returned to the Organization during the year ended September 30, 2017.

The following tables set forth further information about the Organization's defined benefit pension Plan as of and for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Change in projected benefit obligation		
Projected benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 4,049,954	\$ 3,953,503
Interest cost	218,772	213,468
Actuarial loss	65,655	27,533
Benefits paid	<u>(156,148)</u>	<u>(144,550)</u>
Projected benefit obligation, end of year	<u>4,178,233</u>	<u>4,049,954</u>
Change in Plan assets		
Fair value of Plan assets, beginning of year	2,790,532	2,950,833
Actual return on Plan assets	121,626	(205,751)
Employer contributions	170,000	190,000
Benefits paid	<u>(156,148)</u>	<u>(144,550)</u>
Fair value of Plan assets, end of year	<u>2,926,010</u>	<u>2,790,532</u>
Funded status	<u>\$ (1,252,223)</u>	<u>\$ (1,259,422)</u>

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plan (Cont.)

The change in the defined benefit pension plan deferrals is comprised of the following for the years ended September 30:

	2016	2015
Interest cost	\$ 218,772	\$ 213,468
Expected return on Plan assets	(149,504)	(158,321)
Net amortization/deferral		
Amortization of prior service cost	768	768
Amortization of net loss	46,601	30,039
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 116,637	\$ 85,954

The amounts that have not yet been recognized as a component of net periodic benefit cost are as follows as of September 30:

	2016	2015
Deferred net loss on Plan assets	\$ 1,500,460	\$ 1,453,528
Deferred prior service costs	5,370	6,138
Net deferred cost	\$ 1,505,830	\$ 1,459,666

The estimated net loss and prior service cost that will be amortized from changes in unrestricted net assets into net periodic benefit cost for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$46,601 and \$30,039, respectively.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plan (Cont.)

The underlying rates used to determine the net periodic benefit cost were as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Weighted average discount rate	5.50%	5.50%
Rate of compensation increase	0.00%	0.00%
Expected long-term rate of return	5.50%	5.50%

The investment policy is conservative, intended to preserve principal. This is accomplished by investing in select account assets managed by Raymond James. The primary allocation of Plan assets is in stocks. The management and diversification processes are the direct responsibility of the investment manager.

The IRS required interest rate factors for valuing benefit obligations result in currently higher benefit obligations, while relatively low (but increasing) plan yields inhibit the growth in the value of the plan assets. However, the Organization has effectively determined that principal preservation is paramount at this time, even if that goal results in a temporarily larger mismatch between the growth of Plan benefit obligations in relation to the growth of the Plan assets. The Organization currently views the risk associated with other investments, such as equities, as too high as a significant loss in principal would be difficult to overcome in what are uncertain economic and equity market conditions.

The expected long-term rate of return on assets was determined by reference to the anticipated long-term returns on a conservative investment portfolio, determined with guidance from the professionals working with the Organization on the Plan matters.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plan (Cont.)

The Plan's weighted-average asset allocations by asset category are as follows at September 30:

	2016	2015
Cash and equivalents	1%	4%
Equities	81%	79%
Fixed income	18%	17%
	100%	100%

The target is to maintain the following allocations:

	Minimum	Maximum	Preferred
Cash and equivalents	0%	100%	5%
Equities	25%	85%	70%
Fixed income	5%	65%	30%

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plan (Cont.)

The following tables summarize the Organization's pension plan assets, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, by asset category at:

	September 30, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds				
Cash and money market funds	\$ 34,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,588
Corporate stocks				
Financial services	454,811	-	-	454,811
Healthcare	263,677	-	-	263,677
Communication services	236,401	-	-	236,401
Basic materials	194,331	-	-	194,331
Energy	174,887	-	-	174,887
Industrials	163,688	-	-	163,688
Consumer cyclical	94,525	-	-	94,525
Real estate	74,416	-	-	74,416
Technology	47,081	-	-	47,081
Utilities	39,172	-	-	39,172
Preferred stocks	445,300	-	-	445,300
Exchange traded funds				
China region	169,477	-	-	169,477
Bonds				
Corporate bonds	533,656	-	-	533,656
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,926,010</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,926,010</u>

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plan (Cont.)

	September 30, 2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds				
Cash and money market funds	\$ 111,355	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,355
Corporate stocks				
Financial services	317,176	-	-	317,176
Basic materials	274,656	-	-	274,656
Communication services	248,853	-	-	248,853
Industrials	155,406	-	-	155,406
Energy	148,011	-	-	148,011
Consumer cyclical	132,901	-	-	132,901
Healthcare	132,784	-	-	132,784
Real estate	104,128	-	-	104,128
Technology	69,092	-	-	69,092
Utilities	39,762	-	-	39,762
Preferred stocks	446,409	-	-	446,409
Exchange traded funds				
China region	133,840	-	-	133,840
Bonds				
Corporate bonds	476,159	-	-	476,159
Total assets	\$ 2,790,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,790,532

The estimated future benefit payments are as follows for future years ending September 30:

2017	\$ 249,868
2018	243,644
2019	237,108
2020	230,282
2021	242,574
2021-2025	1,340,955
	\$ 2,544,431

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Note 8 - Retirement Plan

The Organization offers its staff the option to participate in a defined contribution retirement plan pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization has adopted this Plan as of January 1, 2010. Substantially all employees with at least 1,000 hours of service in any Plan year are eligible to participate and may contribute up to the maximum limitation imposed by the IRS. Beginning on January 1, 2012 the Organization has adopted a safe harbor matching contribution equal to a 100% match on the first 1% of employee deferrals and an additional 50% match on the next 5% of employee deferrals. Pension expense for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$72,470 and \$67,305, respectively and is included in employee benefits in the accompanying detail schedule of expenses.

Note 9 - Compensated Absences

Employees of the Organization are entitled to paid vacation, sick leave and personal days depending on job classification and length of service. Employees can carryover up to five vacation days at the end of the year. Paid sick leave can accrue up to 120 days although the Organization is not required to pay accumulated sick leave upon termination of employment. The liability for compensated absences at September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$156,955 and \$153,549, respectively. The balance is included in accrued expenses on the statement of financial position.

Note 10 - Unrestricted, Board Designated Net Assets

The Organization has designated the proceeds from the sale of their office building and invested the funds into a Board designated investment account. Principal and earnings are designated for future endeavors that fall within the mission of the Organization at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board designated net assets at September 30, 2016 and 2015 totaled \$6,861,844 and \$6,421,742, respectively.

Note 11 - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

A summary of temporarily restricted net assets is as follows at September 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Hames Remainder Trust	\$ 111,807	\$ 107,783
Pledges receivable	<u>67,500</u>	<u>110,139</u>
Total	<u>\$ 179,307</u>	<u>\$ 217,922</u>

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Note 12 - Charitable Gift Annuities Payable

The Organization has received cash donations under charitable gift annuity agreements. In consideration of the gifts, the Organization agrees to pay annuities to the donors, over the lives of the donors. Annuity payments and changes in the annuity payable for life expectancy changes of donors amounted to a decrease of \$54,771 and \$81,440 for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Based on donor life expectancies and the use of discount rates ranging from 1.2% to 7.4%, the fair value of the charitable gift annuities is the present value of future obligations expected to be paid by the Organization and is estimated to be \$853,741, which is recorded as a current liability of \$167,282 and a long term liability of \$686,459 in the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2016. As of September 30, 2015 the present value of future obligations expected to be paid by the Organization was estimated to be \$898,866, which was recorded as a current liability of \$159,782 and a long term liability of \$739,084. Net contribution revenues recognized under these agreements were \$52,539 and \$9,866 for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Note 13 - Allocation of Joint Costs

During the year ended September 30, 2016, the Organization incurred joint costs of \$915,589 for informational materials and direct-mail campaigns that included fundraising appeals. Of these costs, \$597,979 was allocated to fundraising expense, \$235,215 was allocated to the educational and publication division, and \$82,395 was allocated to management and general. In the prior year ended September 30, 2015, the Organization incurred joint costs of \$915,255 for informational materials and direct-mail campaigns that included fundraising appeals. Of these costs, \$613,181 was allocated to fundraising expense, \$245,130 was allocated to the educational and publication division, and \$56,944 was allocated to management and general.

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Note 14 - Charitable Remainder Trust

The Organization administers a charitable remainder trust. A charitable remainder trust provides for the payment of distributions to the grantor or other designated beneficiaries over the Trust's term (usually the designated beneficiary's lifetime). At the end of the Trust's term, the remaining assets are available for the Organization's use. The portion of the Trust attributable to the present value of the future benefits to be received is recorded in the statement of activities as a temporarily restricted contribution in the period the trust is established. Such contributions totaled \$472,612 in the year ended September 30, 2007. Assets held in the charitable remainder Trust totaled \$261,015 and \$258,188 at September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively and are reported at fair market value in the statement of financial position as restricted cash and investments. On an annual basis, the Organization revalues the liability to make distributions to the designated beneficiaries based on actuarial assumptions. The present value of the estimated future payments totaled \$149,208 and \$150,405 at September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively and is calculated using a discount rate of 6% and applicable mortality tables.

Note 15 - Commitment

In August 2016, the Organization entered into a two-year agreement starting November 1, 2016 with Craver, Mathew, Smith & Company (CMS), whereby CMS agrees to develop, implement, and assume responsibility for a direct response, public education, and fundraising program for and on behalf of the Organization. CMS receives a monthly consulting fee of \$9,500 for the agreement period. For the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, the consulting fee incurred by the Organization amounted to \$109,200 and \$102,000, respectively.

During the year ended September 30, 2016, the Organization entered into an agreement with a contractor for services related to the renovation of a new office location at 1310 L street for \$757,885. Subsequent to year end all work has been completed and the Organization has occupied the space.

Note 16 - Operating Lease

The Organization was obligated under a lease agreement for its current office premises in Washington, D.C. The lease was signed in January 2015 with a term of 22 months and expired in December 2016. The lease monthly payments were \$27,595 with an annual increase of 4.5%.

In November 2015, the Organization entered into an agreement to lease office space in Washington D.C. The lease will commence in January 2017 with a ten year term. The lease calls for initial monthly payments of \$42,360 beginning in October 2017 with annual increases of 2.5%.

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Note 16 - Operating Lease (continued)

The Organization has future minimum lease payments as follows:

Year Ending September 30:

2017	\$ 86,499
2018	479,877
2019	535,685
2020	549,088
2021	562,835
Thereafter	<u>4,155,371</u>
	<u>\$ 6,369,355</u>

Rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$337,891 and \$357,477, respectively.

Note 17 - Capital Lease

The Organization leases equipment under agreements that have been accounted for as capital leases. The leases expire from May 2018 to April 2019. The capital lease obligations have been recorded in the financial statements at the present value of future minimum lease payments, discounted at an interest rate ranging from 3.897% to 5.5%. The capitalized cost of the leased equipment amounted to \$97,029, as of September 30, 2016 and 2015. At September 30, 2016 and 2015, the book value of the equipment was \$34,899 and \$54,187, respectively. Amortization expense attributable to the equipment for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 amounted to \$19,288, and is included in depreciation expense.

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Note 17 - Capital Lease (Cont.)

The following is a schedule of the minimum lease payments due on the capital lease:

<u>Year Ending September 30:</u>	
2017	\$ 21,380
2018	15,161
2019	<u>2,268</u>
Total future minimum lease payments	38,809
Less amount representing interest	<u>(1,621)</u>
Present value of future minimum payments (including current portion of \$20,192)	<u>\$ 37,188</u>

Note 18 - Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated the impact of significant subsequent events. Except for the following, there have been no subsequent events through March 13, 2017, the date the Organization's financial statements were available to be issued, that require recognition or disclosure.

In January 2017, the Organization entered into a 5 year agreement to lease 2 new copiers which will be accounted for as a capital lease. The capital lease obligations will be recorded in the financial statements at the present value of future minimum lease payments, discounted at an interest rate of 3.8% with a capitalized cost of \$66,034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 DETAIL SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
 Year Ended September 30, 2016
 With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Program Services				Supporting Services				Total	
	Educational and Publication Division	Field Services Division	Legal Division	Trustees and National Advisory Council Meetings	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	2016	2015
Salaries	\$ 622,715	\$ 672,328	\$ 732,463	\$ -	\$ 2,027,506	\$ 438,791	\$ 237,562	\$ 676,353	\$ 2,703,859	\$ 2,567,497
Employee benefits and payroll taxes	207,286	240,688	254,590	-	702,564	184,165	84,938	269,103	971,667	907,639
Direct mail	235,215	-	-	-	235,215	82,395	597,979	680,374	915,589	915,255
Office rent	74,227	84,018	91,533	-	249,778	55,909	32,204	88,113	337,891	357,477
Consulting fees	34,934	20,445	19,956	-	75,335	8,281	171,450	179,731	255,066	235,514
Printing and production	136,824	1,238	6,540	-	144,602	1,270	29,715	30,985	175,587	155,893
Postage and delivery	108,415	4,053	2,002	-	114,470	1,909	24,813	26,722	141,192	145,502
Dues and subscriptions	3,933	54,460	34,168	-	92,561	8,217	10,111	18,328	110,889	111,549
Travel and entertainment	7,495	12,852	31,805	-	52,152	30,758	12,454	43,212	95,364	57,557
Depreciation and amortization	17,470	19,775	21,543	-	58,788	13,158	7,581	20,739	79,527	73,839
Telephone, internet and website	21,809	13,101	12,093	-	47,003	12,801	4,218	17,019	64,022	57,209
Other / special projects	35,640	2,226	4,689	-	42,555	2,992	16,149	19,141	61,696	38,318
Chapter reimbursements	-	58,653	-	-	58,653	-	-	-	58,653	32,900
Bank fees	12,116	13,116	15,044	-	40,276	6,358	5,750	12,108	52,384	40,839
Professional fees	8,576	9,707	15,576	-	33,859	11,710	3,721	15,431	49,290	171,883
Trustees expenses	-	-	-	46,784	46,784	-	-	-	46,784	37,749
Data processing	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,241	42,241	42,241	32,583
Supplies	6,422	5,545	8,331	-	20,298	12,440	4,588	17,028	37,326	52,192
Meetings and conventions	565	33,500	225	-	34,290	150	805	955	35,245	49,612
Voices united	31,737	-	-	-	31,737	-	-	-	31,737	74,145
Accounting/audit	6,358	7,197	7,841	-	21,396	4,789	2,759	7,548	28,944	26,125
Insurance	4,395	4,974	11,089	-	20,458	3,310	1,907	5,217	25,675	26,526
Writers and news services	12,540	-	-	-	12,540	-	-	-	12,540	15,098
Advertising	7,943	-	-	-	7,943	3,207	-	3,207	11,150	8,948
Utilities	1,627	1,841	2,006	-	5,474	1,225	706	1,931	7,405	1,663
Minor equipment	573	648	707	-	1,928	3,882	248	4,130	6,058	10,016
Payroll services	1,133	1,282	1,396	-	3,811	853	491	1,344	5,155	5,572
Interest expense	438	496	541	-	1,475	330	190	520	1,995	2,769
Temporary help	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,170
Total expenses	\$ 1,600,386	\$ 1,262,143	\$ 1,274,138	\$ 46,784	\$ 4,183,451	\$ 888,900	\$ 1,292,580	\$ 2,181,480	\$ 6,364,931	\$ 6,218,039